



A Christian Mega Strategy for Finishing the Great Commission

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Non-Christian religions of the world are on the move. Muslims, Hindus, and Buddhists are growing in number. They and other faiths daily vie for human souls. All need the Gospel.

With 2 billion adherents in 97 nation-states and projections of 2.5 billion by 2050, Islam is the primary religious challenger of the Christian faith today. Unlike other faiths, Islam assaults the Bible, and especially Jesus Christ, directly. Central to finishing the Great Commission among the lost is therefore reaching the unevangelized Muslim population of the world. Refuting Islam and winning Muslims for Christ must be a major focus of this generation of Christians.

Nearly one-third of the world's 7.9 billion people are Christian, 900 million being Protestant or Evangelical. Therefore today, there is one born-again Christian for every two Muslims! To finish the Great Commission, it will require a shift in the global church culture to that of fervent prayer, bold gospel proclamation, and church-based discipleship just as the New Testament demonstrates.

We can equip born-again Christians in every corner of the world to evangelize two or more of their Muslim neighbors, while also evangelizing non-Christians from other faiths.

Conversion, the present situation

Only half of one percent (0.5%) of Muslims have become Christians. These are 4.2 million souls across 92 regions of the world, but so many more remain in darkness. 86% of Muslims surveyed say they don't know even one Christian personally. And the door swings in both directions; just as many Christians convert to Islam as the number of Muslims who become Christians.

We must inoculate Christians from conversion to Islam, and mobilize, train, and energize Christians in ministry with Muslims.

The Answer: Our loaves and fishes in the hands of Jesus

The 5.5 million global churches are the answer to finishing the Great Commission. With Islam, most Muslims globally are within 1-5 kilometers of a local church. While praying to the Lord of the harvest for workers, we can train, equip, and mobilize existing denominational networks and congregations with an operational plan to finish the Great Commission locally and globally!

By God's grace, i2 Ministries is positioned to operationalize such a strategy on a global scale. I2 is already engaged with the largest denominations in countries on every continent and has already laid the strategic groundwork for a massive and scalable global push, to the glory of God and in partnership with the whole Body of Christ.

Tools developed by i2 Ministries are meant to serve the global church, including all ministries and organizations that are faithful to God's Word and winning souls for Christ (Mk 9:38-41). We know of no other Christian ministry today, nor even in the 1400-year history of Islam, that has achieved a global strategy for fulfilling the Great Commission among Muslims.

We envision three strategic and necessary prongs:

1. Secure technology for communication and ministry management
2. National leadership development
3. Launching local churches into evangelism and discipleship initiatives

Secure Technology for Communication and Ministry Management

We expect the silencing or exclusion of Christians to continue and worsen. The WISE Global mobile app is a powerful integrative ministry management system focused on reaching unreached peoples with the Gospel, circumventing existing technologies and platforms. It allows networks, denominations, and others to launch and track the progress of prayer, training, evangelism, and discipleship initiatives to reach the unreached among the major world religions. We are seeking to build The WISE app into a secure environment to protect the mission and users even in the world's most sensitive and dangerous areas. This technology is scalable and will be available as a free resource to serve the global Church. It will contain over 20 courses from globally recognized professors on Christian Missions to Muslims and Islamic studies. This App is expected to be released in 2022/2023.

National Leadership Development

We believe that a global strategy to complete the Great Commission must not neglect the cultivation of knowledge at the highest levels, including advanced studies and new research. MMWU, the online school of i2 Ministries with a pathway to a fully online, fully accredited MA degree, gives an opportunity for anyone in the world to complete an advanced degree, regardless of financial resources. The program is considered the most comprehensive curriculum globally on Christian Missions to Muslims and Islamic Studies. Even now, hundreds of pastors and leaders from 40 countries received full scholarships to MMWU and today lead 'Every Muslim For Christ' initiatives in their countries. We believe such equipping via education is an essential prong of Great Commission fulfillment.

Launching Local Churches into Evangelism and Discipleship Initiatives

Any effective program to fulfill the Great Commission must emphasize and support the spiritual work of the local church. The "Every Muslim For Christ" initiative helps serve pastors by training them to equip and mobilize their congregations to evangelize every Muslim in their regions. I2 has relationships with senior denominational leaders globally and regularly executes National Pastors' Conferences, each dedicated to training a thousand or more pastors and leaders to provide their own congregations with the knowledge, skills, and technology to effectively reach Muslims for Christ. Since 2003, i2 has equipped thousands of trainers in some 50 countries to help others become more effective in evangelism among Muslims. We estimate that over one million Christians have already been impacted by these training efforts of i2. These results remain but a fraction of what needs to be done, but the groundwork has been laid, and the pieces are in place, and this model can scale country by country.

Conclusion

Over the next 10 years, with extensive pastoral and youth leadership training, video overdubbing in many languages freely made available to Christian believers in every part of the world, course book and curricula translations, uptake of global usage and further development and improvement of the WISE app and related technologies, including a cryptocurrency, we actually believe that the Great Commission can be well underway for completion in this generation not only among Muslims, but to all people in the world.