

God's Symphony of Effort



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Scripture in Print¹	Language-specific	~6,800 "Living" languages	-	4,750 Portions, NT or Bible or no translation need	=	2,050 No Scripture, definite translation need
Missionary Radio²		389 Languages spoken by over 1 million people	-	263 Major languages now broadcast	=	126 Major languages to broadcast
Audio Recordings³		~10,000 Spoken languages / dialects	-	6,009 Language recordings available	=	3,991 Recordings needed
Jesus Film⁴		1,445 Languages spoken by over 100,000 people	-	1,135 Languages completed	=	310 Yet to be dubbed
Satellite TV⁵		7 "World" Languages	-	7 "World" Languages	=	0 More may be added

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Peoples List⁶	People-specific	16,800 Ethnic peoples	-	9,850 At least initial evangelization	=	6,950 Least-reached
Church Planting⁷		24,000 Needing church movements	-	16,000 Now possess church movements	=	8,000 Needing church movements

Sources: 1=Wycliffe Bible Translators, 2=World by Radio, 3=Global Recordings Network, 4=Jesus Film Project, 5=SAT-7, 6=Joshua Project, 7=US Center for World Mission estimates. Data from January 2012 Some are estimates.

"Note that all seven rows are ways of looking at the tasks that are of real value. Nevertheless, it would be a great mistake to assume that any one row is the answer to the Unfinished Task. None of the numbers in the final column (Left to Do!) are exact. All the numbers are conservative. For example, only as clusters of unreached peoples are actually penetrated can anyone know the possibility of divergent sub-groups. Therefore, the USCWM lists 8,000 in need of church planting movements to make sure the task remaining is not under-estimated. No one communication tool or approach can by itself complete the Great Commission. God is orchestrating all of these tools and approaches to bring about 'A Church for Every People.'" Original diagram source: Winter / Koch, Perspectives Reader 4th Edition, pg. 558.

