

MOBILISING - MENTORING - TRAINING

GHANA, WITH A POPULATION OF OVER 30 MILLION, HAS 111 PEOPLE GROUPS. AMONG THEM ARE 19 KNOWN UNREACHED PEOPLE GROUPS (UPG'S).

This Edition:
GHANA FEATURE



There is a church presence in every region in Ghana, but this doesn't necessarily translate to reaching the UPG's with the Gospel. While there are many resources available for missions due to modern technology, they are not always in people's mother tongue or reaching those who need them most.

The mission work in Ghana meets a wide variety of obstacles, such as *converts experiencing persecution/rejection/disowning & mockery, ministry being impacted by language barriers, church structure being unprepared for receiving converts from ethnic minorities, conventional evangelism focus slowing the evangelism progress, and having an inadequate workforce among UPG's.*

Despite these challenges there is an increasing number of churches and mission agencies who are rising to the challenge to make an effort to see the **unreached become reached**. Believers in Ghana are expecting in faith for a move of God that will not just impact Ghana but flood into neighboring countries by focusing on key areas, such as local leadership development, mission awareness, and recruiting, relationship building, children's ministry, discipleship, and social intervention.

INSIGHT: *Why are there so many UPG's?*

There are nearly 7000 unreached people groups in the world. That's 3 billion individuals. How is this possible?



(Here are 2 possible reasons but there are many more..)

Believers don't understand the state of the world, the importance of missions today, and the role of the local church in it. Many are uncertain about their own calling and how to be involved in missions. They don't recognize the opportunities God has given them to reach the unreached in their own countries.



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If churches are self-centred and inwardly-focused, their vision is not cast beyond their own immediate context. Some feel overwhelmed and paralyzed before the task and some have such a small vision that much emphasis is put on the few current missionaries without strategically preparing new ones to follow them in the future.



UPG defined - A people group among which there is no indigenous community of believing Christians with adequate numbers and resources to evangelize their own people. Most missiologists consider 2% of the population becoming Christ followers as the "tipping point" at which the group is generally considered "reached" with the Gospel.



"Most of the UPGs are no longer isolated geographically by the gospel, but are isolated instead by social, cultural and linguistic barriers. Such barriers have prevented these people from hearing and receiving the gospel even though the church may exist nearby."

How is WEC (ACTS13) responding as an organisation to the situation in Ghana?

One way to do this is through the MiM (Mentoring in Missions) program.

MiM: MENTORING IN MISSIONS

(Motivating, Praying, Training, Coaching, Goal Setting)

ACTS13 is determined to help individuals and churches find their place in missions, and to equip them for the task. The focus of the MiM Program is to journey with those who carry a passion to serve the Lord in cross-cultural missions.

This is achieved by organising monthly mission events, which run throughout the year, to prepare the participants theologically and practically to take their place in missions. The events consist of teaching, small group discussion, quiz or other interactive elements, testimonies, praying for the nations, and trying different cuisines from around the world. Also, outreach opportunities are offered to the participants, so that they can put the theory into practice. Emphases is, however, in finding each person's individual gifting and calling, and supporting them in that journey. Through the program, the ACTS13 team members form relationships with the attendees, and offer them individual mentoring.

Let's pray that the participants of the MiM program will hear the call of God to be involved in cross-cultural missions, and that ACTS13 is able to journey with them to see them reach the unreached.



MiM Intro video: <https://youtu.be/-knhBo5a2zM>

ACTS13 VISION:

'PARTNERING WITH THE CHURCH IN AFRICA IN SENDING CROSS-CULTURAL WORKERS TO MAKE DISCIPLES OF CHRIST AMONGST THE UNREACHED IN THE REGION AND BEYOND.'

ACTS13 GOAL:

'OUR GOAL IS TO HAVE WELL-TRAINED, SPIRIT-FILLED AFRICAN CROSS-CULTURAL WORKERS WHO WILL 'GIVE IT ALL FOR JESUS' BEING SENT OUT TO THE LEAST REACHED GLOBALLY.'



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