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#### A NATION IN CRISIS

f you had to guess, how many people in the United States do you think have a biblical worldview — believing that the Bible is true, authoritative, and applicable to every area of life?

# Incredibly:

- Just 51%\* claim to have a biblical worldview, yet 41% believe that the Bible, the Koran, and the Book of Mormon express the same divine truths.
- An estimated 6% of people living in the United States embrace God's Word as the defining element of their daily lives.
- Nearly one-quarter (22.8%) of all Americans answer "None" on surveys inquiring about religious affiliation.







### A CHURCH IN ACTION

Without Jesus, people — especially young people — have little defense against increasing pressure, confusion, and despair.

- A reported 45% of teenagers in the U.S. believe that all religions teach equally valid truths.
- The Global Youth Culture study by OneHope reveals that 25% of all teens have reported feeling sexually attracted to someone of the same gender.
- Over one-third (35%) of U.S. teens reported having suicidal thoughts in the last three months — the highest rate of any country in the worldwide survey.

Among youth and adults alike, symptoms of distress and brokenness are also on the rise with steadily climbing numbers of drug overdoses, anxiety, and more.

We dare not stay so safe within the walls of our church buildings that we become unable or unwilling to hear the cries of the dying.

<sup>\*</sup>All research by Barna unless otherwise indicated

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"I care not where I go, or how I live, or what I endure so that I may save souls. When I sleep I dream of them; when I awake they are first in my thoughts."

> — DAVID BRAINERD (1718–1747), missionary to Native Americans



















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he United States — long thought of as a missionary-sending nation — has become one of the most overlooked mission fields on earth.

Representatives of every race, culture, and creed inhabit this nation, and all are in need of the Savior. The Joshua Project estimates that of the 522 people groups represented in the U.S., 98 remained unreached by the message of Jesus.

The need is great and growing quickly. We are called by Christ to sow. To sow our prayers. Our sweat. Our obedience. Our humility. Our resources. Our time. Our lives.

Amid chaos, confusion, and concern across America, Jesus' Church has an unprecedented opportunity to share His message of repentance, salvation, and restoration.

Strategically and in partnership with local churches, U.S. Missions is bringing the hope of Jesus to various relational, ethnic, cultural, and needs groups within the United States.

U.S. Missions personnel can be found in nearly every state and territory, in settings as varied as the U.S. population itself, laboring to bridge the gap between the Church and the unreached. They serve the estimated 10 million souls who have not yet heard the message of Jesus and are unlikely to ever step inside a church building.

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The call of God requires each one of us to play our part in making Jesus known, thereby plundering hell and seeing captives set free. This is the commitment of U.S. Missions, and the reason we value the partnership of churches and individuals.

We're asking every church — and every church member — to step up now and take action by supporting U.S. Missions and praying for this nation! The battle is the Lord's and He will see it done.

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## Adult & Teen Challenge, U.S.A.

offering hope through the power of Christ to those with lifecontrolling issues

Chaplaincy Ministries — ministering outside church walls in the moments people need Christ's hope and truth the most

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Church Mobilization — developing and revitalizing churches and mobilizing RV volunteers

Intercultural Ministries — reaching culturally diverse groups, including ethnic groups, persons with disabilities, and more

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