

# Words of Life for a Thirsty World

## Resourcing the Mission

“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, and Judea, and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” Acts 1:8 (NIV)

## How are we doing as Christians

in providing resources to fulfill the call to reach those most thirsty for words of life?



## How many resources get to the “ends of the earth”?



## Giving<sup>3</sup>

North America = 2.5% of income \$367 billion per year

### U.S. Charitable Giving<sup>5</sup>

Religious = 32% (mostly local church ministry)  
International Charities = 4%

### Distribution of U.S. Evangelical Giving<sup>6</sup>

\$23 billion in 2013\*

|                      |                |
|----------------------|----------------|
| Relief & Development | \$7.1 billion  |
| Evangelism           | \$2.5 billion  |
| Higher Education     | \$2.5 billion  |
| Foreign Missions     | \$1.96 billion |
| Foundations          | \$1.17 billion |
| Churches             | \$1.16 billion |

(revenue ECF member organizations)

### \* Least evangelized

Least evangelized countries have populations that are less than 5% Christian and less than 2% evangelical.<sup>1</sup>



Afghanistan  
Azerbaijan  
Bhutan  
Comoros  
Djibouti  
Guinea-Bissau  
Kyrgyzstan  
Laos  
Libya  
Maldives  
Mali  
Mauritania  
Mayotte  
Mongolia  
Morocco  
Nepal  
Niger  
Oman  
Pakistan  
Western Sahara  
Senegal  
Somalia  
Tajikistan  
Tunisia  
Turkey  
Turkmenistan  
Uzbekistan  
Yemen



## The most thirsty

The “ends of the earth” in the 21st century

**6,600+**  **unreached people groups\*** who are thirsty for the Good News.<sup>9</sup>

### \*Unreached People Groups

An unreached people group has no indigenous community of believing Christians with adequate numbers and resources to evangelize that people group.<sup>2</sup>

Be Part of Sharing  
**Words of Life**  
with a Thirsty World!

**Examine:** Be honest about your own actions and giving patterns. What have you determined in your heart to give? (2 Corinthians 9:7)

**Explore:** Look for ways to connect with unreached people groups or least evangelized countries through prayer, giving, information-gathering and asking questions of mission agencies.

**Evaluate:** Is your giving intentional? Do you look for opportunities to support integrated ministries that demonstrate mercy and declare the Gospel? Jesus calls us to give a cup of cold water and also to share the Good News.

**Expand:** Can you enlarge your circle of generosity and influence? Ask the Holy Spirit what your role is in reaching the ends of the earth.

**Execute:** Act on God’s leading toward spreading the Gospel to the ends of the earth!

Sources listed at [www.missiongraphics.com/mission-ends-of-the-earth](http://www.missiongraphics.com/mission-ends-of-the-earth)



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