NEW HARVESTERS
AN ANSWER TO PRAYER

As the Global Church responds to the Great Commission, there are many new harvesters in the field.
EXPLORE THEIR CONTRIBUTION AND CONSIDER YOURS!

For more than two centuries, this approach to mission has been the main one—mission agencies and churches sending full-time workers to faraway places to spread the gospel.

Today it is being adopted and adapted in new places like the five largest ones shown. Thank the Lord of the harvest for this answer to prayer, and keep praying. Many more countries need to join these five.

MOBILIZATION POTENTIAL: The “mobilization percentage” is the actual number of missionaries sent divided by the potential number a country would send if only 1% of evangelical income were given to missionary sending and even if it cost $50,000 to send one. Countries may raise or lower the “1%” or the cost per missionary in order to calculate their own mobilization percentage more realistically than the global formula does.

Harvest Questions:
1. Do we primarily see ourselves as a mission field or a mission force? What is holding us back from joining with other New Harvesters?
2. Are we assuming that our country can relax and send fewer missionaries than before because these five new countries are now sending some?
3. (If your country is shown above) How does the mobilization percentage estimate prompt us to pray and act? How much more motivated would we be if we knew the exact, true percentage which only God knows?
4. Which approach to mission does God want the church in our country to use—harvesters, neighbors, or ambassadors? Or is it some combination? (See the other two graphics in this series.)

Why isn’t India in the Top 5”?
It is not new enough. We are using 1980 as the year when the “new harvesters” started expanding rapidly, and India started well before that.

CAUTION! More research needed.
Estimates vary wildly on some figures. One source gives a range of 20,000 to 100,000+ for Chinese missionaries. One source lists India as having 82,950 Indian evangelical missionaries; another says there are only 10,000 Indian missionaries including Catholic and other non-evangelicals!!

3 WAYS TO ENGAGE

Harvesters is the first of three graphics on mission mobilization.

“Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.” Mt. 9:38 (NIV)
Pray to the Lord of the Harvest to send out more laborers...specifically from new harvest fields!

Sources listed at www.missiographics.com/new-harvester