

UNION CHURCH MISSIONS

The Gabriel Initiative: Milestone Reached!

We are thrilled to announce that Union Church has met our fundraising goal of HK\$273,000 for the Gabriel Initiative! This achievement was made possible by our entire congregation—from "adopting" households and villages to our community Movie Night and wreath workshop, your creative efforts ensured we could own a piece of this mission together.

Answering the Global Call

As part of the global church, we must remain aware of the world's greatest mission needs. The Gabriel Initiative is more than a charity project; it is a strategic effort to stand with the global body of Christ to fill critical mission gaps. By adopting the Oral Bible Translation of the DAKORA language, we are directly addressing the challenge of reaching unreached peoples and facilitating scripture access for those without a written language.

The Work Ahead

With the financing for Phase 1 (Translation) now complete, the focus shifts to the vital work of the translation process itself. Please pray for smooth operations and accuracy as the Word is recorded. The next steps involve the distribution of "Proclaimers"—audio players featuring the Gospel of Mark—to DAKORA villages. We look forward to the day they can finally hear God's Word in their own heart language!

REACHING THE UNREACHED

Who are **the UNREACHED**?

"An unreached people group (UPG) 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."

Definition of a **PEOPLE GROUP**

"For evangelization purposes, a people group is the largest group within which the Gospel can spread as a church planting movement without encountering barriers of understanding or acceptance."

RELIGIOUS BACKGROUND of the UPGs

According to the Joshua Project, the total unreached population worldwide is approximately 3.58 billion people—about 43.8% of the global population. Of the 16,409 distinct people groups identified globally, 7,148 (nearly 44%) are still considered unreached. Around 46% of all the UPGs are Muslim. The remaining unreached people groups are mostly followers of Hinduism, Buddhism, and various ethno-religions.

The Biblical mandate to **REACH THE UNREACHED**

The calling to reach the unreached is rooted in Jesus' command in the Great Commission (Matthew 28:18-20) to make disciples of all nations. In the original Greek text, "nations" is *ethne*, referring to distinct ethnic and linguistic groups rather than modern political states. Revelation 7:9 provides a powerful vision of the end times, where "a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages," will stand before the throne and before the Lamb. In Matthew 24:14, Jesus specifically linked the completion of this task to the end of the age, stating: "This gospel of the kingdom will be proclaimed throughout the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come." It is therefore a primary responsibility of the Church to ensure that every community, regardless of geographic or linguistic barriers, has the opportunity to hear the Gospel in their own heart language.



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