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**A REPORT ON THE STATUS OF UNREACHED PEOPLES IN GLAMA:
BY NATIONAL ORIGIN POPULATION, RACE/ETHNIC CATEGORIES,
AND NUMBER AND RATIO OF PROTESTANT CHURCHES PER GROUP
(INCLUDES LOS ANGELES AND ORANGE COUNTIES)**

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AN INTRODUCTION TO UNREACHED PEOPLES RESEARCH IN THE GREATER LOS ANGELES METRO AREA (GLAMA)

During the past two years our ministry team (In-Depth Evangelism Associates) has attempted to discover, define, measure, and describe the race/ethnic and religious diversity of the total population in the Greater Los Angeles Metro Area (GLAMA); to determine who are the "unreached people groups" (see Appendix I for definitions) as well as to establish a ranking of "reachedness" based on the ratio of Protestant churches per group (e.g., 1:10,000); and to communicate the results of our research to Christian leaders. Our primary concern has been to "see" more clearly the whole picture (a macro view), as well as the component parts (a micro view), of the human mosaic in "The City of the Angels."

The following report is a third edition of a "working document" that describes what we have discovered about our Jerusalem--a representative sample of ethnic groups from every people, tongue, tribe and nation.

The "mission field" has literally come to our doorstep. Los Angeles has become the new port-of-entry for millions of people from around the world who have come to the USA for a variety of reasons. Los Angeles is now the most ethnically diverse city in the nation, according to recent reports (see Zena Pearlstone, Ethnic L.A., Beverly Hills: Hillcrest Press, 1990; and David Rieff, Los Angeles: Capital of the Third World, New York: Simon & Shuster, 1991). And this process of population growth and change is creating a much greater diversity of people in our local neighborhoods than we have ever seen before; many long-term residents are beginning to feel like "strangers" in their own neighborhoods, because the composition of their community is changing. Los Angeles is taking on the characteristics of a "global village," where people from many nations are cohabitating and interacting in ways that were never possible in their own countries.

For those of us who are concerned about the Christian Church and its missionary responsibility both here and abroad, it is imperative that we begin to show the same concern and diligence regarding obedience to the Great Commission and the Great Commandment in our Jerusalem, Judea and Samaria as we do regarding mission work overseas. We must give special attention to improving our skills in the area of cross-cultural communication, so that we can better understand and respond to the needs of "our neighbors" in our local communities, i.e. "our parish." We must be consistent, persistent, and resourceful in seeking to obey the Great Commission ("make disciples of people of all nations"-- ta ethne = "ethnic/people groups") in the GLAMA. Our confession ("I believe in the Great Commission") must be matched with our obedience ("Go into the highways and byways and compel them to come in so that my Father's House may be full!") to the Lord of the Harvest, here in the City of the Angels.

We must be aggressive in our evangelism, while demonstrating love, compassion and justice in our social relationships: we must not "use" people but rather guide them to faith and trust in Christ as Lord and only Savior by our words and deeds--our example as obedient disciples of Christ.

This document is offered to the Christian public in the hope that we will have "eyes to see" and "ears to hear" what the Lord is saying to His Church here and now as we prepare to enter the 21st century.

**STATUS OF UNREACHED PEOPLES IN GLAMA:
BY NATIONAL ORIGIN POPULATION, RACE/ETHNIC CATEGORIES,
AND NUMBER AND RATIO OF PROTESTANT CHURCHES PER GROUP, 1992**

<u>RACE/ETHNIC GROUP</u> (see Note #1)		<u>ESTIMATED</u> <u>1990 POP. CHURCHES</u> (Note #2)	<u>NO. PROT.</u> <u>CH/POP</u> (Note #3)	<u>RATIO</u> (Note #4)
<u>AMERICAN INDIAN/ALEUT/ESKIMO</u>				
AI	AMERICAN INDIAN/ALEUT/ESKIMO (ABOUT 200 TRIBES ARE REPRESENTED HERE OUT OF ALMOST 500 RECOGNIZED GROUPS)	54,092	10	1:5,409
<u>ASIAN/PACIFIC ISLANDER</u>				
		1,203,677	1,322	1:911
AS	<u>ASIAN</u>	1,163,677	1,295	1:899
AS-BE	BENGLALI	--		
AS-BU	BURMESE	--		
AS-CA	CAMBODIAN/KYMER	32,723	7	1:4,675
AS-CH	CHINESE	286,436	218	1:1,314
AS-FL	FILIPINO	250,009	45	1:5,556
AS-IA	INDIAN-ASIAN	59,041	10	1:5,904
AS-IN	INDONESIAN	5,000*	13	1:385
AS-JA	JAPANESE	159,440	51	1:3,126
AS-KO	KOREAN	181,350	883	1:205
AS-LA	LAO	6,635	3	1:2,212
AS-PA	PAKISTANI	--	-	--
AS-TH	THAI	21,243	2	1:10,622
AS-VT	VIETNAMESE	134,416	18	1:7,468
AS-OT	OTHER ASIAN	--	45	--
	<u>PACIFIC ISLANDERS</u>	40,000*	27	1:1,481
AS-PI-GU	GUAMANIAN	7,038	1	1:1,760
AS-PI-HA	HAWAIIAN	11,175	1	1:11,175
AS-PI-SA	SAMOAN	14,913	21	1:710
AS-PI-TO	TONGAN	5,000*	4	1:1,250
AS-PI-OT	OTHER PACIFIC IS.	2,000*	-	--
<u>BLACK/NEGRO</u>				
		1,035,655	1,844	1:562
BL-AA	AFRO-AMERICAN	900,000*		
BL-AF	AFRICAN IMMIGRANTS	--		
BL-AF-ET	ETHIOPIAN	20,000*		
BL-AF-GH	GHANAIAN	1,500*		
BL-AF-KE	KENYAN	1,000*		
BL-AF-NI	NIGERIAN	15,000*		
BL-AC	AFRO-CARIBBEAN IMMIGRANTS	75,000*		
BL-AC-BW	BRITISH WEST INDIES	--		
BL-AC-BZ	BELIZEAN	--		
BL-AC-HA	HAITIAN	--		
BL-AC-DW	DUTCH WEST INDIES/SURINAMIAN	--		
BL-AC-FW	FRENCH WEST INDIES/GUYANESE	--		
BL-AC-JM	JAMAICAN	--		
BL-OT	OTHER BLACK/NEGRO	--		

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<u>RACE/ETHNIC GROUP</u> (see Note #1)	<u>ESTIMATED</u> <u>1990 POP. CHURCHES</u> (Note #2)	<u>NO. PROT.</u> <u>CH/POP</u> (Note #3)	<u>RATIO</u> (Note #4)
<u>WHITE/CAUCASIAN (NON-HISPANIC)</u>	5,173,351	3,255	1:1,589
WHITE/MIXED NATIONALITIES (born in USA, English-speakers)			
WH-AA ALL AMERICAN	--		
WHITE/EASTERN EUROPEAN DESCENT			
WH-EE-AL ALBANIAN	--		
WH-EE-AU AUSTRIAN	--		
WH-EE-BO BOSNIAN	--		
WH-EE-BU BULGARIAN	--		
WH-EE-CR CROATIAN	20,000*	1	
WH-EE-CZ CZECH	--		
WH-EE-ES ESTONIAN	800*		
WH-EE-GY GYPSY (ROMAN)	50,000*		
WH-EE-HU HUNGARIAN	--	2	
WH-EE-LA LATVIAN	3,000*		
WH-EE-LI LITHUANIAN	15,000*		
WH-EE-MA MACEDONIAN	--		
WH-EE-PO POLISH	--		
WH-EE-RO ROMANIAN	--		
WH-EE-RS RUSSIAN (SOME ARE JEWS)	40,000*	4	1:10,000
WH-EE-SE SERBS (MUSLIMS)	10,000*		
WH-EE-SL SLAVIC (MANY NATIONALITIES)	--	4	
WH-EE-SO SLOVENIAN	--		
WH-EE-UK UKRAINIAN	--		
WH-EE-OT OTHER EASTERN EUROPEAN	--		
WHITE/NORTHERN EUROPEAN DESCENT			
WH-NE-BE BELGIAN	--		
WH-NE-CA CANADIAN (MOSTLY ENG. & FR.)	800,000*		
WH-NE-DADANE	5,000*		
WH-NE-DUDUTCH	100,000*	2	1:50,000
WH-NE-EN ENGLISH	350,000*		
WH-NE-FN FINN	5,000*	1	1:5,000
WH-NE-FR FRENCH	50,000*		
WH-NE-GR GERMAN	30,000*	6	1:5,000
WH-NE-IR IRISH	20,000*		
WH-NE-IC ICELANDER	200*		
WH-NE-NW NORWEGIAN	50,000*		
WH-NE-SC SCOTTISH	25,000*		
WH-NE-SW SWEDISH	40,000*		
WH-NE-SS SWISS	--		
WH-NE-WE WELSH	5,000*	1	1:5,000
WH-NE-OT OTHER NORTHERN EUROPEAN	--		

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<u>RACE/ETHNIC GROUP</u> (see Note #1)	<u>ESTIMATED</u> <u>1990 POP. CHURCHES</u> (Note #2)	<u>NO. PROT.</u> <u>CH/POP</u> (Note #3)	<u>RATIO</u> (Note #4)
WHITE/SOUTHERN EUROPEAN DESCENT			
WH-SE-BA BASQUE	--		
WH-SE-CT CATALAN	--		
WH-SE-GA GALICIAN	--		
WH-SE-GK GREEK	100,000*	4	1:25,000
WH-SE-IT ITALIAN	20,000*	2	1:10,000
WH-SE-PO PORTUGUESE	--		
WH-SE-SP SPANIARD	--		
WH-SE-OT OTHER SOUTHERN EUROPEAN	--		
MIDDLE EASTERN DESCENT			
WH-ME-AR ARAB	300,000*	17	1:17,647
WH-ME-AY ASSYRIAN	--	1	
WH-ME-AM ARMENIAN	250,000*	31	1:8,065
WH-ME-CY CYPRIAN	--		
WH-ME-IR IRANIAN/PERSIAN	400,000*	4	1:100,000
WH-ME-IQ IRAQI/BABYLONIAN	--		
WH-ME-IS ISRAELI	200,000*		
WH-ME-JE JEWISH (estimated total =	600,000*	8	1:75,000
WH-ME-JO JORDANIAN	--		
WH-ME-LE LEBANESE	--		
WH-ME-PL PALESTINIAN	50,000*		
WH-ME-TU TURK	--		
WH-ME-SD SAUDI ARABIAN	--		
WH-ME-SY SYRIAN	--		
WH-ME-OT OTHER MIDDLE EASTERN	--		
WHITE NORTH/SOUTH AFRICAN DESCENT			
WH-AF-EG EGYPTIAN	--		
WH-AF-LY LYBIAN	--		
WH-AF-MR MOROCCAN	--		
WH-AF-SO SO. AFRICAN (SOME ARE JEWS)	10,000*		
WH-AF-TN TUNISIAN	--		
WH-AF-OT OTHER WHITE AFRICAN	--		
WHITE PACIFIC ISLANDER			
WH-PI-NZ NEW ZEALANDER	1,500*		
WH-PI-AU AUSTRALIAN	10,000*		
WH-PI-OT OTHER WHITE PACIFIC ISL.	--		

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<u>RACE/ETHNIC GROUP</u> (see Note #1)	<u>ESTIMATED 1990 POP.</u> (Note #2)	<u>NO. PROT. CHURCHES</u> (Note #3)	<u>RATIO CH/POP</u> (Note #4)
<u>HISPANIC ORIGIN (ALL RACES)</u>	3,916,070	1,042	1:3,758
HS-AR ARGENTINIAN	45,000*		
HS-BO BOLIVIAN	--		
HS-BR BRAZILIANS	10,000*		
HS-CH CHILEAN	16,000*		
HS-CO COLOMBIAN	--		
HS-CR COSTA RICAN	10,000*		
HS-CU CUBAN	52,000*		
HS-DO DOMINICAN	--		
HS-EC ECUADORAN	--		
HS-EL EL SALVADORAN	350,000*		
HS-GU GUATEMALAN	100,000*		
HS-HO HONDURAN	--		
HS-ME MEXICAN	3,006,000*		
HS-NI NICARAGUAN	50,000*		
HS-PN PANAMANIAN	--		
HS-PG PARAGUAYAN	--		
HS-PE PERUVIAN	60,000*		
HS-PR PUERTO RICAN	50,000*		
HS-UR URUGUAYAN	--		
HS-OT OTHERS: HOW MANY AM. INDIANS FROM THESE COUNTRIES?			
<u>OTHER/MIXED ETHNIC-RACIAL GROUPS</u>			
OT-AS AFRO-ASIAN	--		
OT-AE AFRO-EUROPEAN (MULATTO)	--		
OT-AH AFRO-HISPANIC	--		
OT-AD AFRO-AMERICAN INDIAN (SAMBO)	--		
OT-EA EURO-ASIAN	--		
OT-EH EURO-HISPANIC	--		
OT-EI EURO-AMERICAN INDIAN (MESTIZO)	--		
OT-HA HISPANO-ASIAN	--		
OT-OT OTHER MIXED RACE	--		
XX <u>UNKNOWN</u>	--		
<u>SUB-TOTALS BY RACE/ETHNIC CATEGORIES:</u>			
AI AM. INDIAN/ALEUT/ESKIMO(NH)	57,673	11	1:5,243
AS ASIAN/PACIFIC ISLANDER (NH)	1,203,677	1,322	1:911
BL BLACK/NEGRO (NH)	1,035,655	1,844	1:562
WH WHITE/CAUCASIAN (NON-HISPANIC)	3,618,850	3,255	1:1,589
HS HISPANIC ORIGIN (ALL RACES)	3,916,070	1,042	1:3,758
<u>SUB-TOTALS BY COUNTY FOR GLAMA:</u>			
L.A. COUNTY	8,469,427	6,319	1:1,340
ORANCE COUNTY	2,410,556	1,155	1:2,087
<u>GRAND TOTALS FOR GLAMA:</u>	10,879,983	7,474	1:1,456

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NOTES:

#1 This is a selective list, based on estimated population size of the larger ethnic/racial/national origin groups in the Greater Los Angeles Metro Area (GLAMA), using 1980 and 1990 census categories.

#2a See Zena Pearlstone, ETHNIC L.A. (Beverly Hills: Hillcrest Press, 1990) for population estimates and descriptions of many of the ethnic groups listed above (identified by *); population figures without an asterisk (*) are from the 1990 Census reports.

#2b See PEOPLESFILE INDEX (Alan Starling, Editor; Pasadena: Global Mapping Project, 1986) for a list of languages spoken within each national origin population.

#3a The "Number of Protestant Churches" is based on calculations from our GLAMA Database of religious groups, where "Protestant Churches" are defined by denomination and "families of primary religious groups." For more information, see Appendix II and our report: "Toward a Classification System of Religious Groups by Family Types in the Americas," by Clifton L. Holland (Pasadena: IDEA/Church Growth Studies Program - dated June 25, 1992).

#3b Using "Protestant churches" as a point of reference does not imply that there are no Christians outside of Protestant churches, nor that all Protestant church members are true believers; or that all Protestant churches are "evangelical" in doctrine or lifestyle. However, we have determined that, in general, the presence of Protestant churches among ethnic communities is a valid criteria for measuring progress toward the evangelization of "unreached people groups" in GLAMA.

#4 This ratio is calculated by dividing the "Estimated Population" for each race/ethnic group by the number of known "Protestant Churches" (those listed in our GLAMA Database); for example: 10,000 :- 10 = 1:1,000.

#5 The "Hispanic Origin" population category needs clarification. For purposes of this report, the racial and ethnic data is presented in the "Hispanic exclusive" convention. On the census questionnaire, persons were asked both about their racial identity and if they were of Hispanic origin. For example, a person could classify herself/himself as "White" and of "Hispanic Origin." Such people would be listed twice in the final census reports: once as "White" and again as of "Hispanic Origin." Therefore, reports based on the 1990 Census usually include a separate column for the "Hispanic Origin" population (all persons who classified themselves as of "Hispanic Origin"), even though many of these same people also listed their race as "White." In our report, the "White/ Caucasian" population category includes the label "Non-Hispanic" to denote that statistics on "White/Hispanic Origin" are not included, rather they are listed separately under the category "Hispanic Origin."

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**THE STATUS OF UNREACHED PEOPLES IN GLAMA:
PRELIMINARY CONCLUSIONS AND INTERPRETATION OF DATA**

IN CONCLUSION, I would like to clarify or explain some of the variables that will tend to distort or complicate the interpretation of the results of this preliminary report.

1. **POPULATION TOTALS:** For major race/ethnic/national origin categories, the population statistics are based on the 1990 Census of Population; for national origin groups not listed by the Census, we have used estimates by Zena Pearlstone in Ethnic L.A. (Beverly Hills: Hillcrest Press, 1990). In some cases, the statistics on national origin population from the Census Dept. are considered to be low estimates according to community leaders.

2. **PROTESTANT CHURCHES:** The totals are based on current listings in our GLAMA Database by denominational and race/ethnic group categories. There are two exceptions, however:

(1) The number of churches listed in the "Black/Negro" category is an estimate of the total number of Afro-American churches believed to exist in census tracts and zip codes that are predominantly "Black/Negro," according to the 1990 Census. For example, we have estimated that in census tracts where 80% of the population is listed as "Black/Negro," about 80% of the churches in our database will prove to be predominantly Afro-American. Further research needs to be done (hopefully by Afro-American church leaders themselves) in these communities, either to confirm or disprove this conjuncture.

And (2), the number of churches listed as "White/Other" is a deduction on our part, the result of subtracting all the other ethnic churches from the total number of Protestant churches in our database. According to the Dept. of Commerce, the "White/Other" category in the 1990 Census of Population includes all the sub-categories that we have presented in our report: White/ Eastern Europeans, White/Northern Europeans, White/Southern Europeans, White/ Mixed Nationalities, White/Middle Easterners, White North/ South Africans, White/Pacific Islanders (Australians, New Zealanders, others), etc.

3. **INCOMPLETE DATA:** Some lines and columns in this report are blank because no data is available at this time for those categories. The fact that the column is "blank" does not mean that no churches are currently ministering to, or are composed of, people from that race/ethnic group. The blank space only means that, at this time, no data is available.

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4. DATA LISTED: This preliminary report is based on the best data currently available from many sources. Our task now is to review, evaluate, modify, and/or confirm the information reported for each race/ethnic category.

5. LANGUAGE VARIABLES: It is important to note that our report is based on "race/ethnic" or "national origin" population categories, and is not based on the language spoken by members of these groups. For example, according to the Ethnologue (Wycliffe/SIL) or the PeoplesFile Index (Global Mapping Project), 46 languages are spoken by the people of Laos; our report lists three churches among an estimated population of 6,635 immigrants from Laos in the GLAMA. But, at this time, we don't know what languages are used for worship in these churches, or how many people speak one or more of the 46 languages known to exist in Laos. Nor do we know what languages predominate in each of the neighborhoods where these immigrants have settled throughout Los Angeles and Orange counties.

6. WHO ARE THE "UNREACHED" PEOPLE GROUPS IN GLAMA? Before we can answer that question with accuracy, further fieldwork must be done by teams from local churches, staff persons from Christian service agencies (both denominational and para-church agencies), and professors and students from educational institutions; for example, by organizations that are members of the "Consortium for Urban Leadership Development (COULD)" (see Appendix III).

The January 1992 issue of the Global Prayer Digest, published by the U.S. Center for World Mission in Pasadena, was dedicated to the subject of "unreached people groups" in the Los Angeles Area. This publication gave dozens of examples of specific ethnolinguistical groups that they considered "unreached" (see the published materials from the U.S. Center for World Mission for their definition of "unreached" and for other categories of "reachedness" used in Protestant mission circles). The chart entitled "Ethnic Groups in Greater Los Angeles with the fewest Protestant Churches" (see inside back cover of the GPD for January 1992) was based on information from the first edition of our report on unreached peoples in GLAMA (dated October 1991).

Some readers of the GPD were no doubt surprised to find that we had listed some Caucasian ethnic groups (i.e., "Russians," "Greeks," "Italians," "Armenians," etc.) as potential "unreached peoples" based on the fact that few Protestant churches existed among these groups. However, the basic problem is that we don't know how many immigrants (or native-born Americans of European ancestry from these countries) attend worship services in, or are members of, English-speaking Protestant churches.

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Also, we acknowledge that some of these ethnic groups have strong ties to non-Protestant Christian churches from their countries of origin--various Eastern Orthodox traditions (Russian, Ukrainian, Georgian, Greek, etc.), or the Roman Catholic Church (among the Italians, for example). It is also true that many of the Russian immigrants in Los Angeles are Jewish, and that some "Jewish" immigrants have become active members in Protestant churches or worship in Messianic Synagogues.

Although we don't know how many Jewish Christians there are in GLAMA, we may assume that more attend English-speaking Protestant churches than those who worship in Messianic Jewish congregations. At this time, our database only includes eight identifiable Messianic Synagogues in GLAMA. According to our sources, only about 1% of the Jewish population in GLAMA are converts to Protestant Christianity.

Further research will help us clarify and modify some of the data, as well as some of our tentative conclusions about the preliminary information presented here. The accompanying charts give an overview of the latest results of our research on "Unreached Peoples" (as defined by race/ethnic and national origin categories) for GLAMA. However, inherent in this type of information is the danger of over simplification.

7. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: We will be glad to respond to your questions, inquiries, requests, etc., regarding this report and other research-in-progress reports. Please call us at (818) 405-1089, Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.; or call and leave a message on our answering machine and we will get back to you as soon as possible. Your prayers and contributions for the support of this project are welcomed.

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