

WEA 2025

Monday, October 27, 2025

Ephesians 2:13-16

Scripture Reading

Ephesians 2:13-16

“¹³ But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. ¹⁴ For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility ¹⁵ by abolishing the law of commandments expressed in ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, ¹⁶ and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility.”

DR. SEBLEWENGEL



Dr Seblewengel, meaning “fruit of the gospel,” is known as **Seble**.

- Formed by faith during Ethiopia’s persecution years, she became a theologian, missionary, and advocate for women.
- She directs SIM’s East African Sending Office, teaches at EGST, and leads the WEA Women’s Commission, while cherishing family life with her husband and three children.

Live the Gospel!

Ephesians 2:11–22



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Ephesus was a bustling hub of trade, multicultural, prosperous, and connected—yet spiritually empty and divided. Into that world, Paul proclaimed a greater story than Rome's empire.

- A true peace deeper than Pax Romana.
- A unity that no culture or education could achieve.

Where the search for meaning and belongingness was acute, Paul narrates God's transcendent plan...

- God's plan was to unite all things in Christ: heaven and earth, Jew and Gentile, men and women, slave and free.
- Therefore, Paul urges his readers to live the gospel!

Ephesians 2:11-22

“Therefore” takes the readers on a journey back—to remember who they were, not just them but “the rest of mankind” was in a similar state; “deserving of wrath”.

4-9: But God saved us by grace! It is not a result of work! It is the gift of God!

So how were they to live the gospel?

Paul highlights three practical ways:

First, remember who you were before Christ.

Second, remember what God has done.

Third, realign your relationships in the light of your new identity.

First, remember who you were before Christ.

Paul writes,

- Remember that you were at that time separated from Christ
- Alienated from the commonwealth of Israel
- Strangers to the covenants of promise,
- Having no hope and without God in the world.

Point Two: Remember What God Has Done

Verse 13 begins with two of the most beautiful words in the Bible: **But now**

"But now, in Christ Jesus, you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ."

We were far—but God brought us near.

We were dead—but God made us alive.

We were enemies—but God made us family.

Point Three: Realign Your Relationships

Vs. 19, Paul says:

“Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God’s people and also members of his household.”

**Living the gospel is remembering
your story in Christ.**

**Live as one new humanity, one
family.**

May our lives declare this truth:
We who were once far off
have been brought near,
made one family,
and filled with the presence of God.

Ashish Hirday – WEA Global Facilitator, Youth Commission
Berto Kado – Association of Evangelical in Africa

Panel 1

Living the Gospel in Global Growth

EVANGELICALS ARE:

MANY

650 million – or more

EVANGELICALS ARE:

INCREASING

in various ways, consistently,
with attendant challenges

EVANGELICALS ARE:

MAJORITY WORLD

and have been so for decades



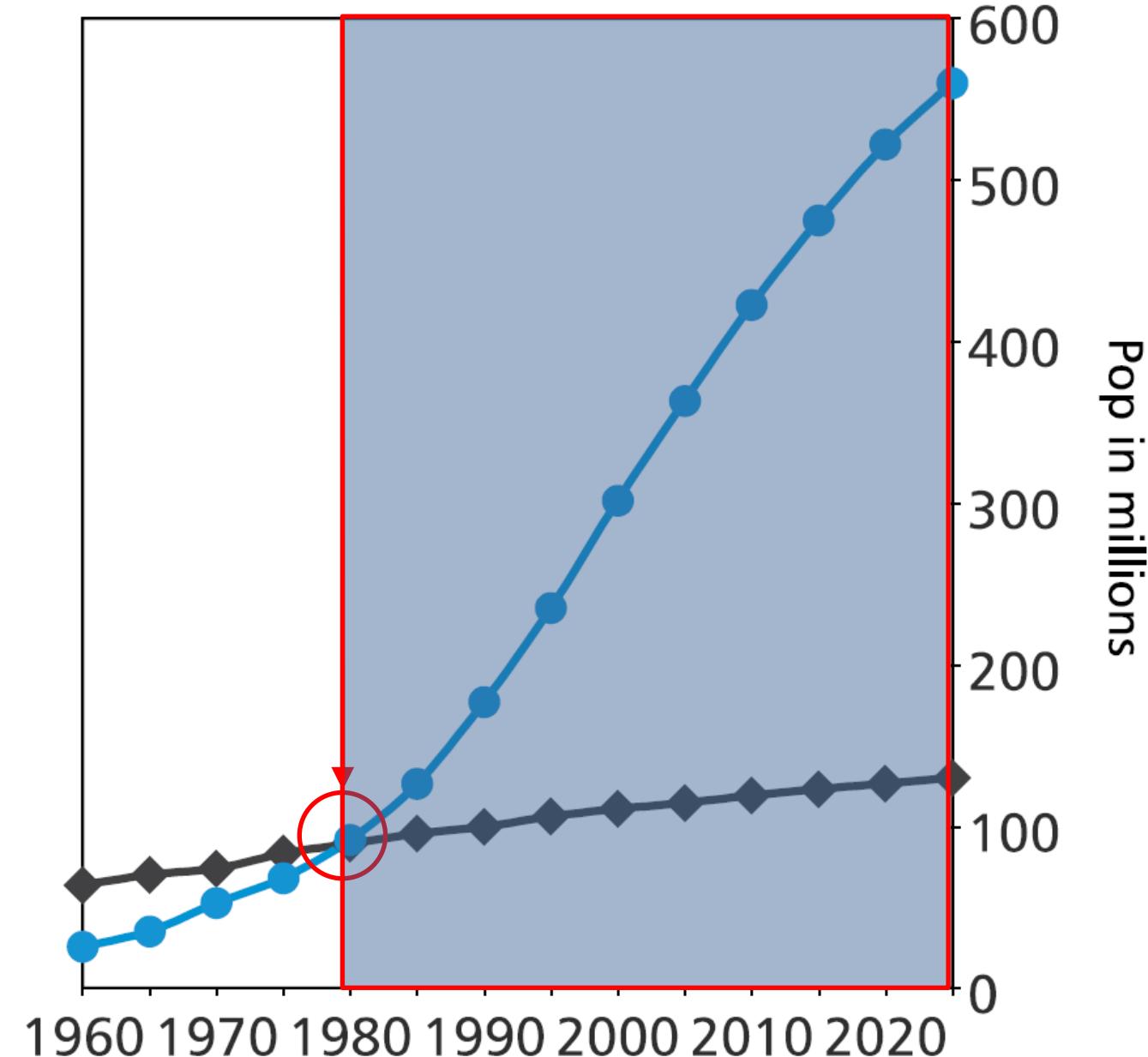
*TWO THIRDS OF ALL
CHRISTIAN POPULATION
GROWTH FROM 2000-
2050 WILL BE IN AFRICA*

Global Evangelicals

Median age globally:
30.9 years

Born since 1980:
67-70%

- ♦— Global North
- Global South



EVANGELICALS ARE:

DIVERSE geographically

EVANGELICALS ARE:

DIVERSE ethnically

EVANGELICALS ARE:

DIVERSE generationally

EVANGELICALS ARE:

DIVERSE

denominationally,
theologically, ecclesiologically

EVANGELICALS ARE:

DIVERSE

in our areas of engagement

EVANGELICALS ARE:

COMPLICATED

what *ARE* evangelicals? what priorities should we have?

EVANGELICALS ARE:
COMPROMISED
perception, integrity,
witness, scandal, and
polarization

EVANGELICALS ARE:

GOOD NEWS PEOPLE

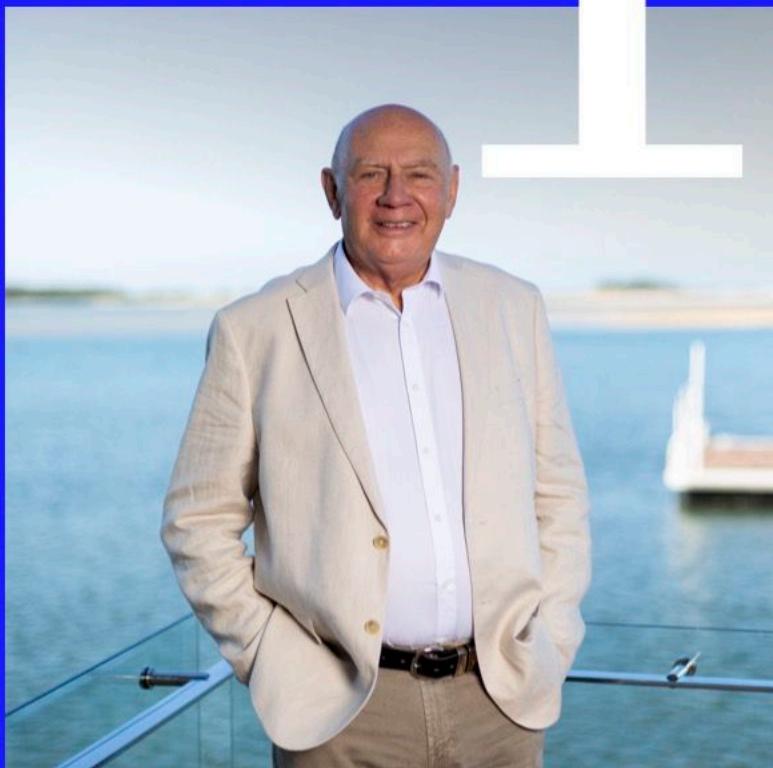
**JESUS is LORD – reflected in
our proclamation and our lives**

Panel 2

Living the Gospel Through Movements



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is founded by British
businessman Robert
Edmiston.**



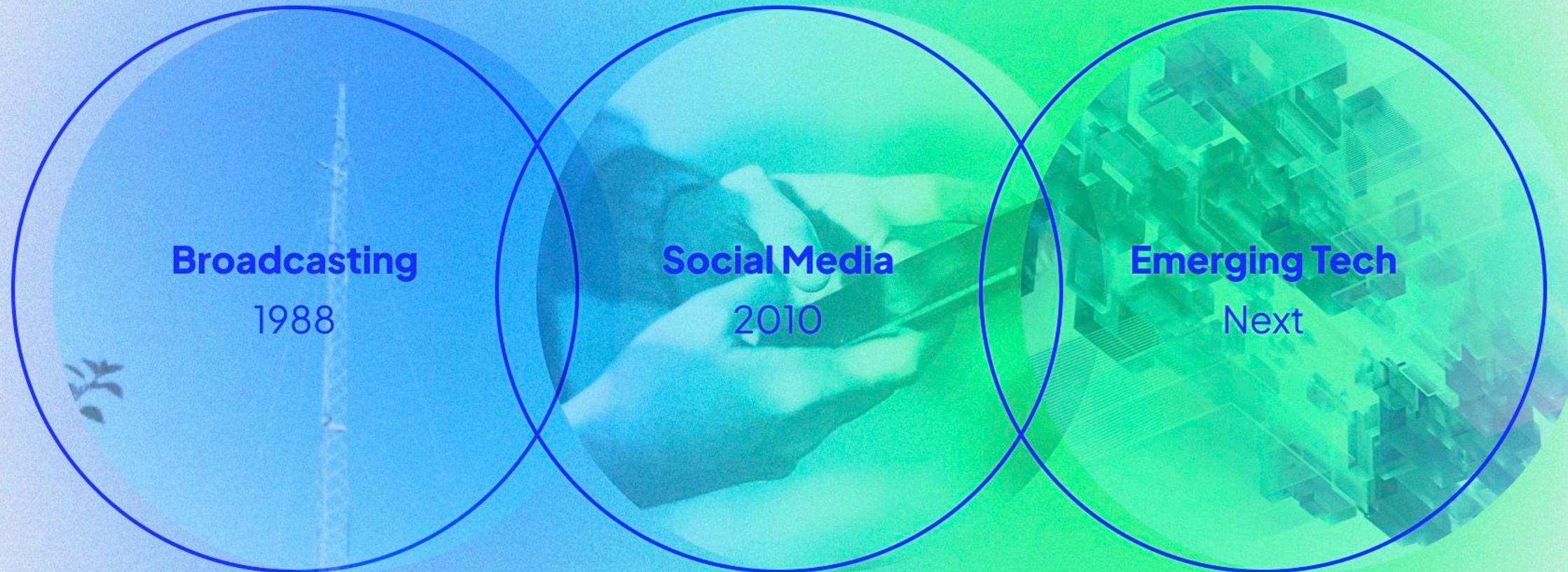
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**“For everyone to whom much
is given, from him much will
be required” Luke 12:48**

CV mission

CV is a global organisation that exists to introduce people to Jesus and encourage them to become his true followers.

About CV



Digital Evangelism

Reach

1.5 billion

people introduced to Jesus through
CV initiatives.

Engagement

645 million

engagements with CV content introducing
people to the gospel.

Impact from 2024

Responses

802,000

responses involving conversations about
Jesus in private messaging channels.

Daily goal

366 days

1 million introductions to Jesus were made on
every single day of 2024.

Language

56 languages

deployed for all of CV's initiatives with 29
in development.

A photograph showing the silhouettes of four people against a sunset sky. The people are positioned in a row, facing right. The sky is a gradient of orange, yellow, and blue.

We create impact by
introducing people to
Jesus and equipping the
church to do the same.

Our website, cvglobal.co,
is full of practical tools and
strategies to help you in your
evangelistic efforts.

Multi-media resources

Courses Articles

Testimonies



Explore
cvglobal.co



Panel 3

Living the Gospel in Culture and Cities



Dashboard >

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Urban Monitoring Framework >

Admin >

Dashboard

Since data availability differs among cities, each Overall city score is rated with up to 5 stars to illustrate the quality of the data inputs used to derive the score. 5 stars suggests the highest quality of data.

Overall Score



Dimension Scores



Basic Needs



Competitiveness



Opportunity



Livability



Destiny

Watch List

Considerations

EDIT

Connectivity + Communication

Competitiveness

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Energy Supply

Basic Needs

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Resilient Infrastructure

Competitiveness

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Environmental Stewardship

Competitiveness

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Consideration Comparison

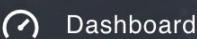
Previous Quarter Current Quarter



Basic Needs



John Smith



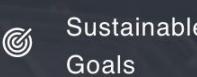
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City Scores



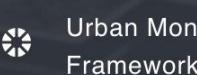
City Profile

Sustainable Development
Goals

Trend



Methodology

Urban Monitoring
Framework

Admin

Accra
Ghana

Area

60 km²

Population



284.12K

Weather



25°C



← City Scores

Dimension Scores iALL SHOW GOALS

Basic Needs



Competitiveness



Opportunity



Livability



Destiny

Sort by: High to Low ▾

Basic Needs

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Basic Education64
Ethical Compass63
Energy Supply57
Safety + Security56
Waste Management55
Water Supply54
Employment46
Food Security46
Public Health42
Family41
Climate Change39
Public Works



BISHOP BEDA S. ROBLES

Bishop Beda S. Robles, Chairman of the Evangelical Churches Alliance Qatar

- Has served God for nearly 30 years and lived in Doha for 39 years.
- Leading a fellowship of 20,000 members, he is spearheading the construction of a landmark House of Worship.
- He is married to Gloria, has two children, and four grandchildren.

GOSPEL FOR EVERYONE



TOGETHER,
LET'S BUILD THE HOUSE OF THE LORD

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1 Corinthians 12:12

New King James Version

1² For as the body is one and has many members, but all the members of that one body, being many, are one body, so also is Christ.



Nehemiah 2:18b

New King James Version

...So they said,

“Let us rise up and build.”

Then they set their hands to this good work.



TOGETHER, LET'S BUILD THE HOUSE OF THE LORD





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WORLD EVANGELICAL ALLIANCE

MISSION COMMISSION

Commemorating 50 Years

Dr. Jay Mātenga - WEA Executive Director Mission Commission

