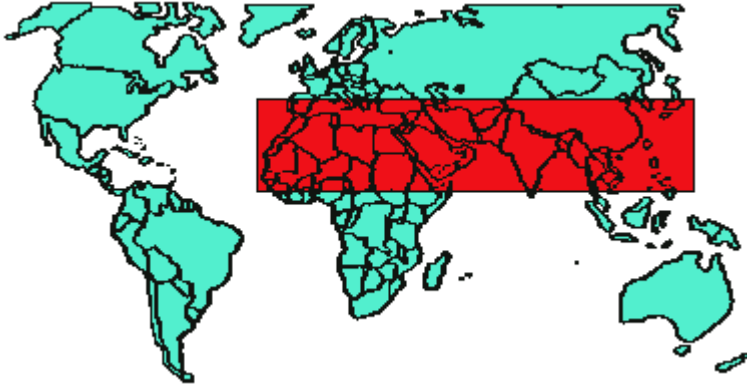


The View through the 10-40 Window

Defined

Christian mission's strategist Luis Bush started calling this rectangular area or band that stretches across the maps of northern Africa and Asia: "**The 10/40 Window.**" He gave the area that easy-to-remember name because it is that area of Africa and Asia from 10 degrees north of the equator to 40 degrees latitude north of the equator.

(<http://home.snu.edu/~hculbert.fs/1040.htm>)



Countries

Afghanistan	Egypt	Japan	Morocco	Syria
Algeria	Eritrea	Jordan	Myanmar (Burma)	Taiwan
Bahrain	Ethiopia	Korea, North	Nepal	Tajikistan
Bangladesh	Gambia	Korea, South	Niger	Thailand
Benin	Gibraltar	Kuwait	Oman	Tunisia
Bhutan	Greece	Laos	Pakistan	Turkey
Burkina Faso	Guinea	Lebanon	Philippines	Turkmenistan
Cambodia	Guinea-Bissau	Libya	Portugal	United Arab Emirates
Chad	India	Macau	Qatar	Vietnam
China	Iran	Mali	Saudi Arabia	Western Sahara
Cyprus	Iraq	Malta	Senegal	Yemen
Djibouti	Israel	Mauritania	Sudan	

The 2004 Tsunami Devastation

There were an estimated 221,000 deaths from this tragic natural disaster tidal wave. Thousands more were displaced from their homes. From the epicenter near Indonesia, north to India, to the western edge that touched eastern Africa. A large amount of the countries affected by the tsunami are located in the 10/40 Window.

The Persecuted Church

The Voice of the Martyrs ministry publishes a map each year that highlights all of the countries throughout the world that are hostile or resistant to the Gospel Message of Jesus Christ and Christians. Year after year most of the countries in this window are featured with terrible stories of persecution. Countries such as Libya, Iran, Pakistan, and China have terrible human rights violations.

The Ten Worst Dictators

Annually the Parade Magazine publishes this Top 10 report. Countries like China, Saudi Arabia, and North Korea stay on this list each year. Many of these worst dictators reside in the 10/40 Window.

Armed Conflict

World Press publishes an “Armed Conflict Map of the World.” As of September 2003, at least 35 countries were in some stage of major armed conflict, from tenuous cease-fire to all out war. Significantly, many of these countries from Northern Africa through the Middle East are located in this 10-40 Window.

Missions

Most of the people groups still unreached by the gospel live in this window. The statistics of non-Christians in this area can be staggering:

- 865 million unreached Muslims or Islamic followers in 3330 cultural sub-groupings
- 550 million unreached Hindus in 1660 cultural sub-groups
- 150 million unreached Chinese in 830 groups
- 275 million unreached Buddhists in 900 groups
- 2550 unreached tribal groups (which are mainly animistic) with a total population of 140 million
- Forming a smaller -- though important -- unreached group are the 17 million Jews scattered across 134 countries
- Good news: Missions researcher David Barrett says the country with the fastest Christian expansion ever is China, now at 10,000 new converts every day.

An Opportunity for Response – *Look through this window of opportunity...*

Pray-

“Ask of me and I will give you the nations.” *Psalm 2:8*

“Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: they shall prosper that love thee.” *Psalm 122:6*

Go-

“Go into all the world and teach all Nations” *Matthew 28:19*

“And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.” *Mark 16:15*

"I will praise you among the nations, O Lord" *Psalm 18:49*

“Then saith he unto his disciples, The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few; Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest.” *Matthew 9:37-38*

