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Pastoral Insights by Pastor Barry



"I give you this charge: Preach the word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage--with great patience and careful instruction." (2 Timothy 4:1b-2) I have always

identified with Paul's letters to Timothy. I have tried to apply Paul's challenges to my own life. The wording about "in season and out of season" can easily be connected to American culture with summer being leisure and more relaxed. We would call this time in our calendars as "out of season," for sure.

My experience tells me that summer can actually be and has often been a fruitful time for ministry. I received Christ on July 10, 1976 and I know of many others who can testify to a

summer encounter with Christ at camp, on vacation, VBS, and so on. Would you be inclined to join me and others to pray for God's intervention of salvation in many lives this summer around the world? We are meeting on July 10th @ 6PM to do just that. The 10th will be my 49th spiritual birthday.

The opportunities are many but let me get specific: soccer camps in Central Asia, students attending Young Life camps this summer, kids attending Canyonview Camp and wrapping up with the presentation of the Gospel on their last day (July 11), orphans in Kenya who are between semesters in school which affects their lives more than ours, and a myriad of other ways that the Lord could touch the hearts of people, young and old, with his good news. We plan to meet the second Thursday of the month throughout the summer because we want to be "prepared in season and out."

PIEERS Celebrating Breakthrough In Indonesia: Unengaged No More! What happens when followers of Jesus from east and west, north and south come together to share the love of God with people from every tribe, tongue, people and nation?

By Marti Wadel Published on June 4th, 2025

Decades ago, Pioneers played a catalytic role in launching IMPACT (Indo-Malay Partners in Action), an international, multi-agency network focused on Southeast Asia. This network brought together churches, believers and ministries from all over and became one of the strongest collaborative efforts to reach Muslims on the planet.

One of the first challenges they took on was as-

sessing what it would take for people across the region to hear the gospel and see it lived out by people like them. At the core of the challenge lay the unreached people groups in Indonesia, including 132 groups with populations of 10,000 or more.

Most of these groups were not only unreached but also unengaged.

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Report from Brazil Marie Evensen

Hello my friends at New Harvest! I hope you are all doing well and enjoying the summer season!

Ministry here in Brazil is really taking off for me as I'm learning the language and culture. I'm now able to give short and simple Bible lessons in Portuguese and am connecting much more with people here in the community. It's so refreshing to be able to communicate and share the truth and hope of the Gospel with others!

I want to highlight one of our ministries. Once a week we receive donations from local stores who have food nearing their expiration dates. We organize and distribute the food to people in need. It's really cool to be a part of helping people in the community in a practical way and to see how grateful they are for the assistance. Below is a picture of some of the people we are able to help with this ministry.



My prayer requests for this month are for:

More staff to join our community center. We are 3 staff right now and are limited in how much we are able to do.

Keeping a healthy balance of ministry and rest. It's easy to work nonstop because of the needs of the community.

Strategy in how to bring genuine transformation in the community. Many people have received Salvation, but continue in unhealthy cycles.

Encouragement and joy for me. I'm doing well, but at times I miss home and feel like I'm not totally settled and comfortable here.

Thank you so much for your support and prayers! I feel very blessed to have the covering of my home church!

--Marie



Kenya Highlights

I did not receive an update from Phyllis this month.

Continue to pray for Amani Fellowship and God's hand in orchestrating all He wants for the orphans and widows. Pray that He prepares us for the work that He desires for us to participate in with Him. Let us also thank Him for His willingness to allow us to not only see what He is doing, how He works, the ways He loves and provides but that we too are privileged to have a part of that work!



Mission Forum
Meeting
Thursday,
July 10th - 6 pm

Special Prayer Emphasis:

Young Life Students Going to Camp

Special Video: Hard to Reach - Indonesia What if the Unreached Don't Want to be Reached?

Special Report - Pioneers, International
Multiply Indonesia

See you there!

Prayer Requests

Central Asia - From our representative...

New Prayer Requests...

- Praise that we have \$672,000 raised toward goal of \$1,116,000 for Camp and Retreat Center
- KAZAKSTAN

 DEPOZIMAN

 TURBUKUNISTAN
- ◆ Pray for an unnamed young man who is being threatened that family will kill him for becoming a Christ follower
- Pray his family comes to Christ
- ◆ Pray for our three expat families in country raising very small children (Phil and Sara, Brennen and Nicky, (Kyle and Olivia expecting))
- Favor with government officials with documentation and legalization of property and camp

Keep Praying for...

Team Naphtali -



West Java—Home of the Sunda

- Pray for discipleship of
 F* and S* so that they will be faithfully discipled so that their faith grows and they will be willing to evangelize.
- 2. Pray for Mr. L* who has believed and his readiness to be baptized next week.
- 3. Pray for Mr. H* who has difficulty believing because he is afraid of his family. So that he will be given the courage to make a decision.
- 4. Pray for the Reading Gardens in Sukasari and Urug Villages so that they will bless the people there and the Gospel can be preached there.
- 5. Pray for the health and unity of our Team so that we can spread the Good News freely and boldly.

R* & family

Praise God, I have been in good health condition for the past 6 months. My wife still has regular check-ups at the hospital due to heart disease, hypertension, diabetes, and nerve blockage. Philippians 4:13 I can do all this through him who gives me strength. My wife has been able to go through the treatment process needed for each illness by always remembering this verse. When she came along with me to minister to others, sometimes she would experience a sudden sharp headache or feel fatigued, but we can get through all of these

with God's grace.

I am thankful that my daughter C* will pass to the next grade (grade 8) in August.

 A^*

I have been grateful that God has given my father good health after recovering from kidney stones. Last year, my family struggled due to a lack of vehicles. We only have one vehicle that my father use to go to work. So my younger sibling was often late to school because he had to drop my father off at work first before going to school. But praise God, this year God has given us a blessing so that we could afford to buy a new vehicle for my younger sibling.

I am currently struggling to find a life partner because my mother wants me to get married. However, I want to marry a woman who shares the same vision as me. Please pray that God will provide a life partner for me.

Also, pray for my knee, which is hurting. I am going to check this issue in June at the health center and ask for a referral to the hospital. Pray that God will help me in each process and that my knee will be healed.



Unengaged and Unreached People Groups...What is the difference?

In the effort to identify the many people groups that are left to share the gospel, a number of labels are thrown around. Many times only the acronyms are used. This causes even more confusion. In this article and the one to follow I would like to help us understand the difference and what impact that may have on our outreach efforts. The two are Unengaged Unreached People Groups (UUPG) and Unreached People Groups (UPG) also known as Least Reached People Groups.

Unengaged Unreached People Groups

An unengaged people group is one where there are no known efforts focused on establishing selfsustaining churches consistent with evangelical faith and practice.

A people group becomes engaged when there are:

- Efforts focused on establishing sustaining churches
- Sustained commitment to sharing Christ and making disciples
- Work occurring in culturally appropriate and locally relevant ways.

All unengaged unreached people groups (UUPGs) are by definition unreached people groups (UPGs). All unreached people groups (UPGs) are not necessarily unengaged; many are engaged. Put another way, all UUPGs are a subset of UPGs.

...Unengaged...from Page 1

They didn't have anyone working among them to establish self-sustaining churches committed to sharing Christ and making disciples in culturally appropriate ways.

Indonesian ministry leaders and many others banded together to research the people groups, languages, opportunities and obstacles. They worked tirelessly to raise up laborers to go to the unreached peoples and places of this significant country. Besides those who relocated for the gospel, many prayed, gave and advocated for ministry among the peoples of Indonesia.

As a result, many across Indonesia have had new opportunities to hear the gospel and see it lived out. Thousands put their faith in Christ and even trusted Him to use them to spread the gospel to other parts of their country and beyond. Churches have been planted. Disciples are making disciples. New ministries are springing up, even in some of the most challeng- About the author: Marti Wade is the editorial director for sengers of the gospel.

In 1996, only 20 of Indonesia's 132 unreached groups

Unreached or Least Reached People Groups

Definition: Less than or equal to 5% Christian Adherent AND less than egual 2% Evangelical.

An unreached or least-reached people is a people group among which there is no indigenous community of believing Christians with adequate numbers and resources to evangelize this people group without outside assistance.

A number of years ago Joshua Project introduced the term "least-reached" to communicate that the status of people groups is found on a spectrum, rather than on/off toggle implied an by the "reached"/"unreached" terminology.

Source: www.joshuaproject.net

with populations over 10,000 had anyone trying to reach them with the gospel. At the 25th annual IM-PACT conference in February 2025, leaders announced that, according to their data, all 132 groups are currently "engaged."

While there is still much work to be done to see the gospel spread and take root, let's give God glory for this significant step!

The network was also able to confirm that 30 of the previously unreached groups now include more than 1,000 former Muslims who have been baptized and are meeting regularly for worship in small groups, groups that have multiplied to the fourth generation or more. That means they exceed the thresholds to be considered movements. It also means that there are more than 30,000 new believers in those 30 groups alone. Praise the Lord!

ing locations. God is raising up Indonesians as mes- the Pioneers marketing team. This team seeks to creatively tell the stories of what God is doing around the world to engage more people in the task of reaching the unreached.