WHO IS MY NEW NEIGHBOR?
CROSS-CULTURAL NEIGHBORLINESS

Only a tiny percentage of Christians will ever be missionaries, but a huge percentage can be “missionary neighbors”. God is putting mission opportunity right next door to us—new neighbors.

NEIGHBORLINESS DOES NOT REQUIRE A SEMINARY DEGREE OR A SPECIAL CALLING. It is a matter of seeing new neighbors from a spiritual perspective instead of a worldly political perspective. Listen and love instead of lock up and look away.

“Moving to be with them” In a few cases, God may lead us to change neighborhoods or even countries so we can be neighbors there. See Movelin.to for a network using this strategy globally to “move in” to urban poor neighborhoods.

“Some of them...went to Antioch and began to speak to Greeks also [not just to Jews]” Acts 11:20 (NIV)
The “Greeks” were culturally distant from the Jewish messengers of Jesus but in Antioch, a huge multi-cultural city, they were neighbors and they got talking.

Sources listed at www.mobilization.org

HIGH RATES OF NEW NEIGHBORS PER LOCAL EVANGELICAL Destinations at least 6% evangelical

UNEVANGELIZED WITH HIGH EXIT RATES

“EXIT RATE” is the ratio of those who have left the home country to those who are still counted in the country population.
EXAMPLE: For every 100 Palestinians in Palestine, there are 78 somewhere else.

“How neighborly is your country?” See the map at the WashingtonPost.com https://goo.gl/jwHCB4, mapping the data to one question from WorldValuesSurvey.org

“EXIT RATE” = Total leaving home

+ Migrant workers
+ Moving voluntarily
+ Refugees

“I was a stranger and you invited me in...” (Mt. 25:35) The parable of the sheep and goats is not about the goodness or evil of the new guests but the new hosts.

“3 WAYS to ENGAGE” NEIGHBORS IS THE SECOND OF THREE GRAPHICS ON MISSION MOBILIZATION.

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