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God's Global Heart
Historical Perspectives on Missions
Acts 11

Now those who had been scattered by the persecution that broke out when Stephen was killed traveled as far as Phoenicia, Cyprus and Antioch... The Lord's hand was with them, and a great number of people believed and turned to the Lord.
Acts 11:19-21

Expansion of the World Christian Movement

Big Questions

- What happened from Acts 28 until now?

Why Study It?

- To be encouraged by how God has worked through history
- To understand our place in God's mission

After the Mandate

Gospel Crosses Boundaries

The apostles and the believers throughout Judea heard that the Gentiles also had received the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him and said, 'You went into the house of uncircumcised men and ate with them.'
Acts 11:1-3

Gentiles Receive the Spirit

As I began to speak, the Holy Spirit came on them as he had come on us at the beginning... So then, even to Gentiles God has granted repentance that leads to life.
Acts 11:15-18

Persecution Spreads the Gospel

Four Mechanisms of Mission

Voluntary Going

Involuntary Going

Voluntary Coming

Involuntary Coming

Major Eras

Winning the Romans 0 - 400AD

Winning the Barbarians 400AD - 800AD

Saint Patrick and Ireland

Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.
Matthew 28:19-20

Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation.
Mark 16:15

And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come.
Matthew 24:14

I will plant her for myself in the land;
I will show my love to the one I called 'Not my loved one.'
I will say to those called 'Not my people,' 'You are my people';
and they will say, 'You are my God.' Hosea 2:23

In the place where it was said to them, 'You are not my people,' they will be called 'children of the living God.' Hosea 1:10

The nations will come to you from the ends of the earth, and they will say:
How false are the idols our fathers got for themselves, and they are of no use whatever. Jeremiah 16:19

I have put you as a light to the nations, that you may be their salvation to the end of the earth Isaiah 49:6

Asian Advance
600AD-1700AD

Protestant Missions to the Ends of the Earth
1700AD-1950AD

Modern Era
1950AD – Present
Korea, China, Brazil, Africa, India

Key Truth

The reason all of us are Christians is because the gospel crossed a cultural and linguistic barrier.

Role for Grace Chapel and you:

Pray

Send

Outreach

Go

Far Corners Ministry

(Dr. Shant and Ginny Manuel) resources partners in NE India, in a rare area where there continues to be freedom to preach the Gospel.

It provides monthly support and theological training for 9 pastors leading 12 churches; development of new churches and facilities; Bible distribution; events for youth and women, invests in education, health and nutrition through its growing primary school.

Pray for continued freedom, support, safety and vibrant churches.

