

3.6 BILLION HAVE NEVER HEARD

Today, we confront a reality that demands our attention and our response.

3.6 billion people have never heard the name of Jesus.

Not hundreds. Not thousands. Billions.

This is not a distant statistic. These are real people who are born, live, and die without ever encountering the hope we have in Christ.

The Great Commission was given as a sending. And the question before us today is clear: **Will we send?**

Before we move forward, I invite you to watch this brief video. It will help us understand the scope of the challenge. The opportunity before us.

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The Apostle Paul asked a question in Romans 10 that still defines this moment:

"How can they call on him to save them unless they believe in him? And how can they believe in him if they have never heard about him? And how can they hear about him unless someone tells them? And how will anyone go and tell them without being sent?"

Today, we send.

The World Budget Offering is a moment when we are united globally in one mission—a mission to reach people in places where traditional evangelism cannot go.

Where borders are closed to missionaries, media crosses them.

Where governments restrict the gospel, broadcasts continue.

Where physical presence is impossible, the message of hope still enters homes, transforms lives, and builds the church.

You've just seen what this looks like. One widow, saved by a broadcast.

Thirty-seven people, reached through her living room. That is what mission infrastructure makes possible.

This offering is not charity. This is sending.

Through your prayers, you open doors only God can unlock.

Through your giving today, you fund the infrastructure that allows the gospel to reach 7 people per second—548,000 people per day—as we work toward 1 billion people by 2030.

As you prepare your offering, I invite you to designate your World Budget gift specifically to Hope Channel International. Write "**Hope Channel International**" on the offering line of your envelope, or donate online.

The unreached are not unreachable. But someone must send the gospel.

Will you send us?

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father,

We come before You with gratitude—for the gospel, for the privilege of knowing Your name, and for the opportunity to participate in Your mission.

We are burdened by the reality that billions still wait to hear of Your love. We are moved by the stories of those whose lives have been transformed through the faithfulness of others who were sent and who did the sending.

Today, we commit to being senders. Through our prayers, through our giving, and through our partnership with this global mission, we say yes to reaching those who have never heard.

Bless this offering. Use it to open doors, cross borders, and bring light into the darkest places.

May Your name be heard to the ends of the earth.

In Jesus' name we pray

Amen.