



2022 CHRISTMAS OFFERING

HIS GLORY, HIS PEOPLE, OUR FAMILY



"Training national workers for ministry in their own country or surrounding countries is one of the best investments the Western church can make to establish and equip the global church."

PASTOR NATE IRWIN

"Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among the peoples."

PSALM 96:3





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A LEGACY OF GIVING

College Park's first Christmas Offering was collected in 1987, making this our thirty-sixth year of giving an offering to ministry partners locally and globally with the goal of spreading a passion to follow Jesus.

College Park strategically chooses Christmas Offering projects that will help establish and equip the local church among some of the world's largest people groups—

groups who will likely never have the opportunity to hear the gospel in their lifetimes if no one intervenes. These individuals, groups, and countries are called the unreached. And they are unreached for a reason: they are hard to get to, expensive to reach, and are often not open to Christians. The unreached currently number 3.2 billion people worldwide. Your giving through the Christmas Offering will impact these unreached peoples.

WHY RADICAL?

This year's offering is one of the most strategic offerings in our history, investing in multiple countries where physical projects would not be allowed or even safe. We are partnering with Radical, an organization founded by David Platt which is passionate about reaching the unreached by training and assisting indigenous Christians in hard-to-reach countries.

Radical exists to help Christians and churches play their part in the accomplishment of God's end goal—his grace and glory being made known and enjoyed among all nations. They do this through funding initiatives in some of the most sensitive and difficult countries around the world.

Through Radical, your gift will be used to train and assist indigenous church leaders in Central Asia—specifically Afghanistan, Iran, Kazakhstan, and Uzbekistan—in the areas of evangelism, discipleship, and leadership and church development.



WHY CENTRAL ASIA?

Did you know. . .

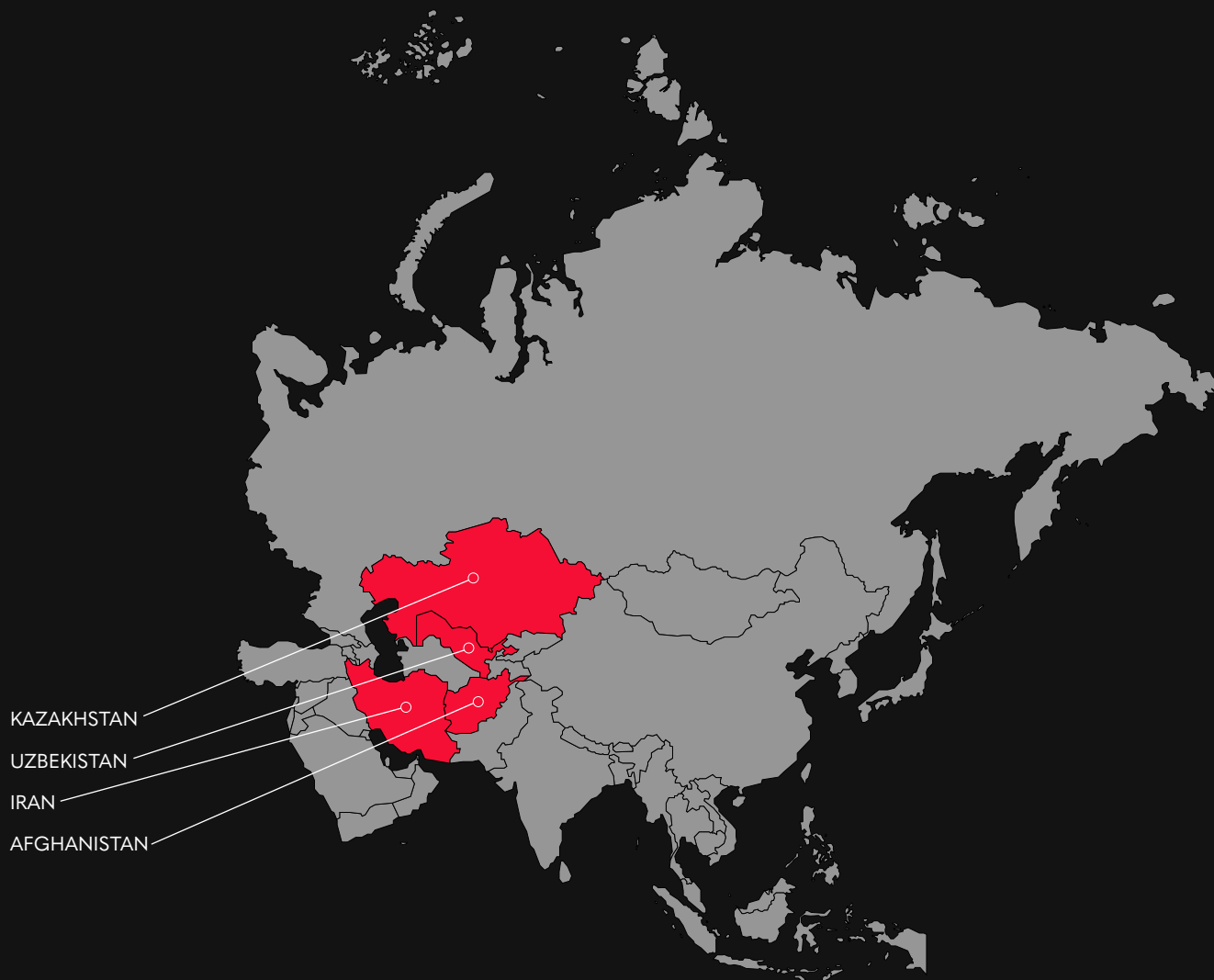
- 3.2 billion people, 40% of the world's population, are currently unreached with the gospel
- 1% of mission dollars go to the unreached
- 3% of missionaries go to the unreached

Central Asia, whose primary religion is Islam, is a region of the world with little to no access to the gospel and is a contender for one of the most difficult places to be a Christian.

In Afghanistan, Iran, Kazakhstan, and Uzbekistan alone. . .

- 177 million people, 96.3% of the population, are unreached with the gospel
- 222 people groups are unreached
- 0.7% of the population is evangelical

Unreached peoples are those who will likely never hear the gospel. They will be born, live their life, and die without ever hearing about Jesus because there is no one in their community to tell them.



Many of the countries in Central Asia have experienced decades of unrest. Currently, waves of people are being pushed from Afghanistan in all directions across the country's borders. Regional upheavals like the failure of the Iranian economy due to sanctions and oppressive regime control, the Taliban control in Afghanistan, or the political tensions associated with Russia throughout Central Asia have created a window of gospel openness throughout the region unseen in modern history.

Because of this openness to the gospel, Radical has a unique opportunity to develop country- and language-specific work, diaspora projects, and strategic, evangelistic, church-centric projects that will have regional impact.

Now is the time. Central Asia is the location. And Radical is a strategic partner in this work.

THIS YEAR'S INVESTMENT

Through Radical's relationships and on-the-ground partners and workers throughout Central Asia, we have the privilege of investing in projects that will fuel healthy, indigenous churches in Central Asia—primarily in Afghanistan, Iran, Kazakhstan, and Uzbekistan.

AFGHANISTAN

Radical has a team of 18 Afghans across 7 countries developing:

- Online pastoral training
- Social media evangelism and follow-up, leading to online discipleship and group gatherings
- Translation projects in multiple Afghan languages
- Medical and food aid distribution inside Afghanistan
- Diaspora church planting and leader trainings in the nearby countries of Pakistan, Iran, and Tajikistan
- Microloan/business development inside Afghanistan and across the region

In 2021, Radical invested \$160,000:

- \$100,000 went toward evacuation efforts in anticipation of and in the midst of the Taliban takeover.
- \$60,000 went toward a leadership development and follow-up project.

Projected need for May 2022-May 2023 is \$500,000-\$750,000.

IRAN

Because of the risks that come with evangelism and conversion to Christianity in Iran, Christians must often think strategically and creatively about sharing the good news of the gospel, specifically how to engage a growing number of people online. The focus of Radical's digital projects includes theological content, follow-up, discipleship, theological training, social media evangelism, and out-of-country trainings.

Additionally, Radical is working on the creation of an online theological training platform and theological mentorship program.

In 2021 across these projects, Radical saw around 7,500 unique, evangelistic interactions (both online and in-person); approximately 400 people come to sincere faith; a little over 800 people in ongoing online discipleship platforms; and 44 church leaders being developed.

In 2021, Radical invested \$180,000 across these projects. In 2022, Radical projects to invest \$220,000-\$250,000 in Iran.

The need could double to \$400,000-\$500,000 in 2023-2024.

KAZAKHSTAN & UZBEKISTAN

Radical has a growing pastoral mentorship program that serves Kazakh and Uzbek pastors. In addition, Radical has created an impact fund to allow bi-vocational house church leaders to receive small business grants to build stable sources of income while pastoring churches.

In 2022, Radical plans to invest around \$15,000.

In 2023-2024, Radical expects the need to grow to at least \$60,000-\$100,000 annually.

This year, through our Christmas Offering, you can be a part of what God is doing in Central Asia:

- From creative evangelism strategies to grants for bi-vocational house church leaders
- From theological training to medical and food aid distribution
- From pastoral training to business development

All for the hope and goal that unreached peoples—those who currently have little hope of hearing the good news of Jesus because there is no one in their community to tell them—will be welcomed into the family of God and bring glory to his name.



WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO?

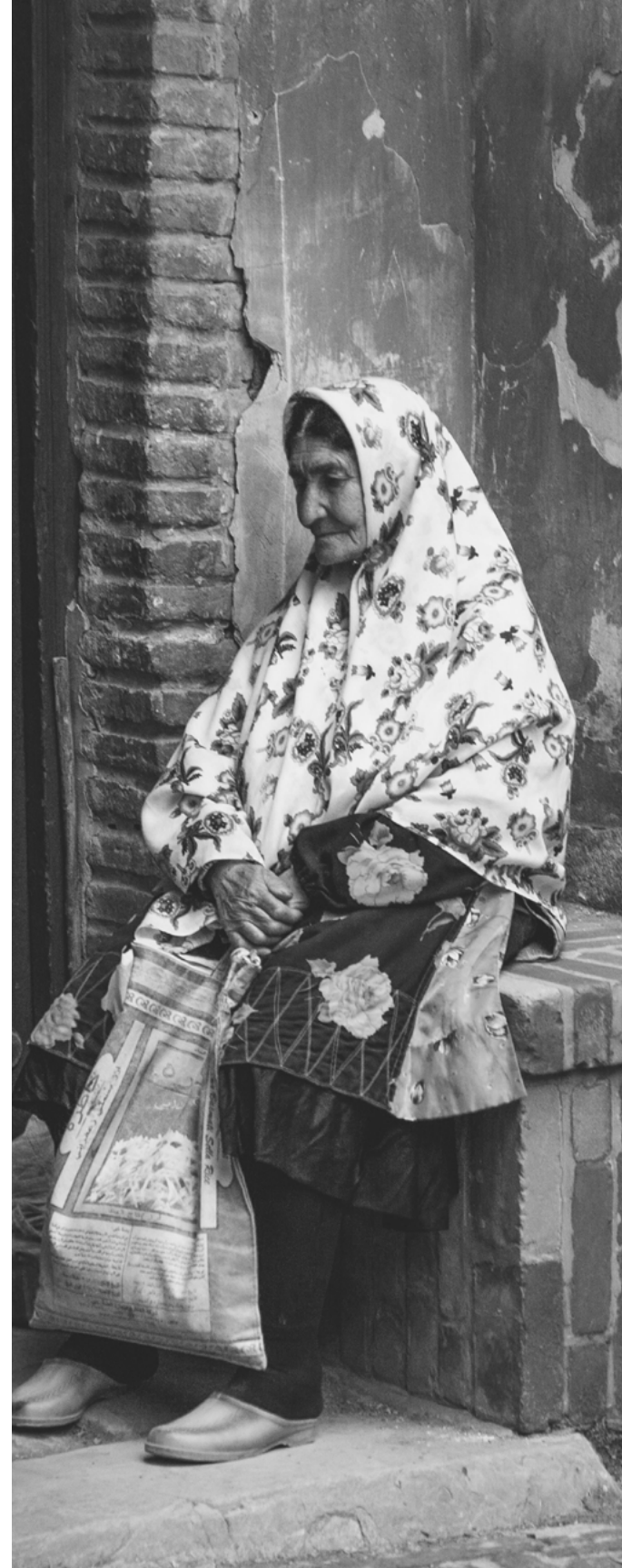
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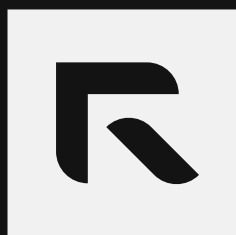
- Pray for the believers in these countries to stand firm in their faith, rejoice in suffering, and be lights for Jesus in their communities.
- Pray for church leaders to have wisdom to shepherd their people well and to be wise as serpents but innocent as doves.
- Pray for the lost, bound in the darkness of Islam, to find light and freedom in the gospel of Jesus.
- Pray for leaders of these countries to work for peace, justice, and religious freedom.

GIVE

This year's Christmas Offering will be received on **Sunday, Dec. 4, 2022**. All monies given to the church that day not otherwise designated will go towards the Christmas Offering. You can give in-person or online at **yourchurch.com/give**.

Your gift will fund the strategic work of evangelism, discipleship, theological training, church development, and much more throughout Afghanistan, Iran, Kazakhstan, and Uzbekistan, with the goal of impacting Central Asia for generations to come.





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