

# GMHC 2023

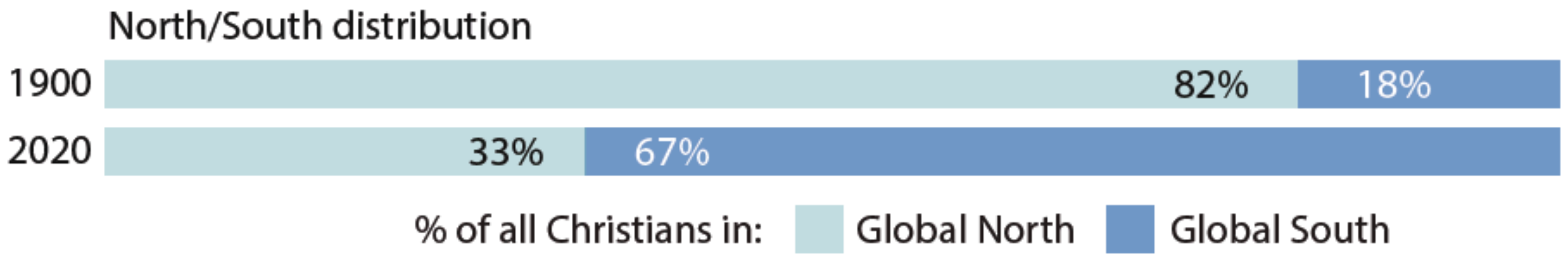
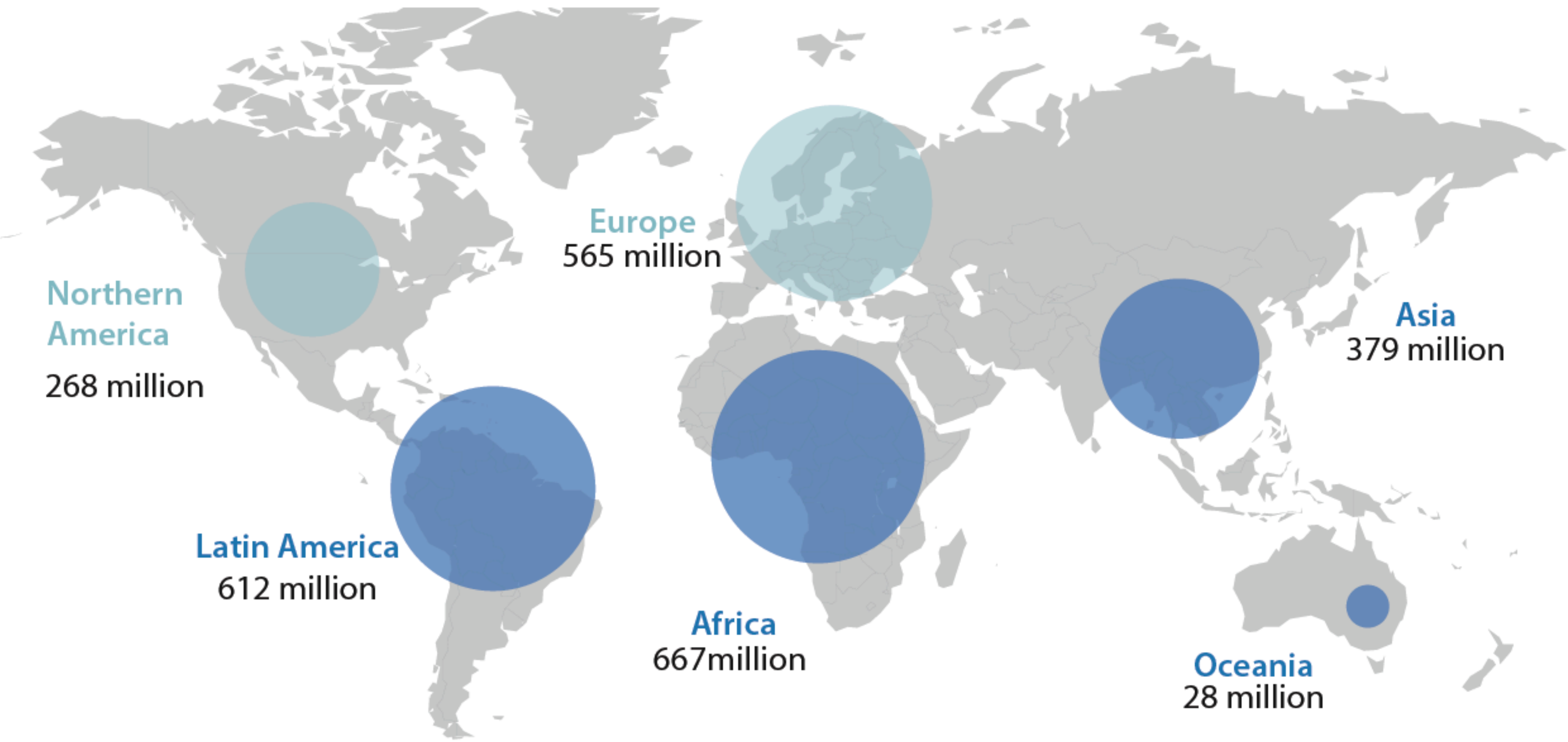
Where do I fit in the present mission landscape?

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# Missions Landscape In 2023

- 1. Unreached and Unengaged People Groups, in 2000 - 3500 UPGs, 2107 -2000 UPGs, in 2023 - <100 UPGs.
- 2. Bible Translation, possibly 2035, but no later than 2050, there will be a new testament in every language on earth, including over 400 deaf languages
- 3. The fruit of our Forefathers and the evangelism and church planting efforts of the last 2 1/2 centuries has bore much fruit around the world.
- 4. The Global shift in Christianity to the South.
- 5. Jesus prayer for Oneness within the Global Body of Christ

Christians by continent, 2020



Source: World Christian Database

# One Global Church Family Going together

- Eph 4:16 “From Him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.
- John 17:22 “I have given them the glory you gave me, so they may be one as we are one”
- 1 Cor 12:12 “For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ.”
- Paul’s affection expressed by his genuine love for the saints and his longing to see them because of this deep bond they shared in Christ.

# Kingdom attitude we are to possess towards one another

- Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ. Eph 5:21
- Do nothing out of vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves. Phil 2:3
- Appreciate the gifts God has put in other brothers and sisters, while recognizing your own blindspots.
- How good and pleasant it is when brothers live together in unity, for there the Lord has commanded a blessing... Ps 133:1,3
- The best solutions often come from those closest to the problem!

# Great Commission, Great Commandment and Great Concern

- The gospel is best presented when all 3 exercised simultaneously
- As human beings, we are physical, social, emotional and spiritual beings. The gospel calls us to love the whole person.
- Emotional struggles are seen in anxiety, anger, depression, addiction, etc.
- Social struggles are seen in racism, tribalism, criminal justice, church splits, etc.
- Our adversary comes to steal, kill and destroy. Jesus came that we may have life, life in abundance.
- We can take a look in the mirror at our own churches and we can see the enormous need of emotional and social healing.
- What is the Great Concern?

# Great Concern, Matt 25: 34-40

Then the King will say to those on His right, "Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.

For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.

"I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me."

Trauma training      Capital      Medical skills  
Mentorship      Teen pregnancy      Safe Housing  
Dental Problems

# Strategic Advantages of Going Together

- Americans don't blend in many places
- Politically, Americans are seen as the enemy in some places
- Americans have skills that can be passed to the church, especially healthcare skills, construction skills, even horse training
- Which part of the body of Christ will be a better fit in a culture. IE: Haiti, Saudi Arabia, Eastern Europe, West Louisville
- Make the Local Church the Hero!



# Serving Long-Term

- “The mission fields are getting tougher and the western Church is getting softer.”
- Get equipped for Spiritual Warfare and prayer support is more important than financial support
- Coming alongside the local church dramatically increases your chance for success.
- Scatter Global is spearheading efforts to have Christians take their construction, teaching, coaching or healthcare skills into closed countries. They then take a paid position. No fundraising needed and you don't look so funny as someone living in a foreign country without a job.

# Gospel Patron

- People whose generosity has changed the world
- Gospel Patrons, by John Rinehart
- Hebrews 11:4 ....even though he is dead, he still speaks through faith.
- They are backstage VIPs who come alongside people like William Tyndale, Billy Graham and countless others to pray, encourage and support financially the work of these men and women.

# The variety of Kingdom Opportunities

- Serving Long-term
- Short-Term Missions, “Go and do” or “Go and teach”
- Mobilize
- Gospel Patron
- Enjoy the opportunities this week to network about your calling