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Surprising Trends in Global Christianity in 2019

1. CHRISTIANITY IS GROWING FASTER THAN THE POPULATION.

--- Globally, Christianity is growing at a 1.27% rate. Currently, there are 2.5 billion Christians in the world. The world's population, 7.7 billion, is growing at a 1.20% rate.

--- Islam (1.95%), Sikhs (1.66%) and Hindus (1.30%) are the only religious groups growing faster than Christianity, though followers of Jesus outnumber every other faith and are predicted to continue to do so at least through 2050.

2. PENTECOSTALS AND EVANGELICALS ARE GROWING THE FASTEST AND ARE STILL PICKING UP SPEED.

--- Among Christian groups, Pentecostals (2.26%) and evangelicals (2.19%) are growing faster than others.

3. CHRISTIANITY IS GROWING IN CITIES, BUT NOT FAST ENOUGH.

--- Today, 1.64 billion Christians live in urban areas, growing at a 1.58% rate since 2000.

--- But more than 55% of the world's population lives in cities and that is only continuing to grow.

4. THE CENTER OF CHRISTIANITY HAS MOVED TO THE GLOBAL SOUTH.

--- In 1900, twice as many Christians lived in Europe than in the rest of the world combined. Today, both Latin America and Africa have more. By 2050, the number of Christians in Asia will also pass the number in Europe.

--- Currently, Christianity is barely growing in Europe (0.04% rate) and only slightly better in North America (0.56%).

--- Oceania (0.89) and Latin America (1.18%) have marginally better rates, but the faith is exploding in Asia (1.89%) and Africa (2.89%).

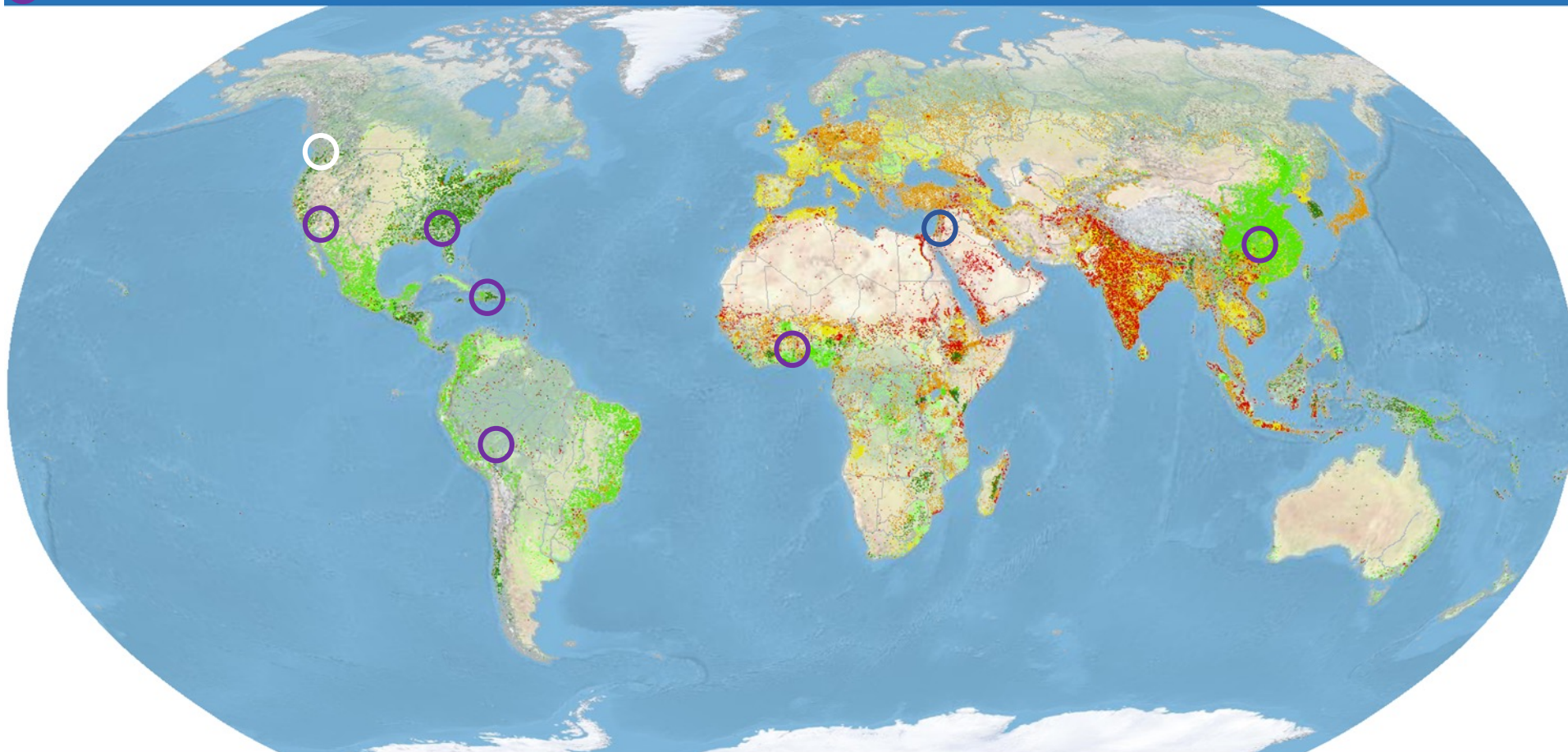


Global Status of Evangelical Christianity

	Status	Description
WORLD A – Unengaged	0	No evangelical Christians or churches. No access to evangelical print, audio, visual or human resources.
WORLD A – Unreached	1	Less than 2 percent evangelical. Some evangelical resources available. No active church planting within the past two years.
	2	Less than 2 percent evangelical. Initial or localized church planting within the past two years.
WORLD B – Access	3	Less than 2 percent evangelical. Dispersed or widespread church planting within the past two years.
WORLD C – Reached	4	Greater than or equal to 2 percent evangelical.
	5	Greater than or equal to 5 percent evangelical.
	6	Greater than or equal to 10 percent evangelical.



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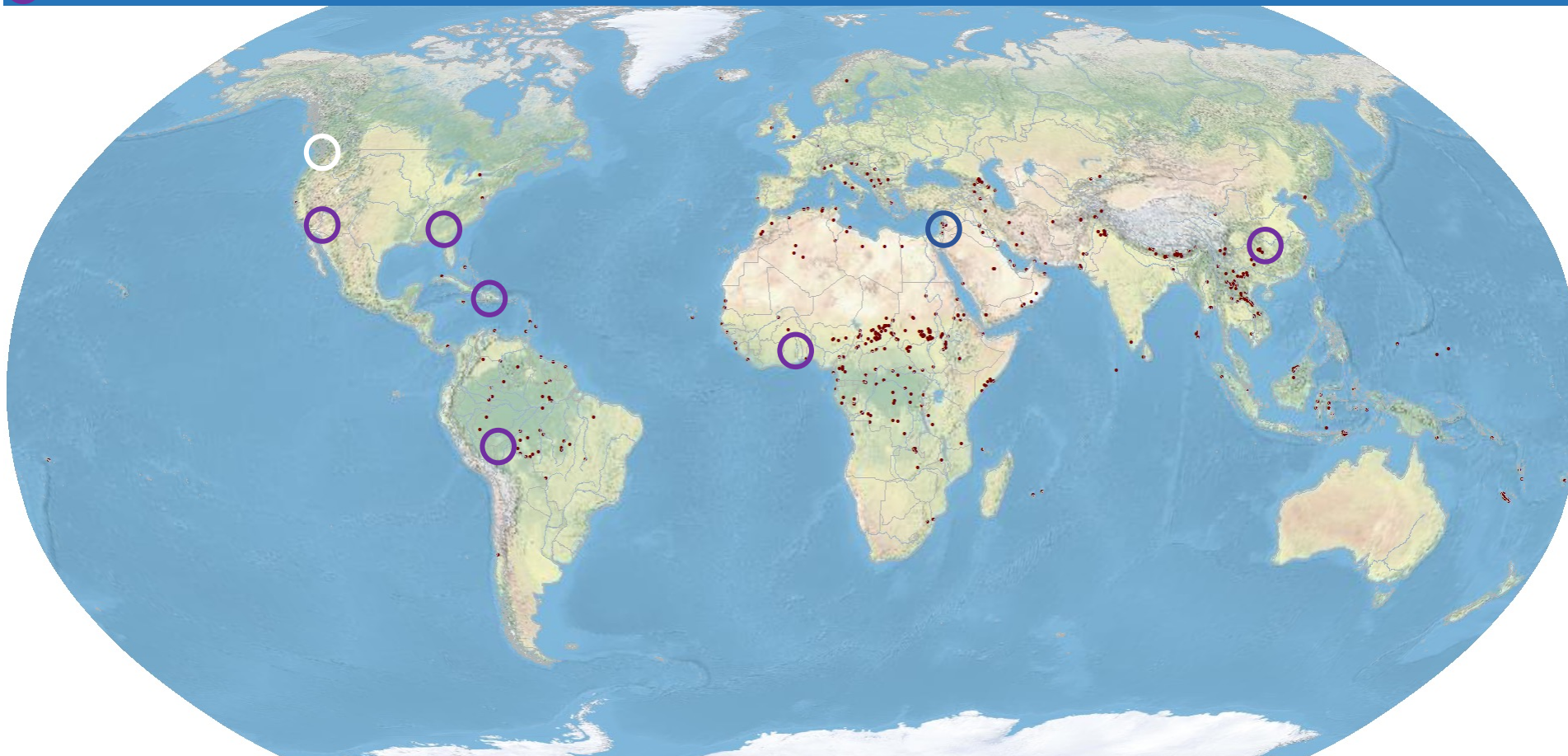
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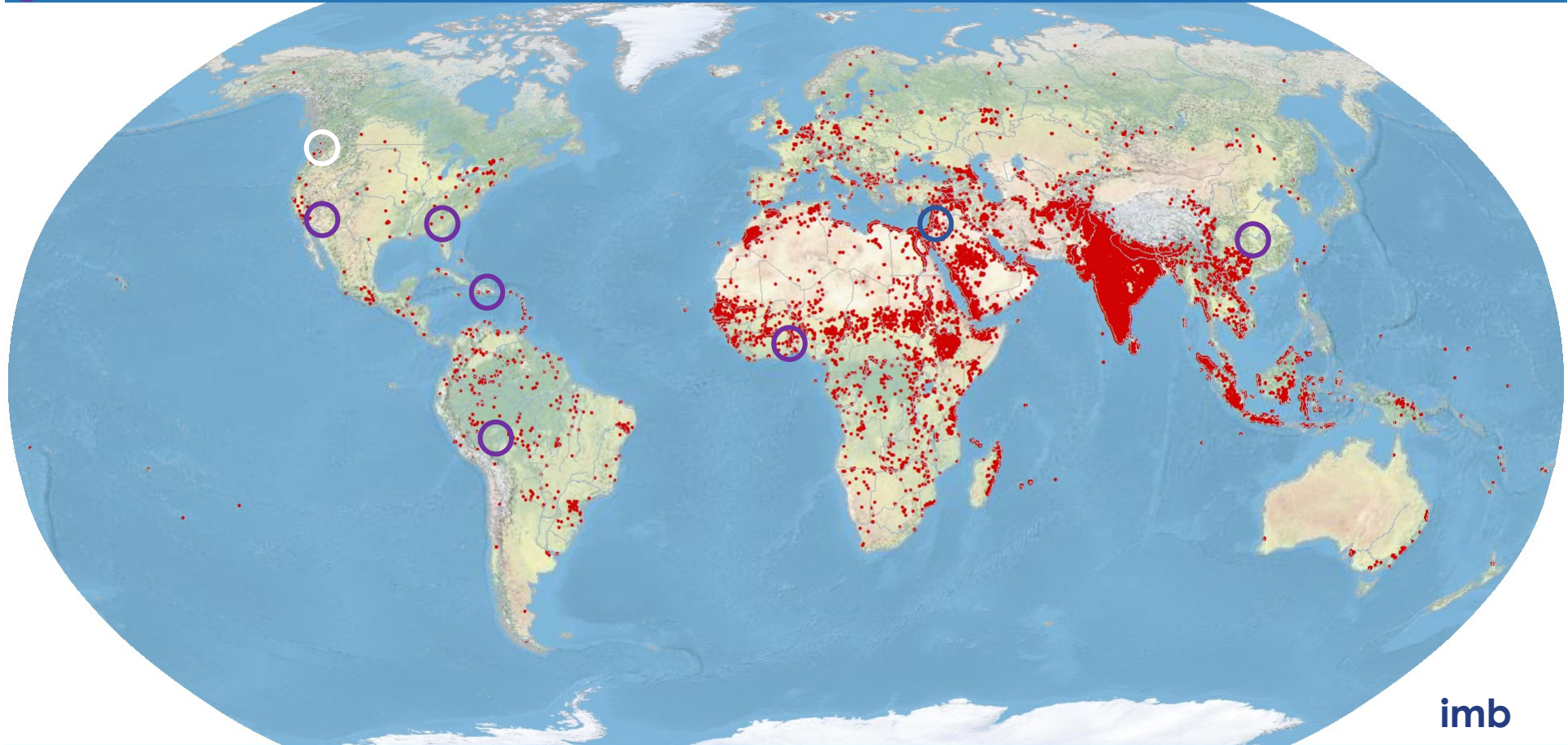
No access to evangelical print, audio, visual or human resources.

401 people groups with a combined population of 9,268,915 as of January 1, 2018.



Global Status of Evangelical Christianity

WORLD A –
Unreached



GSEC Status 1

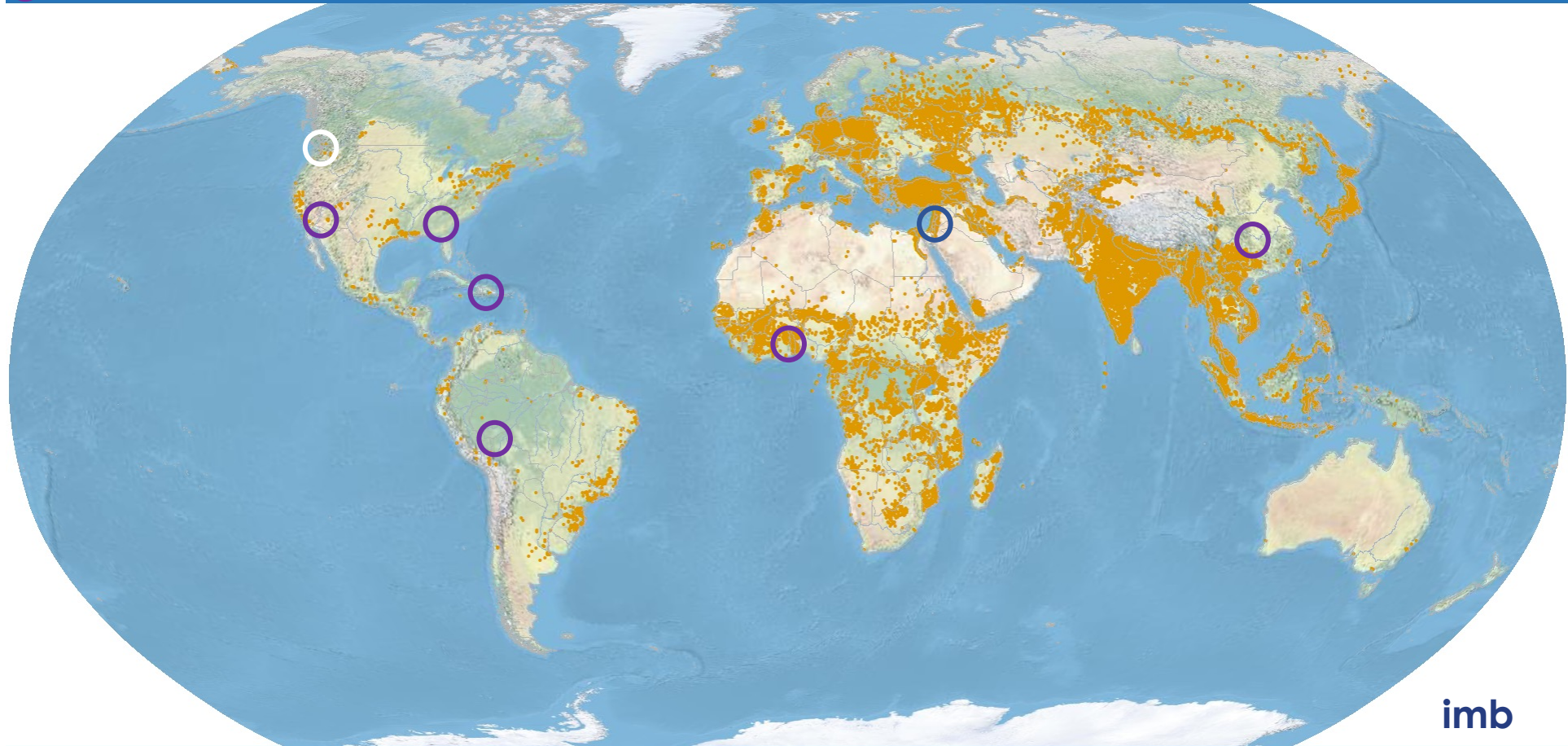
**Less than 2 percent evangelical. Some evangelical resources available.
No active church planting within the past two years.**

4,507 people groups with a combined population of 919,049,170 as of January 1, 2018.



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WORLD A –
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GSEC Status 2

Less than 2 percent evangelical.

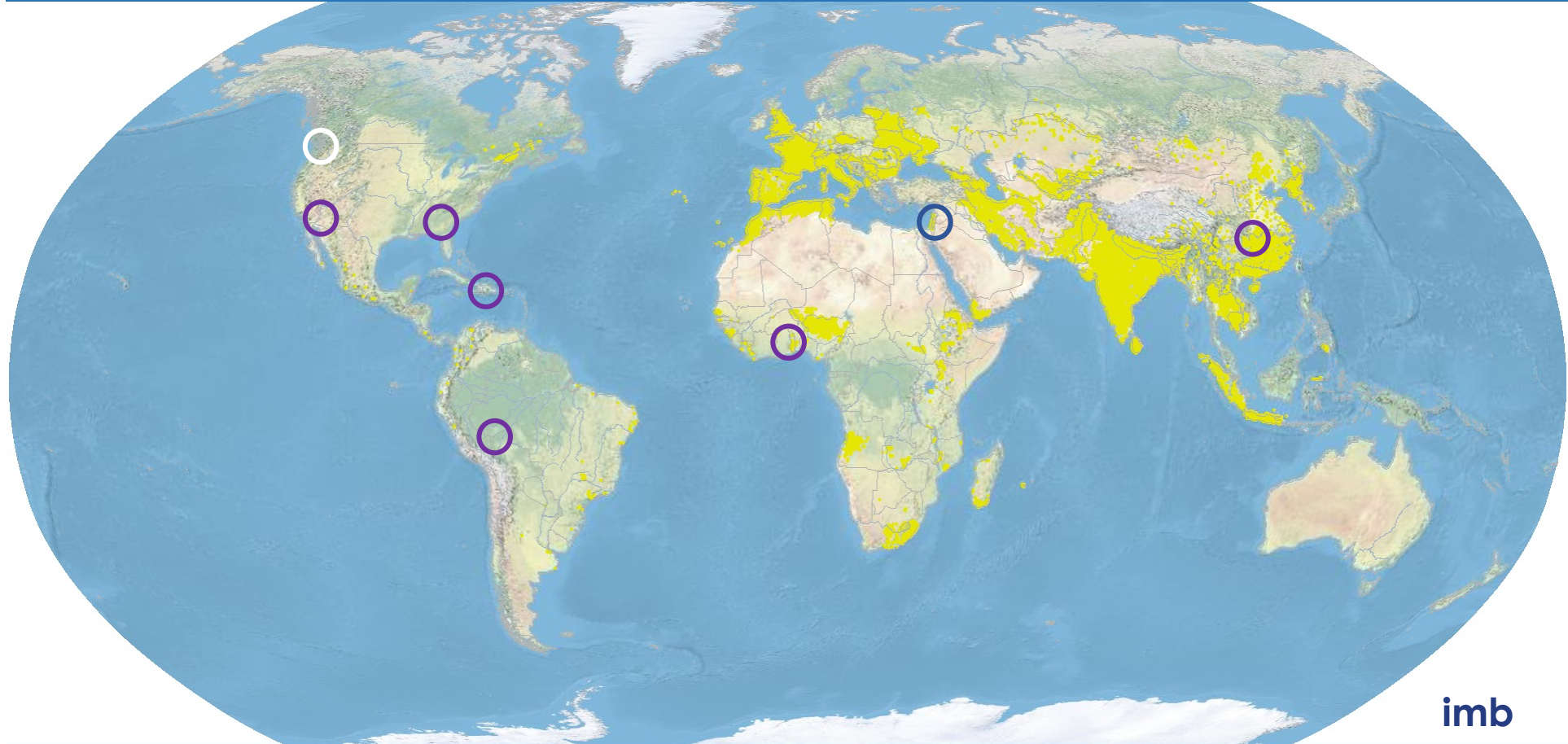
Initial or localized church planting within the past two years.

1,754 people groups with a combined population of 1,864,236,850 as of January 1, 2018.



Global Status of Evangelical Christianity

WORLD B – Access



GSEC Status 3

Less than 2 percent evangelical.

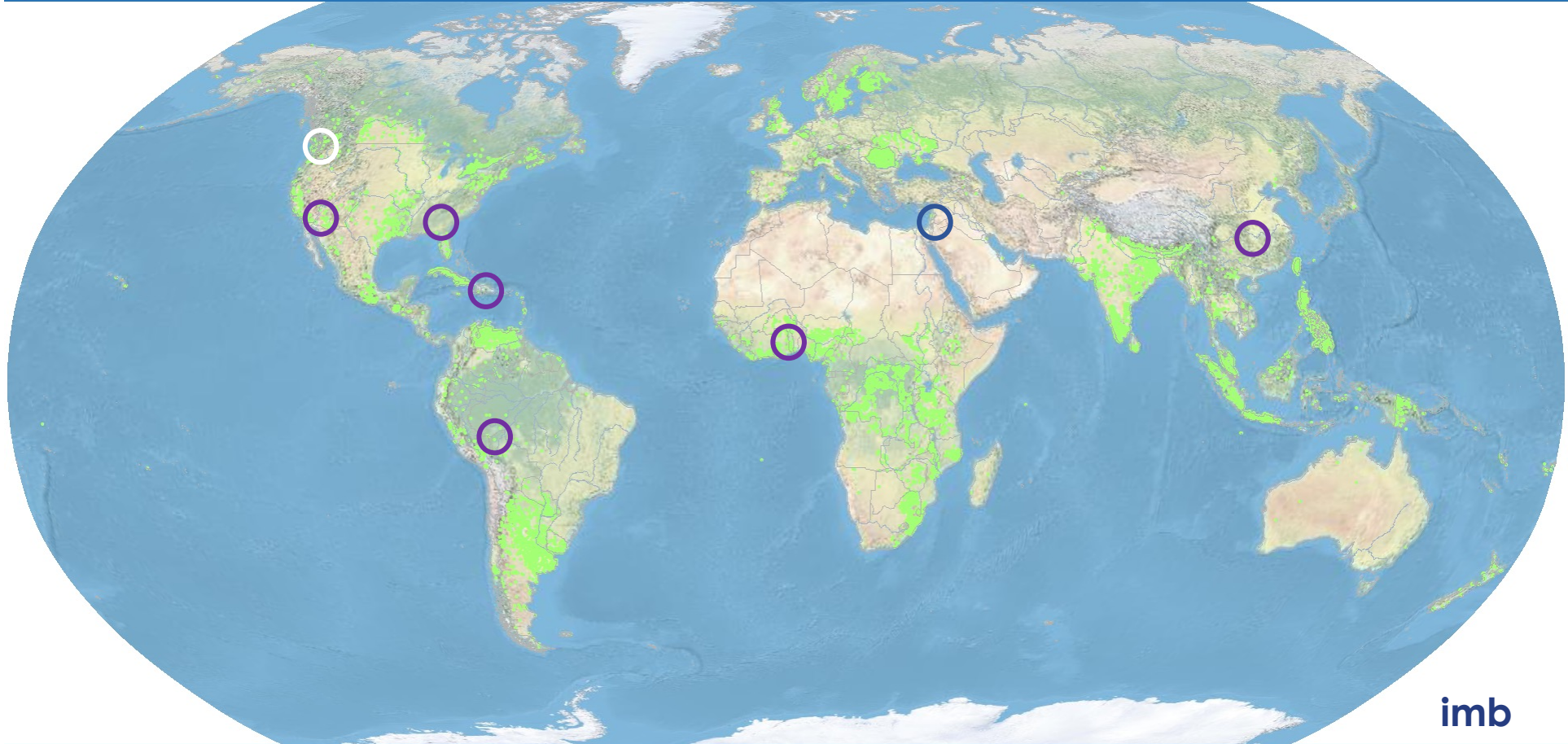
Dispersed or widespread church planting within the past two years.

377 people groups with a combined population of 1,556,532,600 as of January 1, 2018.



Global Status of Evangelical Christianity

WORLD C – Reached



GSEC Status 4

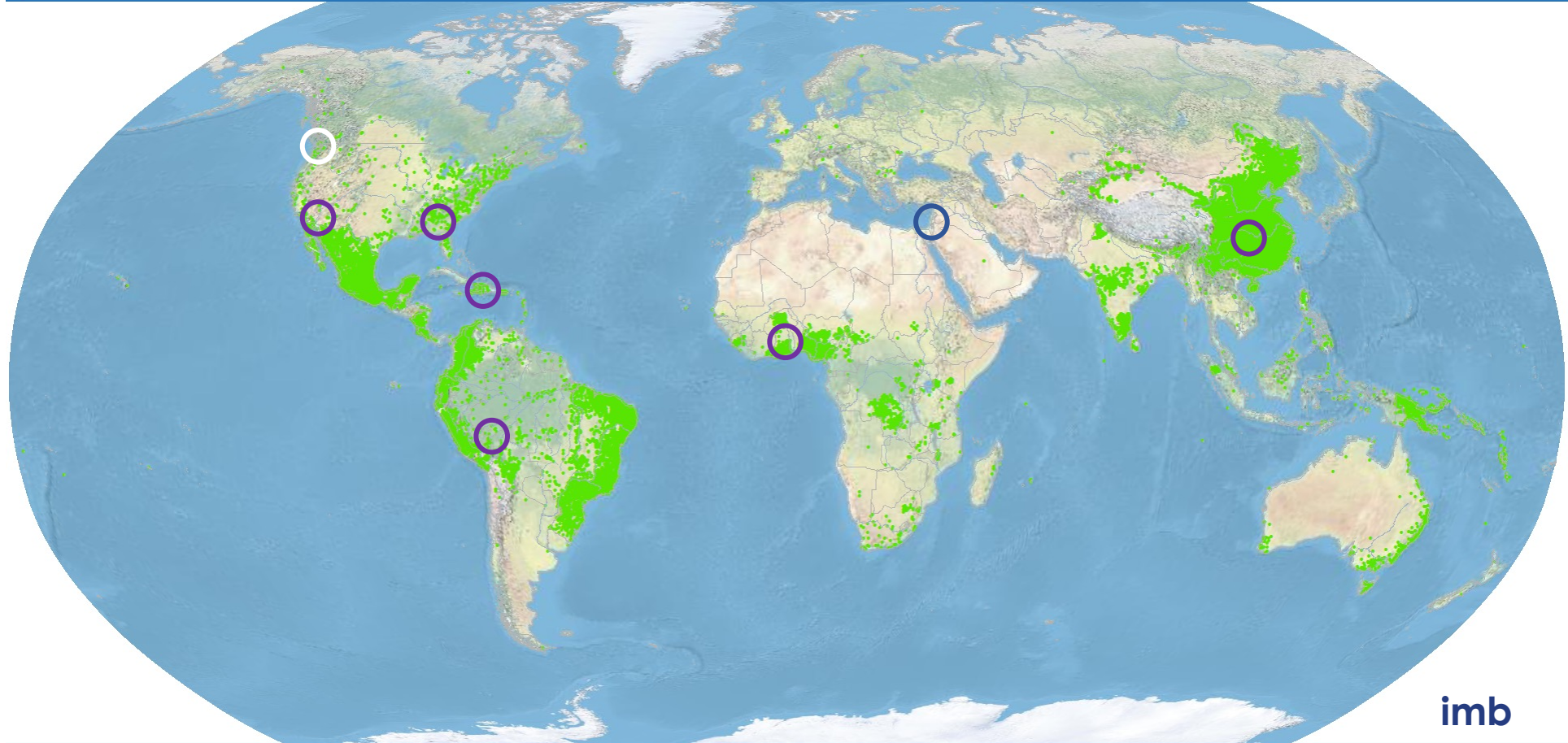
Greater than or equal to 2 percent evangelical.

1,370 people groups with a combined population of 573,549,895 as of January 1, 2018.



Global Status of Evangelical Christianity

WORLD C – Reached



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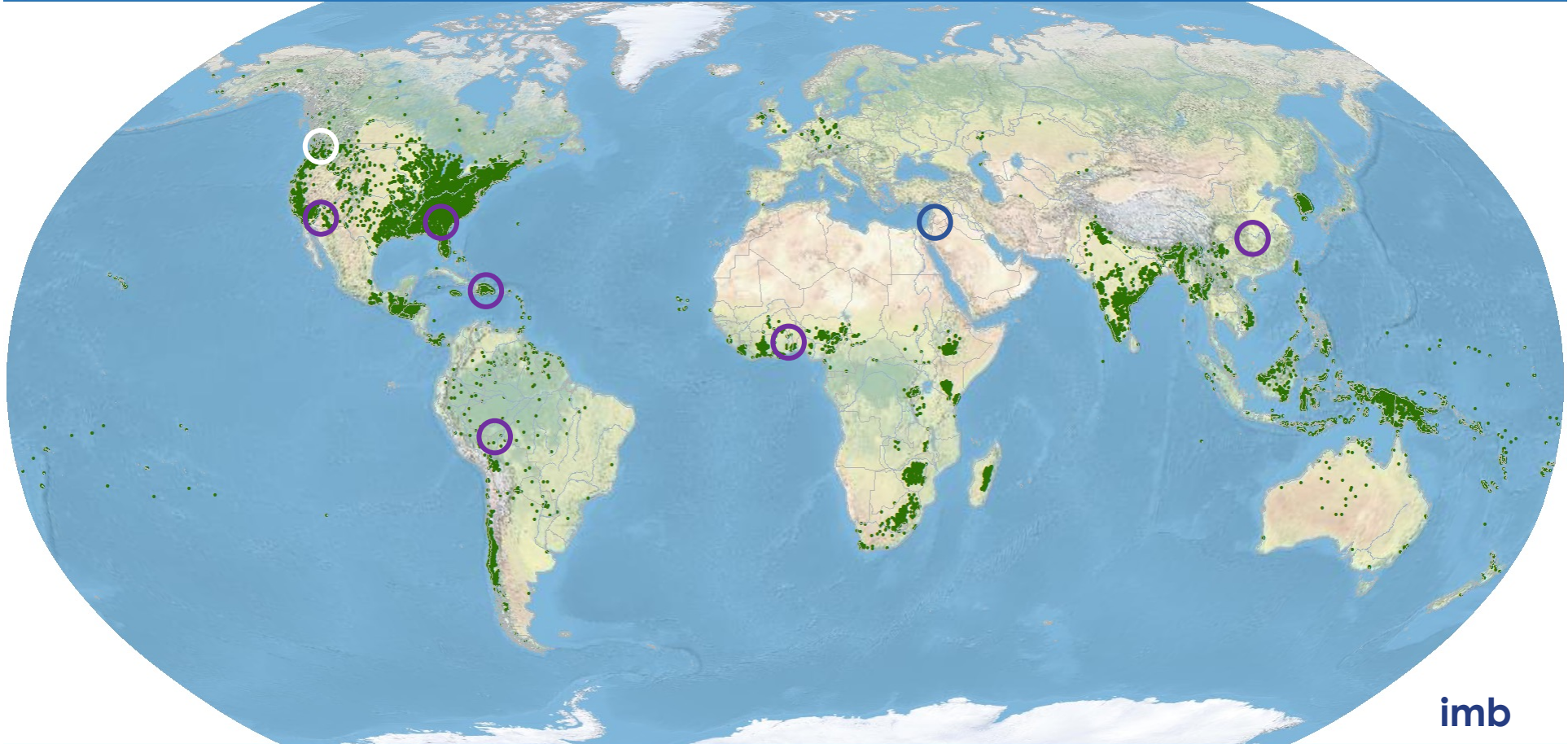
Greater than or equal to 5 percent evangelical.

1,479 people groups with a combined population of 1,952,468,945 as of January 1, 2018.



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WORLD C – Reached



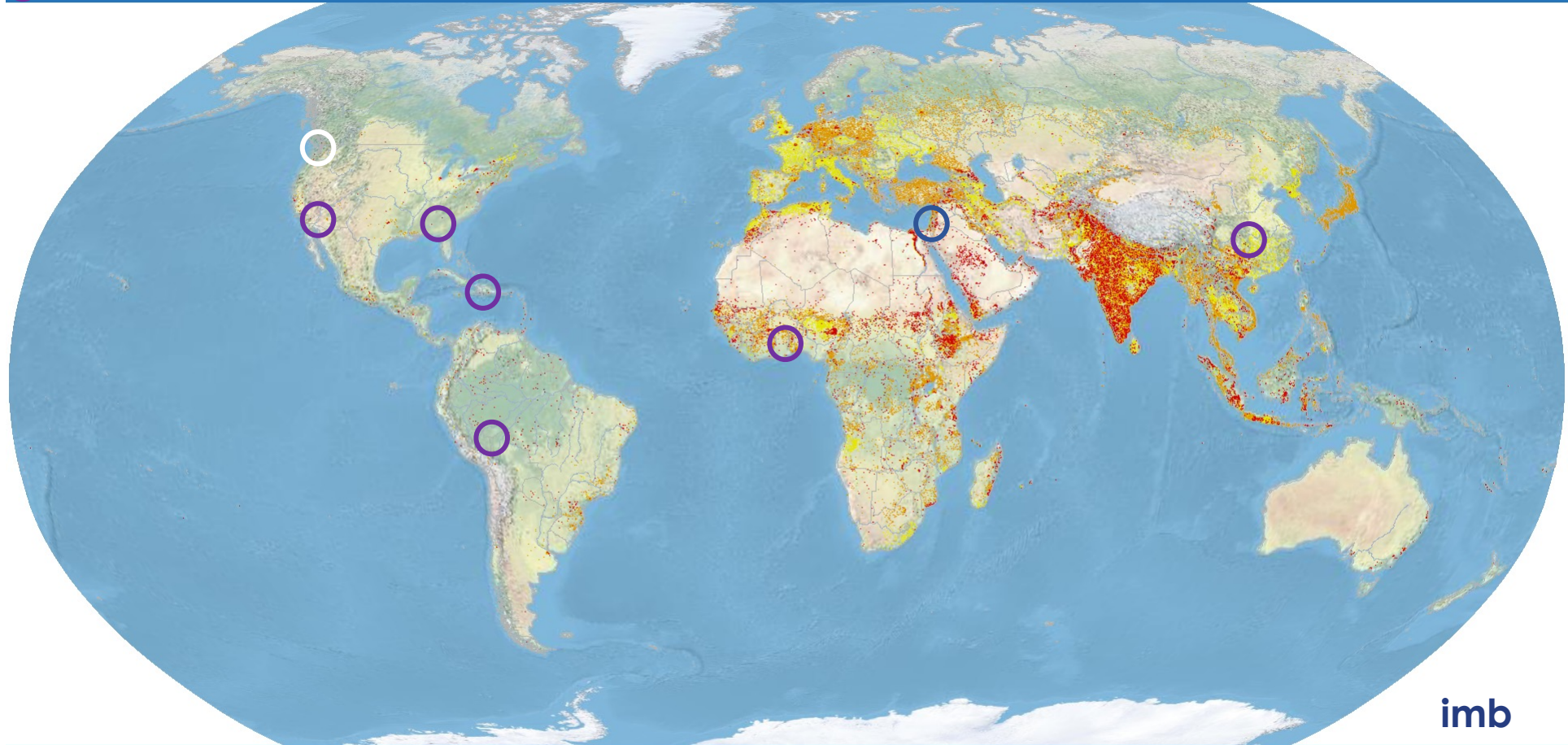
GSEC Status 6

Greater than or equal to 10 percent evangelical.

1,856 people groups with a combined population of **561,860,765** as of January 1, 2018.



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Unreached People Groups

An Unreached People Group (UPG) is a people group with less than 2 percent evangelical Christians.

7,039 people groups with a total population of **4,349,087,535** are classified as UPGs as of January 1, 2018.



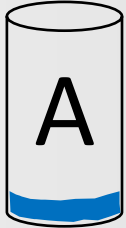
2 BILLION PEOPLE WHO DON'T HAVE ACCESS TO THE GOSPEL

29% HAVE NEVER HEARD OF JESUS

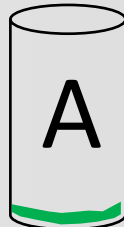
JUST OVER 1 OUT OF 4

- NO CHANCE OF HEARING THE GOOD NEWS
- NO ACCESS TO THE GOSPEL
- NO BIBLES
- NO CHURCHES
- NO BELIEVERS NEARBY

3%



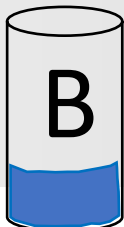
1%



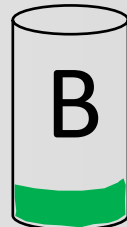
38% HAS ACCESS TO THE GOSPEL BUT HAS NOT CHOSEN TO FOLLOW JESUS

- BIBLES IN THEIR LANGUAGE
- CHURCHES NEARBY
- FRIENDS OR CO-WORKERS POTENTIALLY CHRISTIAN
- ACCESS TO OTHER CHRISTIAN RESOURCES

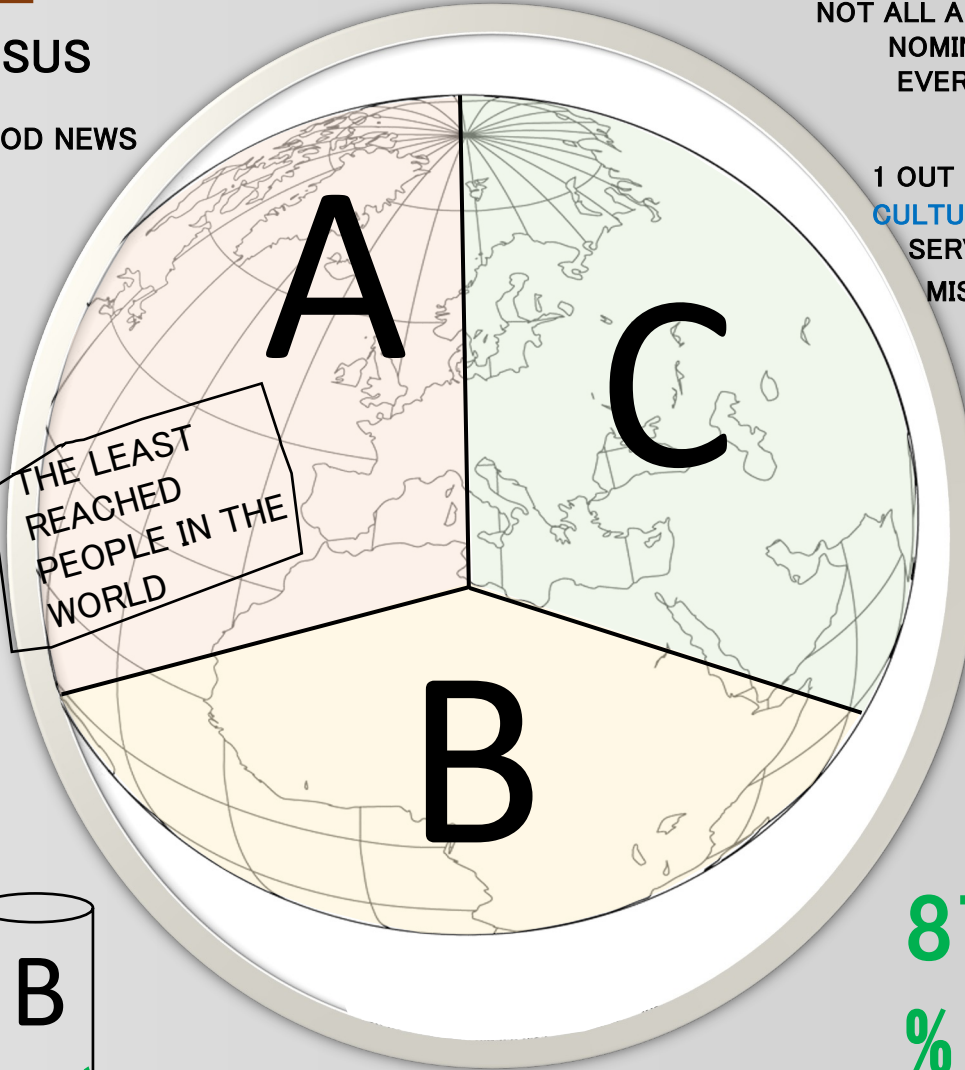
25%



12%



THE LEAST REACHED PEOPLE IN THE WORLD



33% CHRISTIAN

- NOT ALL ARE TRUE BELIEVERS IN CHRIST
- NOMINAL BELIEVE IN JESUS
- EVERYONE IS CONSIDERED A CHRISTIAN

MISSIONARIES: 400,000

1 OUT OF EVERY 1,800 CHRISTIANS TOTAL GROSS

CULTURAL

SERVES AS A CROSS-CULTURAL MISSIONARY FORCE WORLDWIDE

72%

TO PEOPLE THAT HAVE BIBLES AND CHURCHES



FINANCES: \$42 TRILLION

\$700 BILLION

\$45 BILLION

87%

%



EARNED

GIVEN

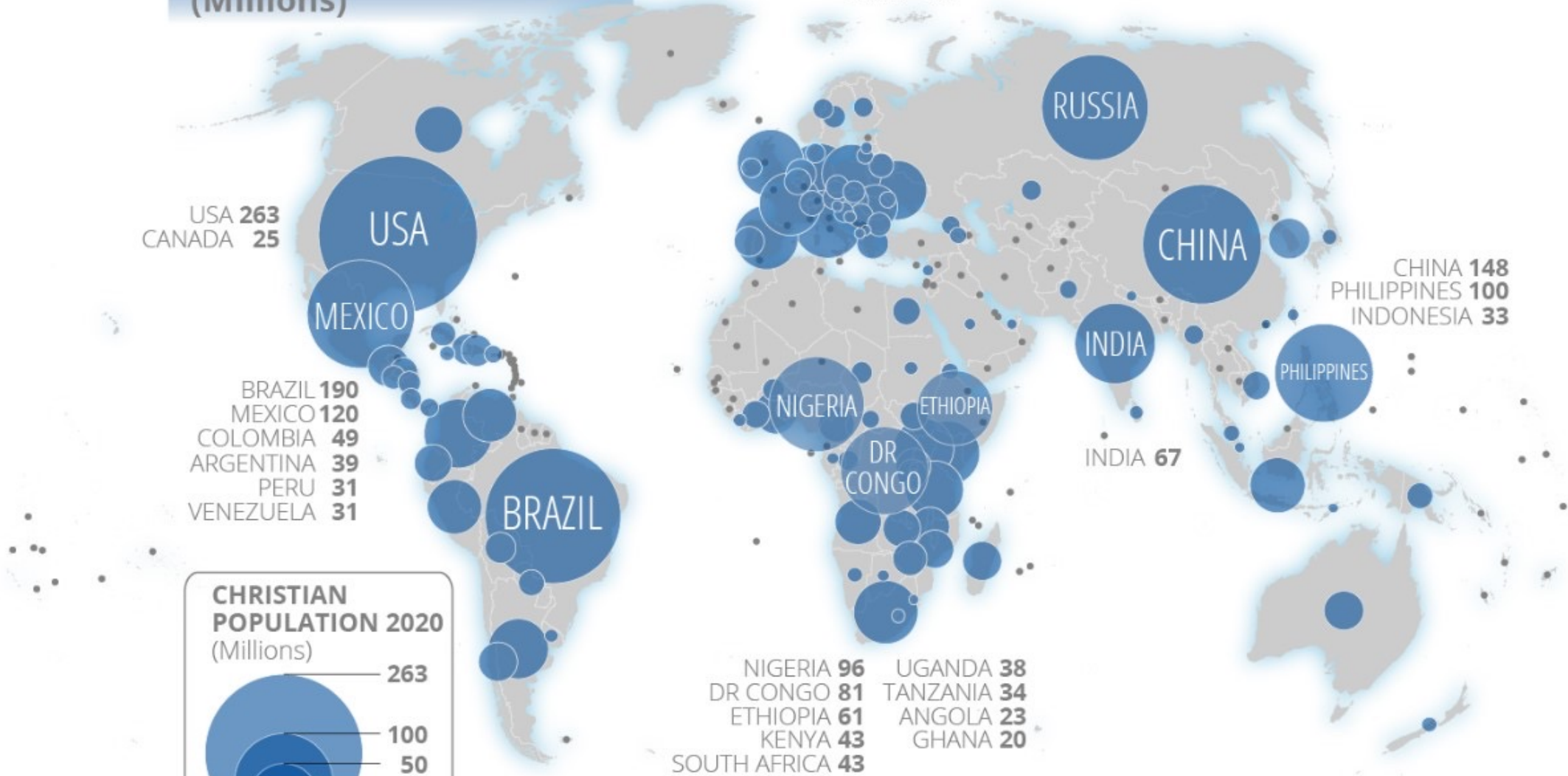
MISSIONS



CHRISTIAN POPULATION 2020 (Millions)

RUSSIA	118	FRANCE	42
GERMANY	54	UKRAINE	37
ITALY	49	POLAND	37
UNITED KINGDOM	46	ROMANIA	21
SPAIN	42		

LARGEST 30 CHRISTIAN POPULATIONS LISTED
(Millions)



USA 263
CANADA 25

USA

MEXICO

BRAZIL 190
MEXICO 120
COLOMBIA 49
ARGENTINA 39
PERU 31
VENEZUELA 31

BRAZIL

NIGERIA

ETHIOPIA

DR CONGO

NIGERIA 96
DR CONGO 81
ETHIOPIA 61
KENYA 43
SOUTH AFRICA 43

RUSSIA

CHINA

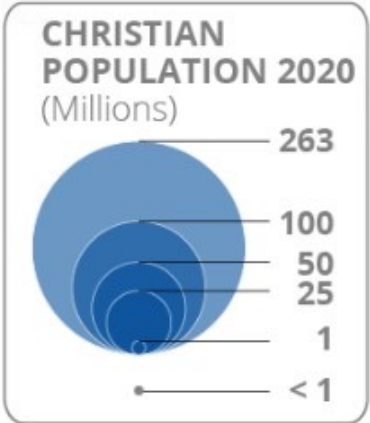
CHINA 148
PHILIPPINES 100
INDONESIA 33

INDIA

INDIA 67

PHILIPPINES

UGANDA 38
TANZANIA 34
ANGOLA 23
GHANA 20



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Before Christ left earth, He gave a specific task to accomplish. We commonly refer to this as the Great Commission found in Matthew 28.

¹⁸ Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely, I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

**Knowing what we have discussed about
the Global Status of Evangelical
Christianity...**



SO HOW WILL WE COMPLETE THIS TASK?

1. Priorities shaped by the reality of the task.

--- We must be aware of the present state of the world and align our efforts by these realities.

--- We must...

--- We must...

2. Prioritize our Time, Talent and Resources.

--- It requires a commitment to perseverance and a dying to preference.

--- It requires...

--- It requires...

3. Partnerships with churches and movements all over the world.

--- We must join together as a global Church.

--- We must connect God's Resources to those who need it the most.

--- We must...

4. Unity in working in multicultural teams.

--- Leaving preferences aside, we must work to be unified in the mission across cultures.

5. Prayer that is united, informed and persistent.

--- Prayer is the fuel to missions. The completion of the Great Commission is only complete through the power of the Holy Spirit.

--- Prayer unifies our purpose.



FOUR PHASES OF OUR STRATEGIC PLAN

As good stewards, we are constantly seeking to Discover, Develop, Implement and Evaluate our mission work.

Discover

Develop

Implement

Evaluate

Phase 1 – Discover: The first phase is discovering the mission partners and mission opportunities to which we believe God is calling us.

Phase 2 – Develop: The second phase is to prepare a plan for working with our partners and participating with each mission opportunity.

Phase 3 – Implement: The third phase is to carry out our plan by releasing our people and resources.

Phase 4 – Evaluate: The fourth phase is to evaluate our engagement with each partnership and mission opportunity.



Evaluate

Let's Evaluate our Previous Strategies and Mission Partnerships



Discover

New Strategies and Mission Partnerships



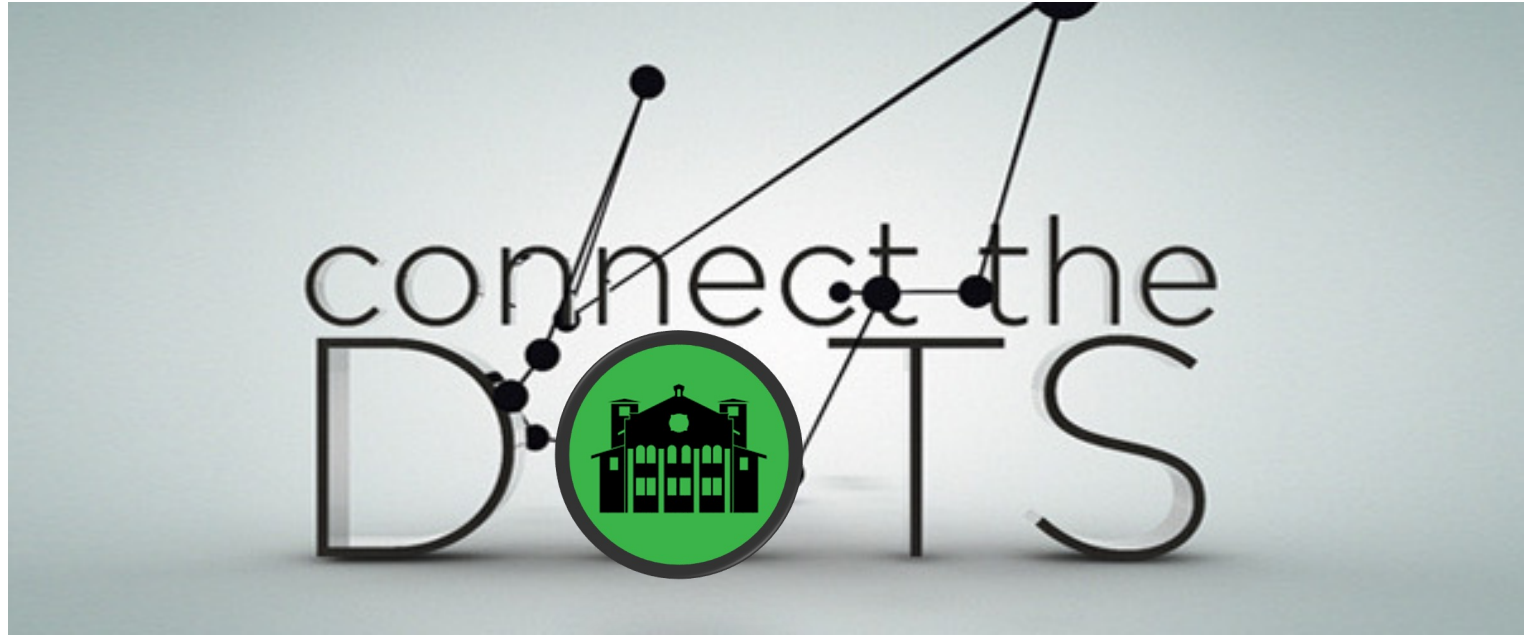
Develop

Plans for the next 5 Years with our Mission Partnerships



Implement

Releasing our People and Resources



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