

International Student Ministry: The time is NOW!

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Never forget the stranger. Hebrews 13:2

Make the most of every **O**ppportunity. Eph 5:6

Welcome the World!



IFI MISSION

To extend life-changing hospitality and friendship to international students out of reference for Jesus.

Never forget the stranger.



VISION

God's love extended globally in partnership with spiritual vibrant international students.

Make the most of every  pportunity. Eph 5:6



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Making the World feel at Home.

Welcome the **W**orld



INTERNATIONAL STUDENT MINISTRY IS...



Biblical

Effective

Strategic

Resourceful



INTERNATIONAL STUDENT MINISTRY IS BIBLICAL

- Abraham was the foundational international Becoming a part of God's plan to bless all nations.
Gen 12:1,3



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- Paul is an illustration of God's plan to use internationals as a part of His plan to bless all nations.



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“When a foreigner resides among you in your land, do not mistreat them. The foreigner residing among you must be treated as your native-born. Love them as yourself, for you were foreigners in Egypt. I am the LORD your God.”

Leviticus 19:33-34



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“Don’t forget to show hospitality to strangers, for some who have done this have entertained angels without realizing it!”

Hebrews 13:2 (NLT)



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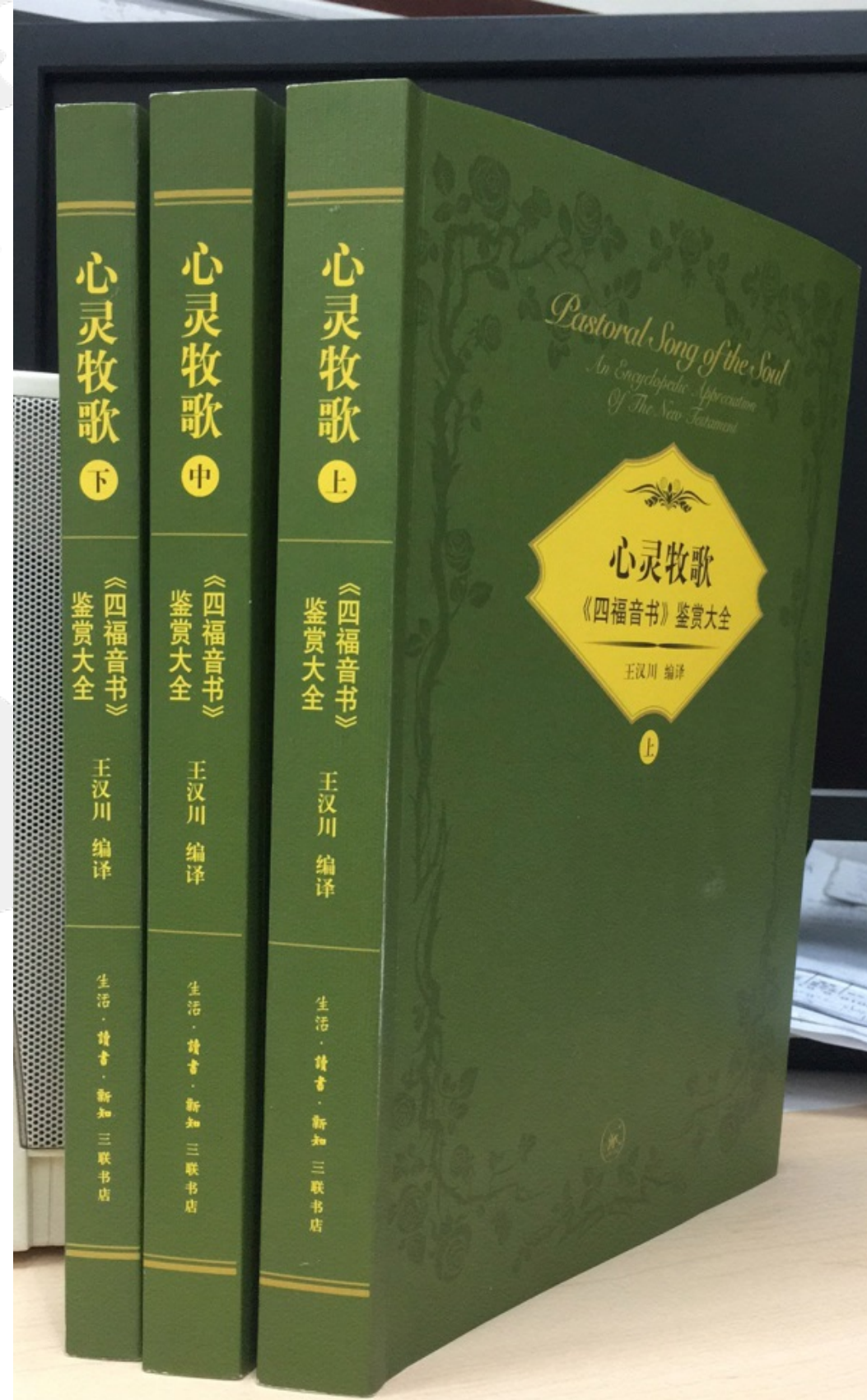
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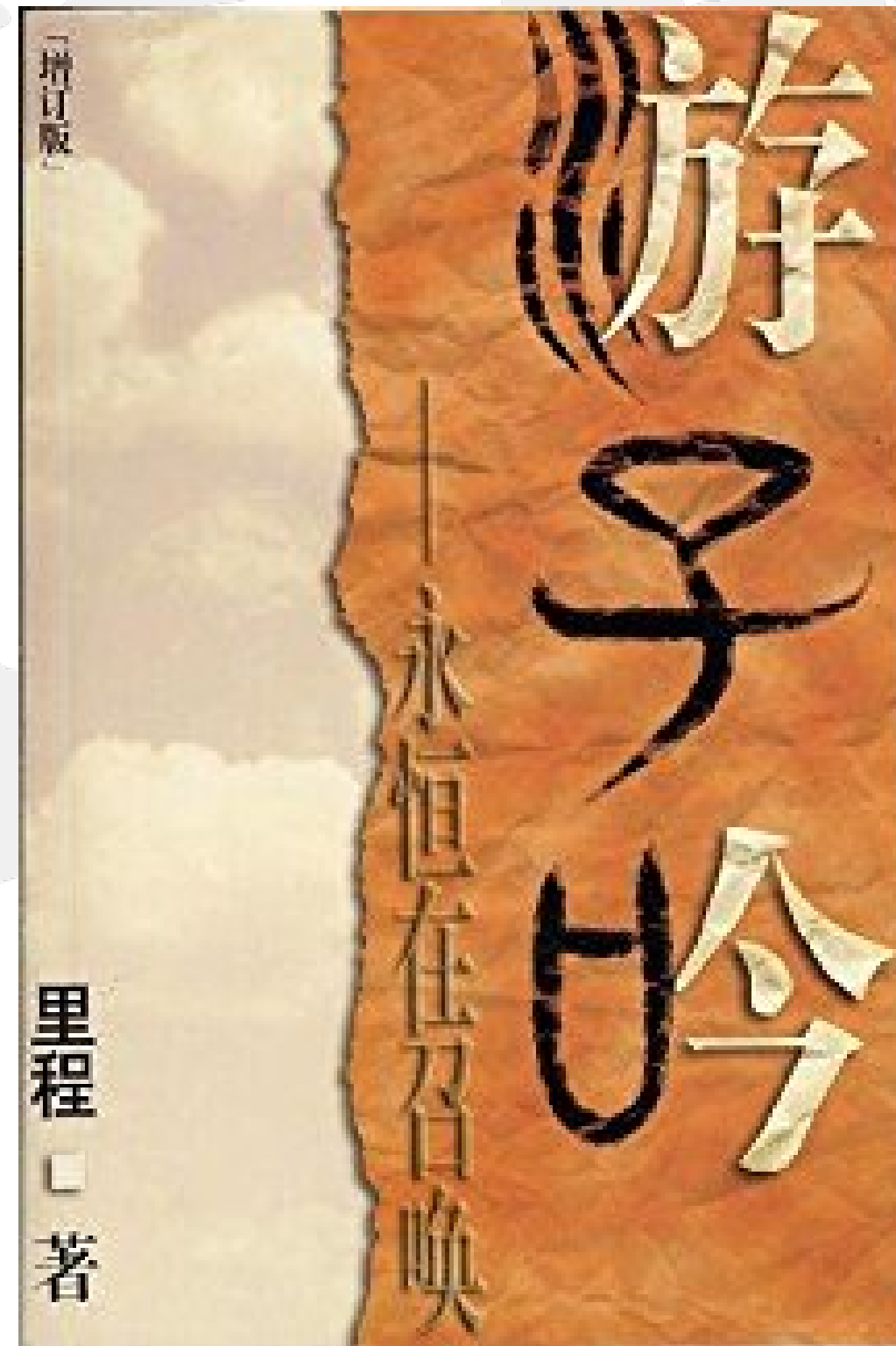
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INTERNATIONAL STUDENT MINISTRY IS STRATEGIC!



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A modern day Abraham



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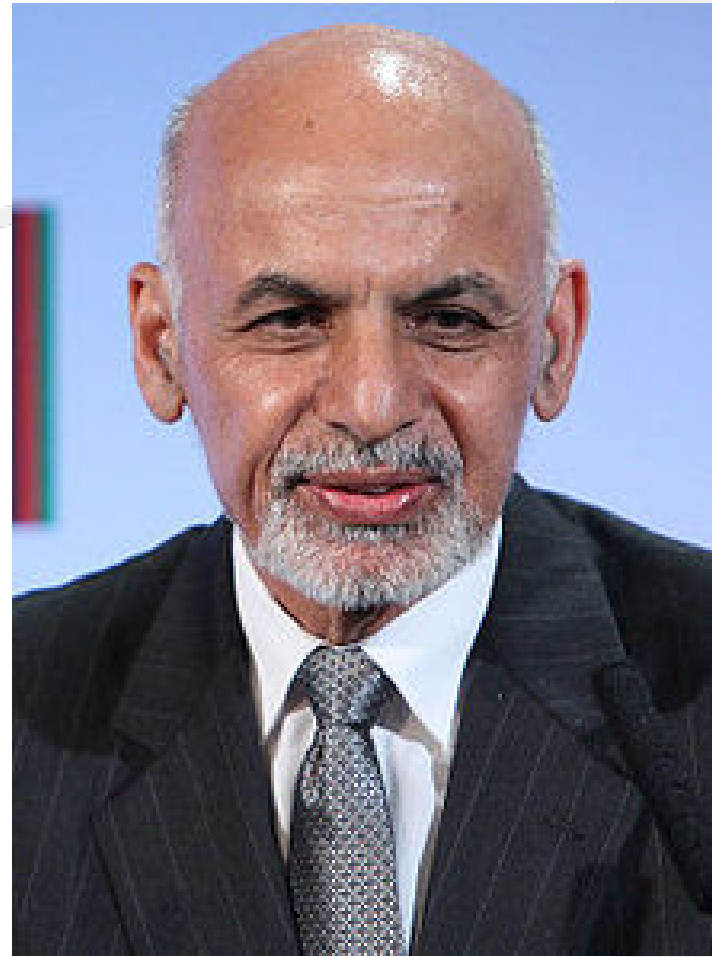
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CURRENT WORLD LEADERS



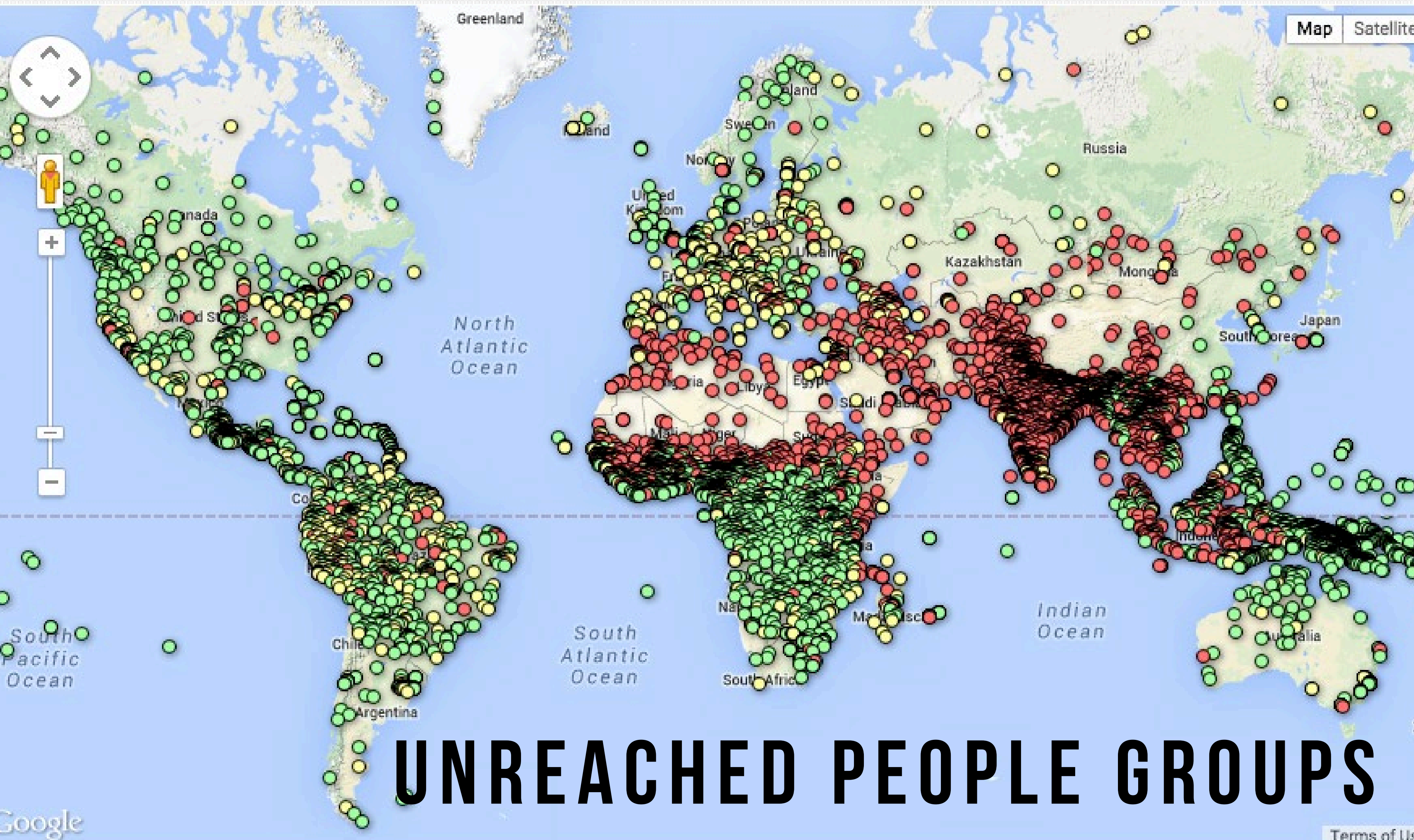
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President 2014-Present



Carlos Alvarado Quesada- Costa Rica
President 2018-Present

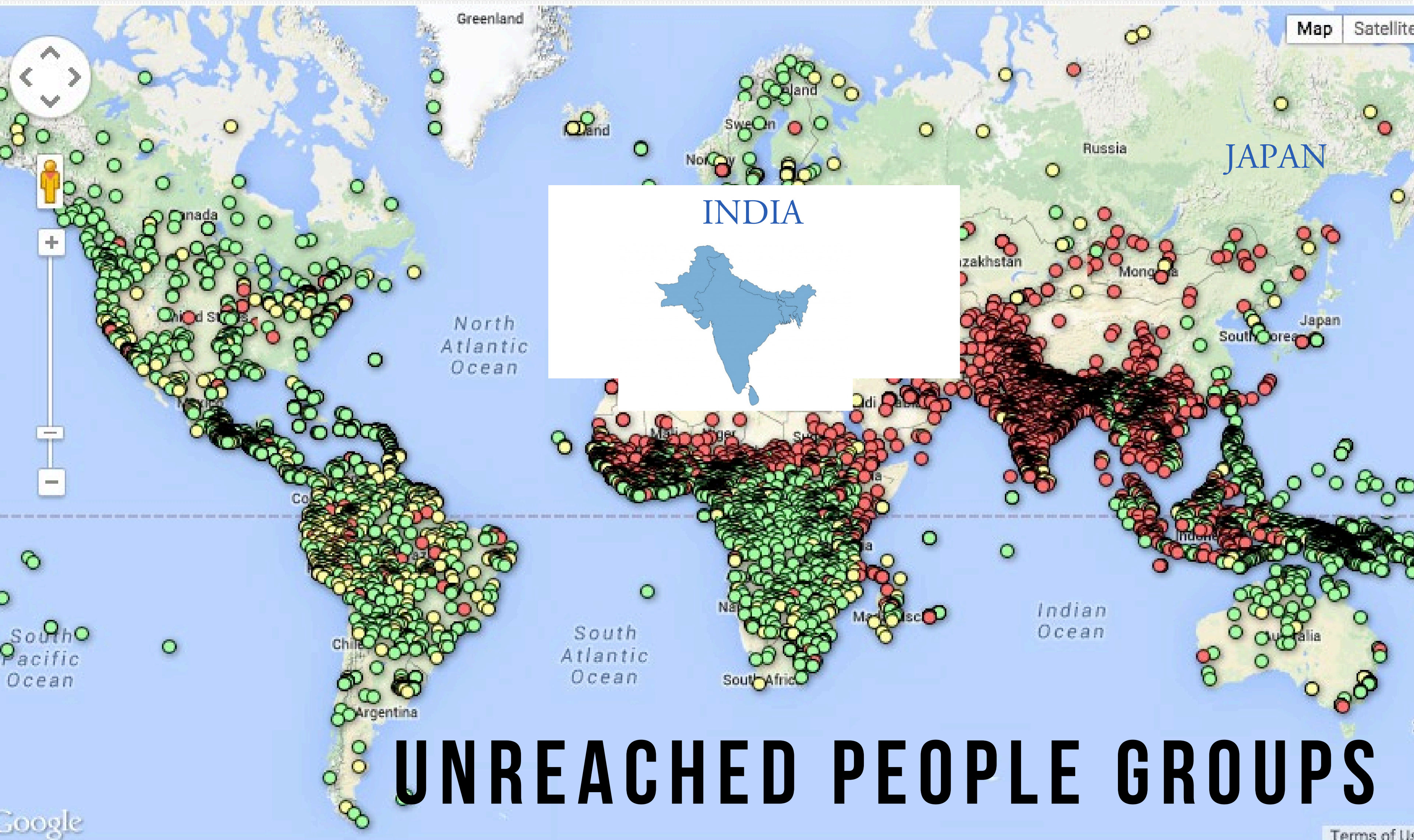


Arthur Peter Mutharika - Malawi
President 2014-Present



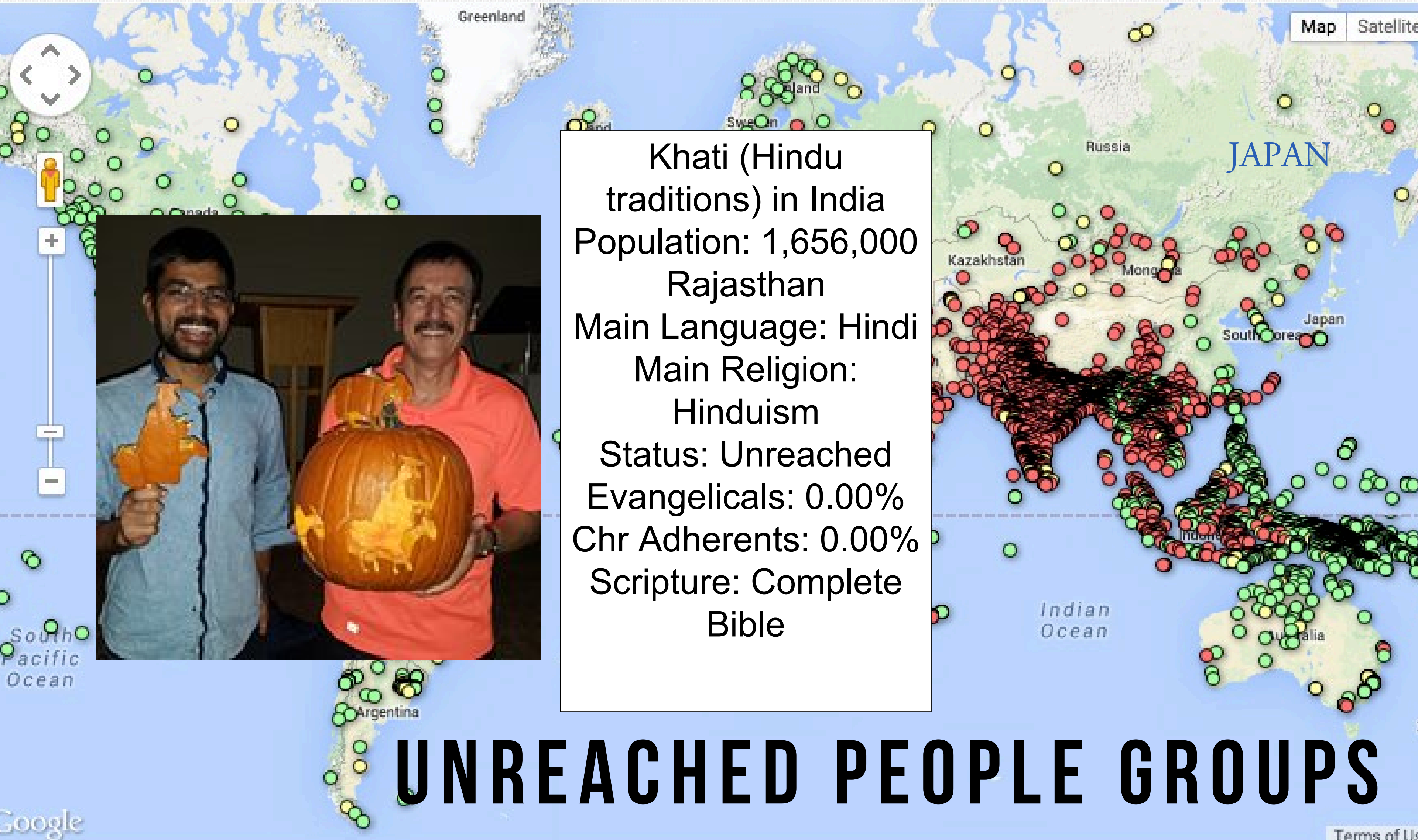
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Khati (Hindu traditions) in India
Population: 1,656,000
Rajasthan
Main Language: Hindi
Main Religion: Hinduism
Status: Unreached
Evangelicals: 0.00%
Chr Adherents: 0.00%
Scripture: Complete Bible



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CURRENT TRENDS THAT MAKE ISM STRATEGIC

1. Growth in Nationalism.



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2. The increase in persecution against Christians worldwide.



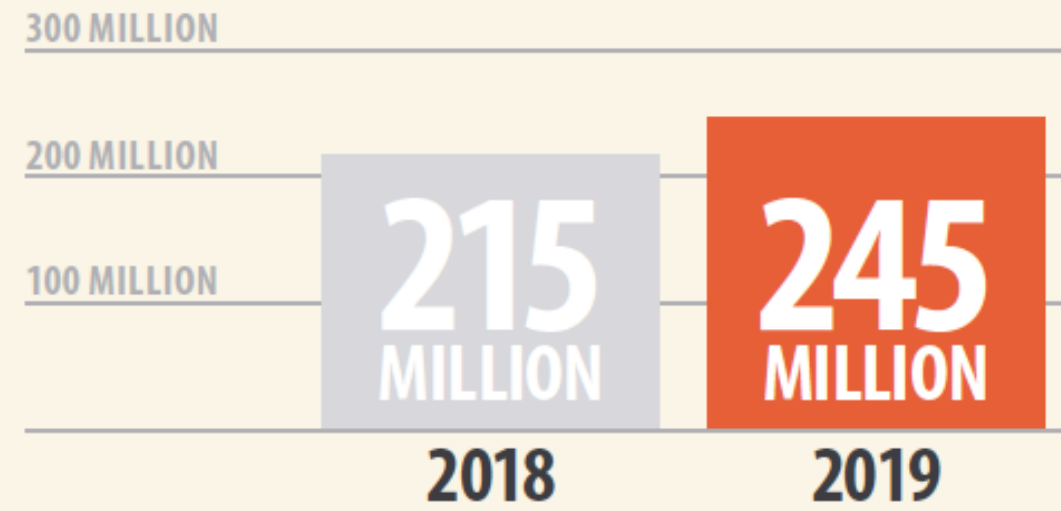
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PERSECUTION BY THE NUMBERS

≈14%

The rise in the number of Christians in the top 50 countries on the World Watch List who experience high levels of persecution.



1 in 9 Christians experience high levels of persecution worldwide.



During the World Watch List 2019 reporting period, in the top 50 countries:

4,136

Christians were killed for faith-related reasons. On average, that's 11 Christians killed every day for their faith.



2,625

Christians were detained without trial, arrested, sentenced and imprisoned.

1,266

churches or Christian buildings were attacked.



ONE  = 100

CURRENT TRENDS THAT MAKE ISM STRATEGIC

3. Family Breakdown is on the rise.

- rapid and exponential rise in divorce rates in China (300% rise in 20 years, 39% rate in Beijing).
- The global divorce rate has increased 251.8 % since 1960.

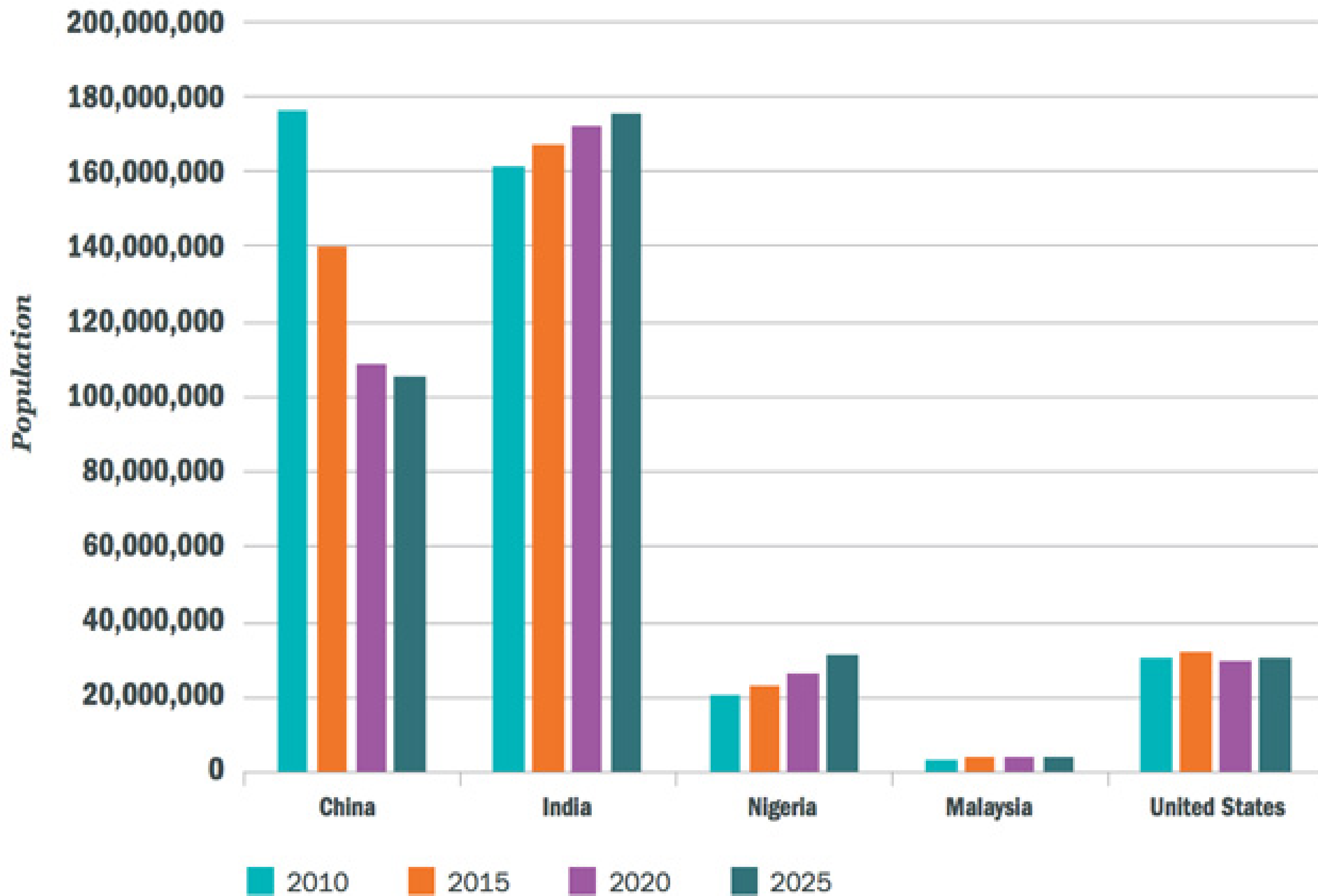
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4. The numbers of Chinese students will remain constant or decline while the growth of the number of Indian students will increase.



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5. The five largest states with the largest non-Christian populations are:

- Uttar Pradesh, India
- Maharashtra, India
- Punjab, Pakistan
 - Bihar, India
- Guangdong, China

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Things that help in all of this:

- The promises of God
- An unchanging vision
- Values that guide our ministry

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