



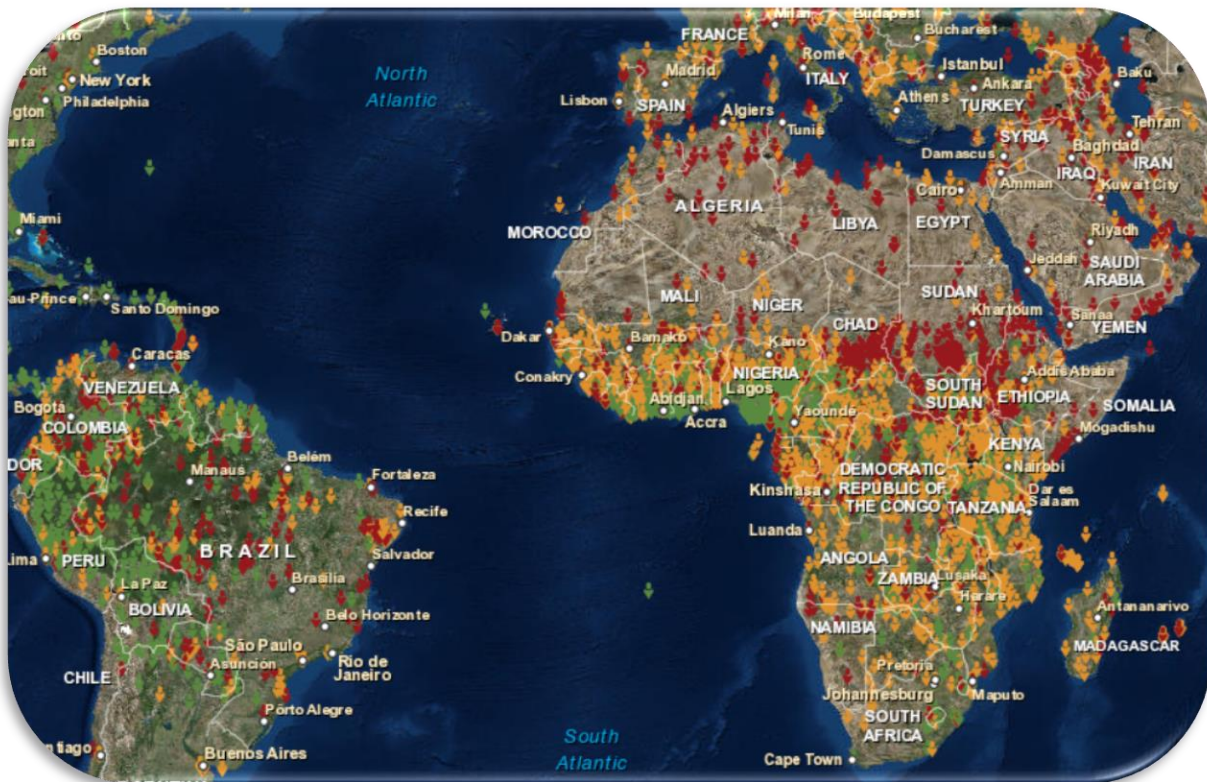
What a moment it was last Sunday when we were able to present a check for \$8,000 to Rev. Rothangliani Chhange, the Director of Baptist World Aid, as funds to be distributed through the Baptist World Alliance to Baptist Churches in central and eastern Europe! Just under \$3,000 of that came from already-designated mission funds, but more than \$5,000 was over-and-above giving from the congregation. That's

totally, totally, AWESOME.



Rothang didn't know yet just where the funds would be deployed, but she said there would be no difficulty at all in putting them to use. I have appended a list of BWA-affiliated groups in Central and Eastern Europe that will be possibilities for that deployment.

Along a similar line, do you know what missiologists call a **UUPG**? A UUPG is an "unreached and unengaged people group," which means that this ethnic group has had and currently has no Gospel witness. The graphics below give a sense of the matter, with the color keys meaning what you might expect them to mean:



You can learn more at www.peoplegroups.org, an informational website from the International Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. As we give to global missions, and as we pray and go, so the Kingdom comes.

And most of you know that our preacher the previous Sunday was Rev. Mark Swan, pastor of the *Fire & Light Community Church* in Reisterstown. *Fire & Light* is a new church being planted among former residents of Baltimore who have moved out a little bit in search of a better life.

Baltimore is one of the cities the Southern Baptist Convention has targeted as in special need of new evangelistic churches, and *Fire & Light* is one of more than 70 (!)

such churches being planted in the Baltimore area right at this moment.

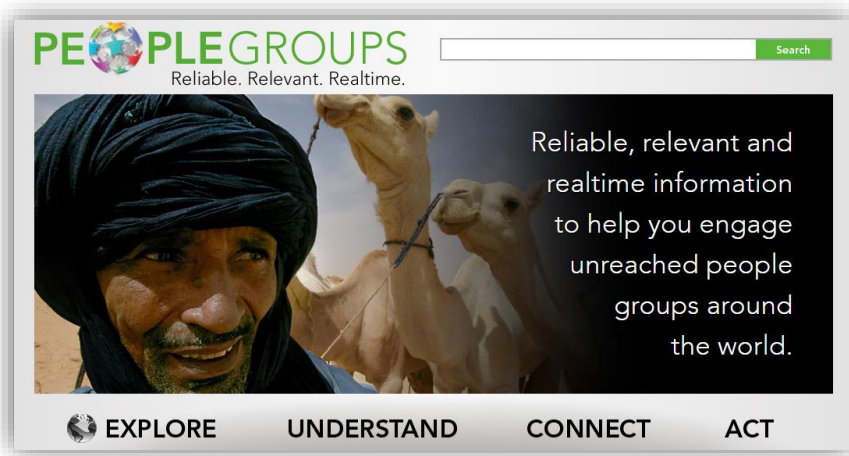


Just as several churches partnered to support the planting of our own congregation more than 40 years ago, so our MISSION Team is partnering on our behalf with *Fire & Light* to support and encourage this new Gospel work for “our city.” We’re “paying forward” what others once did for us.

The MISSION Team has designated \$4,000 this year toward such support, with an increased amount to be proposed for next year. As each of us moves closer to tithing in our households, and as our congregation moves closer to tithing our budget to missionary causes (we’ll almost be there next year!), we can do more and more to make a Gospel Difference in our world.

God has blessed us so that we can be a blessing! *WooHoo!*

Dave



Places where our Refugee Gifts may be Deployed

Baptists in Central & Eastern Europe	Churches	Members
Armenia		
Union of Evangelical Christian Baptist Churches of Armenia	120	5,050
Austria		
Baptist Union of Austria (Bund der Baptistengemeinden in Österreich)	31	1,674
Bosnia and Herzegovina		
Baptist Church in Bosnia/Herzegovina	5	200
Bulgaria		
Baptist Union of Bulgaria (Съюз на Евангелските Баптистки Църкви в България)	128	5,150
Croatia		
Baptist Union of Croatia	48	2,000
Czech Republic		
Baptist Union of the Czech Republic (Bratrská jednota baptistů)	42	2,353
Georgia		
Evangelical Baptist Church of Georgia	72	5,017
Germany		
International Baptist Convention	74	7,300
Union of Evangelical Free Churches (Baptists) in Germany (Bund Evangelisch-Freikirchlicher Gemeinden in Deutschland K.d.ö.R.)	803	81,470
Hungary		
Baptist Union of Hungary (Magyarországi Baptista Egyház)	320	12,500
Italy		
Christian Evangelical Baptist Union of Italy (Unione Cristiana Evangelica Battista d'Italia)	110	4,650
Poland		
Baptist Union of Poland (Kościół Chrześcijan Baptystów w RP)	87	5,100
Romania		
Baptist Union of Romania (Uniunea Bisericilor Crestine Baptiste din România)	1,942	97,095
Hungarian Baptist Convention of Romania	253	9,007

Russian Federation

Euro-Asiatic Federation of Unions of Evangelical Christians Baptists (Евро-Азиатская Федерация Союзов евангельских христиан-баптистов)	231	16,530
Russian Union of Evangelical Christians-Baptists (Российский союз евангельских христиан-баптистов)	1,818	76,070

Serbia

Union of Baptist Churches in Serbia (Savez baptističkih crkava u Srbiji)	70	2,000
Union of Christian Baptist Churches in Serbia (Savez Hrišćanskih Baštističkih Crkava - Srbija)	15	815

Slovakia

Baptist Union of Slovakia (Bratská Jednota Baptistov)	24	1,914
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Slovenia

Union of Baptist Churches in Slovenia (Zveza Baptističnih Cerkev V Republiki Sloveniji)	6	120
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Ukraine

All-Ukrainian Union of Associations of Evangelical Christians-Baptists (Всеукраїнський Союз Церквей Евангельських Християн-Баптистів)	2,363	120,953
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