

# WEA 2025

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# Ephesians 2:13-16

Scripture Reading



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“<sup>13</sup> But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. <sup>14</sup> For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility <sup>15</sup> 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, <sup>16</sup> 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**

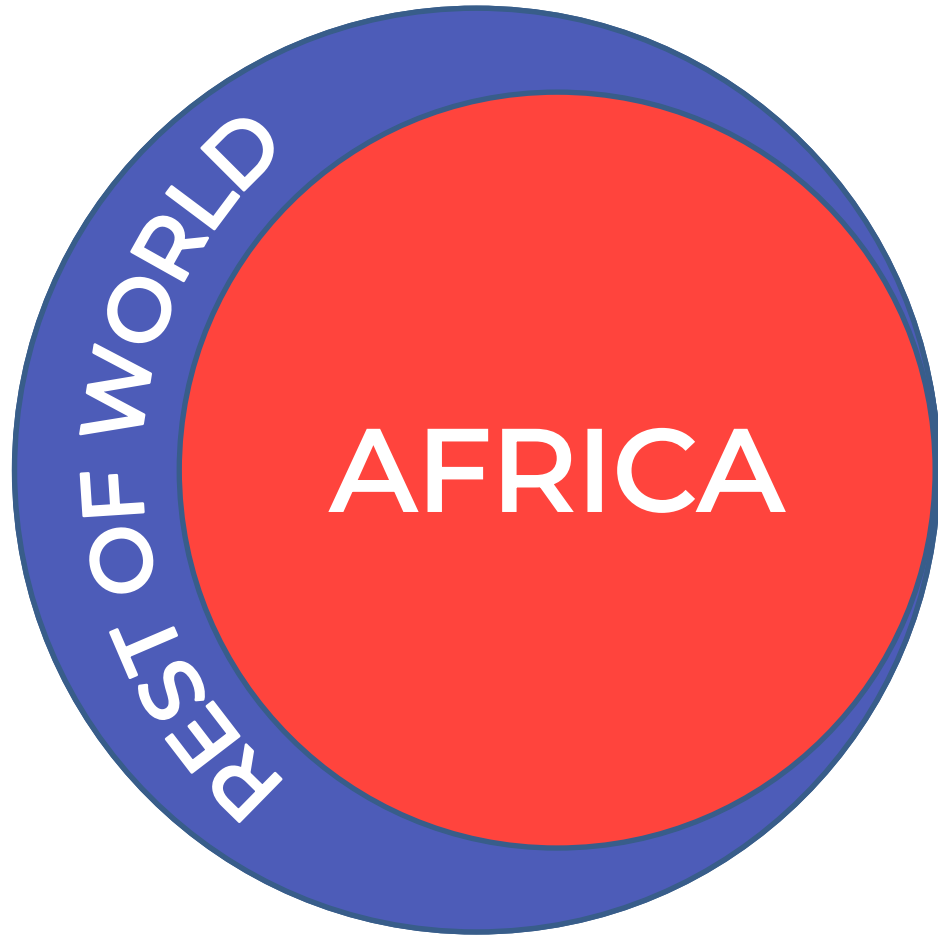
**in various ways, consistently,  
with attendant challenges**



**EVANGELICALS ARE:**

**MAJORITY WORLD**

**and have be so for decades**



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

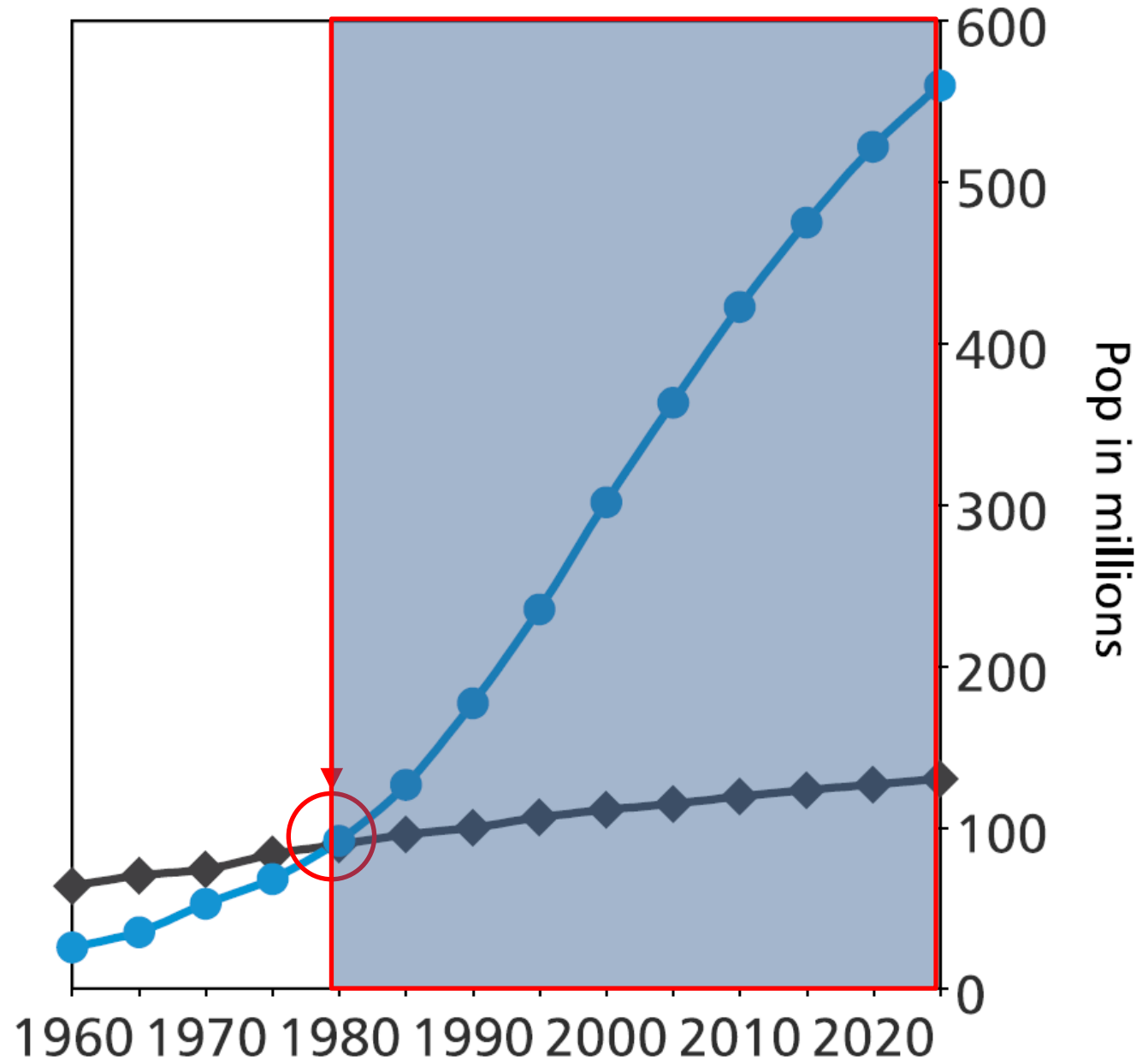


# Global Evangelicals

**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, ecclesiologicaly**

**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

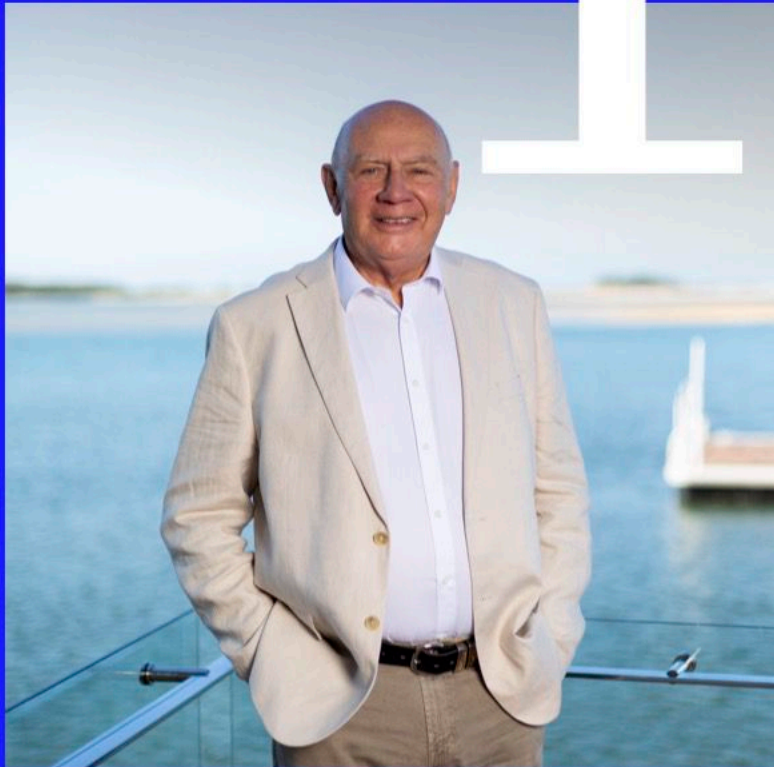






## About CV

CV, Christian Vision,  
is founded by British  
businessman Robert  
Edmiston.



# 1988

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

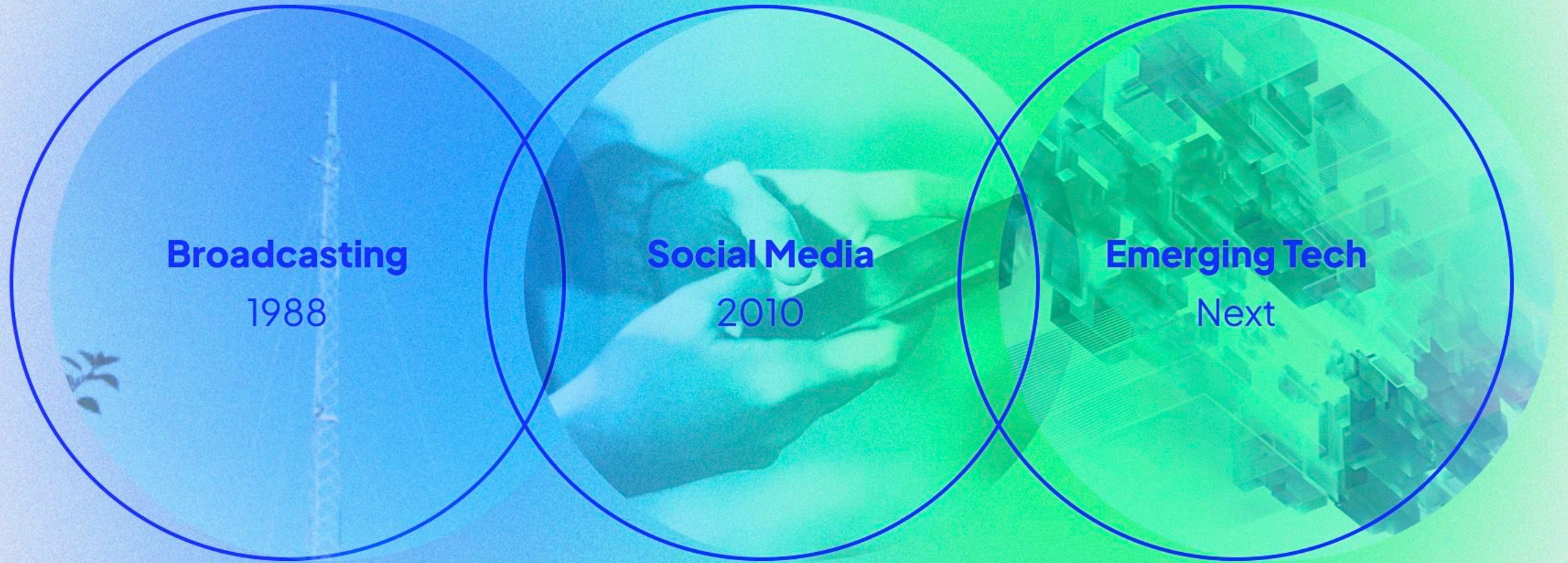


CV is a global organisation that exists to introduce people to Jesus and encourage them to become his true followers.

CV  
mission



## About CV





# Digital Evangelism

## Reach

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# 1.5 billion

people introduced to Jesus through CV initiatives.

## Engagement

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# 645 million

engagements with CV content introducing people to the gospel.

# Impact from 2024

## Responses

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# 802,000

responses involving conversations about Jesus in private messaging channels.

## Daily goal

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# 366 days

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

## Language

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# 56 languages

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

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

Our website, [cvglobal.co](https://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](https://cvglobal.co)





# Panel 3

Living the Gospel in Culture and Cities

## 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.







Accra  
Ghana

Area: 60 km<sup>2</sup> Population: 284.12K Weather: 25°C

John Smith

- Dashboard
- City Scores
- City Profile
- Sustainable Development Goals
- Trend
- Methodology
- Urban Monitoring Framework
- Admin

## City Scores

Dimension Scores

ALL SHOW GOALS



Basic Needs



Competitiveness



Opportunity



Livability



Destiny

Sort by: High to Low

### Basic Needs



76  
Basic Education



64  
Ethical Compass



63  
Energy Supply



57  
Safety + Security



56  
Waste Management



55  
Water Supply



54  
Employment



46  
Food Security



46  
Public Health



42  
Family



41  
Shelter + Housing



39  
Public Welfare



# 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

**<sup>12</sup> 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**





WORLD EVANGELICAL ALLIANCE

**MISSION COMMISSION**

## **Commemorating 50 Years**

Dr. Jay Mātenga - WEA Executive Director Mission Commission





