



UPG INITIATIVE TACKLING THE CHALLENGE OF 3 BILLION UNREACHED PEOPLE



TACKLING THE CHALLENGE

Tackling the challenge of three billion unreached people and 7000 unreached language/ethnic groups (UPGs) is daunting. While the Gospel has spread around the world, it has not yet reached everyone. Billions have still not heard a single Gospel story. Billions still do not have the Bible in their heart language. Billions have no access to a local church or a Christian friend. Billions do not know who Jesus is.



WHERE DO WE START?

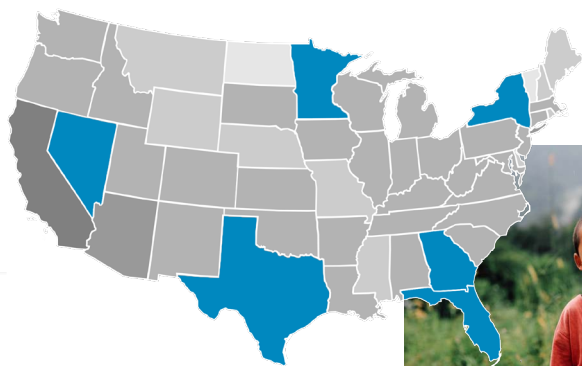
But where do we start? Where, and to whom, do we go first? For over a year, Globe has been seeking answers to those questions. In May 2017 we started a UPG Study Cohort – a group of people who committed to research Unreached People Groups. We created research criteria. We gathered resource materials about UPGs. We started to meet every month to share our findings. We prayed together.



BEGINNING PHASE 1

Today, Globe has narrowed our focus, from nearly 7000 UPGs to a Phase One strategic beginning of twenty-five groups. It isn't big, but it's a place to start. Globe personnel are working in some of these groups. We are targeting others, mostly in Asia, but we are looking on other continents too.

UPGS IN AMERICA



DID YOU KNOW that many of the world's unreached people groups have sub-set demographics living in America's urban areas? Like [New York City](#). [Los Angeles](#). [Houston](#). [Orlando](#). [Atlanta](#). And more.



In August, Globe will lead a small group to New York City for four days of prayer, exploration and discovery. Our "NYC UPG Experience" will expose future Globe Interns and partners to the realities and challenges of reaching unreached people. Did you know that over 180 languages are spoken in New York's Borough of Queens? People from every continent live here. For some, the "NYC UPG Experience" will be the first step in engaging unreached people. It's a quick trip. It's close to home. It doesn't cost much – neither in time nor money. But it will be an eye opener. And a heart changer too. And hopefully, it will lead to a decision to [GO TO THE NATIONS](#).



Also in August, Globe Directors of Church Planting and Discipleship, Greg and Ana Nemer, will travel to Asia to visit about five nations. They will touch base with some of our Asia personnel, and see what they are doing among select UPGs. They will also visit new target areas and peoples, like the Rohingya People, refugees from Myanmar who have fled to Bangladesh.

The Rohingya Story is a tragic one. Nearly a million refugees, forced from their homes in western Myanmar, now live in squalor across the border in Bangladesh. Many of the world's relief agencies are there, serving them, helping build shelters, providing food, and giving medical assistance. [Globe will explore ways to add value, serve practical needs, and bring the Gospel to them.](#)



MEMBER UPDATE | THAILAND

█████ grew up in Thailand, as the firstborn child of missionary parents. He has spent almost his entire life working in Southeast Asia. He now lives near Thailand's western border with Myanmar and works with tribal peoples in the border areas. █████ has a special burden for conflict areas and has used his knowledge and training to serve in several such regions in Asia. He is assisting Globe in our UPG Initiative exploratory work in Bangladesh.

"In the Book of Revelation, the Apostle John saw a future event that still stirs the heart of every Christian. John's vision inspires us of things to come, about God's purpose for every tribe and tongue to hear the Gospel. This Godly vision compels us to take the Gospel to every nation."

After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" -REV. 7:9-10 ESV

UNREACHED PEOPLE GROUP INITIATIVE



POPULATION IS GREATER THAN 50,000
HAVE LESS THAN 2% EVANGELICALS
HAVE SCRIPTURES IN THEIR HEART LANGUAGE

DEMONSTRATE HIGH RECEPTIVITY
ACCESSIBLE TO GLOBE NETWORK PEOPLE (ACCESSIBLE TO WITNESS)
PROXIMITY TO GLOBE NETWORK (GLOBE NETWORK NEIGHBOR)



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