

UPCOMING EVENTS

Prayer Meetings :
December 21– December 31
Annual Business Meeting
January 10, 2016

Notes

ICA SUNDAY SERVICE

Sunday Service @ 9:30 am & 11: 15 am
Sunday School @ 11:15 am

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WELCOME TO ICA SUNDAY SERVICE

Date : December 06, 2015



WEEKLY ICA VOICE

THIS WEEK'S MEETING

WEDNESDAY NIGHT PRAYER @ 07:30 PM AT ICA

**FRIDAY FASTING AND PRAYER @ PR. SAMUEL JOHN'S
RESIDENCE 10:30 AM**

SATURDAY NIGHT PRAYER @ 07:00 PM AT ICA

Worth of a Soul

What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul? Mark 8:36, 37. From these statements we can understand a soul is worth more than the worth of this whole world. I thought what could be the worth or value of everything in this world. It is hard to calculate; I just searched for a few things.

Precious metals are very valuable things. What could be the value of gold and silver and diamonds and such available in the world? Since it will be very much time consuming I looked at a couple of them:

- ◆ According to one estimate 2500 tons of gold was mined in 2011 the value of which was about \$125,456,232,076.
- ◆ The total dollar value of world's gold-165,000 metric tons @\$1600 per ounce is \$8,487,797,102,400.
- ◆ In 2010 the population of India which is the top consumer of gold used 745.7 metric tons (442.37 tons in 2009). United States was in the third place with 128 tons.
- ◆ An estimated \$13 billion (that is 13 followed by 9 zeros) worth of rough diamonds are produced per year.
- ◆ The combined wealth of all the people of the world is \$241 trillion (\$241,000,000,000,000).
- ◆ Total global debt is \$230 trillion

These are just a few numbers which gives a sense that it is almost impossible to calculate the worth of a soul – it is priceless. Then imagine the combined worth of every follower of Jesus Christ. The only thing that could pay the price of a soul is the blood of Jesus.

Also think of the return on the investment of every dollar, every prayer, and every effort of evangelism and let us not be weary in doing whatever we can to win a soul.

Some other statistics:

WHAT CHRISTIANS EARN:

Annual Income of all Church Members: \$42 trillion.

(Annual income of Evangelical Christians is approximately \$7 trillion.)

WHAT PEOPLE GIVE:

Given to any Christian causes: \$700 billion.

That's also how much we spend in America on Christmas.

Given to Missions: \$45 billion

That's only 6.4% of the money given to Christian causes of any kind (2015). [1] *5.6% reported in 2010, GAC [2]

That's also how much we spend in America on dieting programs.

Embezzled: If you are doing the math and realize there is \$50 billion missing, this is where it went.

HOW CHRISTIAN GIVING IS USED.

Pastoral ministries of local churches (mostly in Christian nations): \$677 billion (96.8%)

"Home Missions" in same Christian nations: \$20.3 billion (2.9%)

Going to Unevangelized Non-Christian world: \$2.1 billion (.3%) *This is different than "Unreached"

Money that goes toward "Unreached Peoples:" *estimated \$450 million

*In 2001 only 1% of what is given to "Missions" went to unreached - if that trend holds true today it would be \$450 million)

That's also how much Americans in 2011 spent on Halloween costumes (for their pets).

The \$450 million (going toward UPG's) is only .001% of the \$42 trillion Income of Christians. (For every \$100,000 that Christians make, they give \$1 to the unreached.)

HYPOTHETICAL OBSERVATIONS

Evangelical Christians could provide all of the funds needed to plant a church in each of the 6,900 unreached people groups with only 0.03% of their income.

The Church has roughly 3,000 times the financial resources and 9,000 times the manpower needed to finish the Great Commission.

If every evangelical gave 10% of their income to missions we could easily support 2 million new missionaries.

Sources: <http://www.thetravelingteam.org/stats/>

"Science without religion is lame, religion without science is blind."
— Albert Einstein

PLEASE PRAY FOR
REV. JACOB OOMMEN & SIS. JOLLY JACOB

"I am the LORD who heals you"

Please pray for:

Mrs. Marykutty Thomas (Sist. Suja's Mom),

Bro. Jacob Alexander, Pr. Mathew Samuel, Bro. Babu Thannickal,

Sist. Shiny Chacko, Sam Mathew, Ammini George, Mariamma

Johny (Kunjumol), Usha Danielkutty

Kiran (Dr. Jolly Mathew's granddaughter),

Nirmala (Friend of Snehalatha Nair) & all who are sick among us.