



THE IMPACT OF GLOBAL TRENDS ON CROSS-CULTURAL MISSIONS

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INTRODUCTION




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Our mission is to catalyze
relationships, ideas, and
collaboration within the Great
Commission Community.

AGENDA

- Introduction
- 1. Technological Advancements and Global Health
- 2. Economic Shifts and Regionalization
- 3. Holistic Community Impact and Demographic Changes
- 4. Cultural Shifts and Human Migration
- 5. Geopolitical Developments and Security
- Conclusion



1. TECHNOLOGICAL ADVANCEMENTS AND GLOBAL HEALTH

- Technological Advancements
- Privacy and Security
- Emerging Technologies and Ministry Opportunity
- Global Health
- Digital Health and Innovations
- Mental Health Challenges in Missions

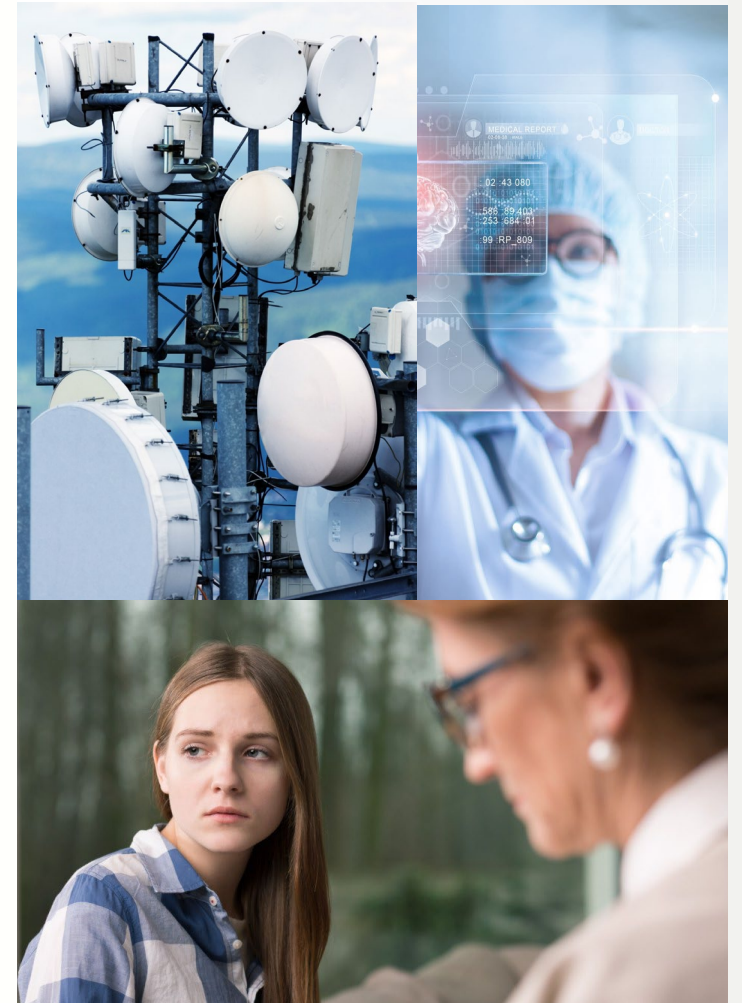


TABLE DISCUSSION ON TECHNOLOGY AND GLOBAL HEALTH

- **How is our organization leveraging technological advancements, like AI and IoT, to expand our reach and enhance our mission activities?**
 - Are we actively adopting tools that allow us to connect and communicate with broader audiences, and how are we ensuring that these technologies align with our mission objectives?
- **What measures do we have in place to protect sensitive information and ensure privacy as we incorporate more digital tools into our ministry work?**
 - With increasing data collection through connected devices, are we prioritizing data security and taking steps to build trust with the communities we serve?
- **How are we addressing mental health challenges among our staff and missionaries, especially as the demands and stresses of missions' work grow in this digital age?**
 - Are we providing adequate resources and support systems from the start of a missionary's service, ensuring they're equipped to handle mental health challenges and maintain long-term resilience?

2. ECONOMIC SHIFTS AND REGIONALIZATION



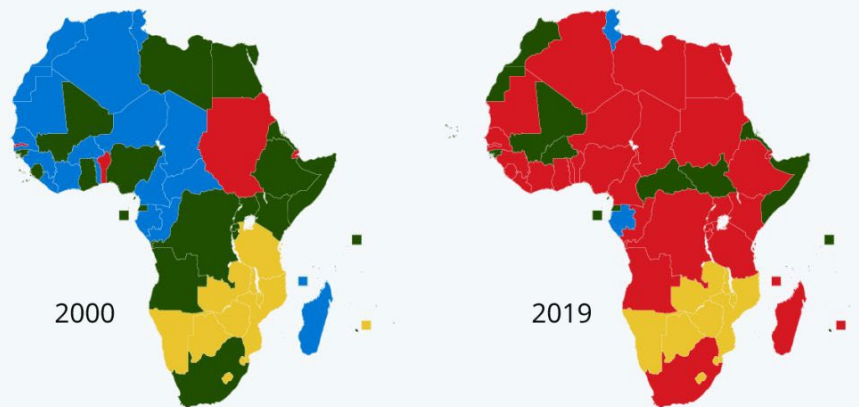
- Economic Shifts and Emerging Markets
- Shifts in Economic Power
- Industrialization and Urbanization
- Regionalization vs. Globalization
- Challenges in Financial Giving

ECONOMIC SHIFTS: CHINA AND AFRICA

China's African Trade Takeover

Top source country for imports in African countries*

■ France ■ South Africa ■ China ■ Other



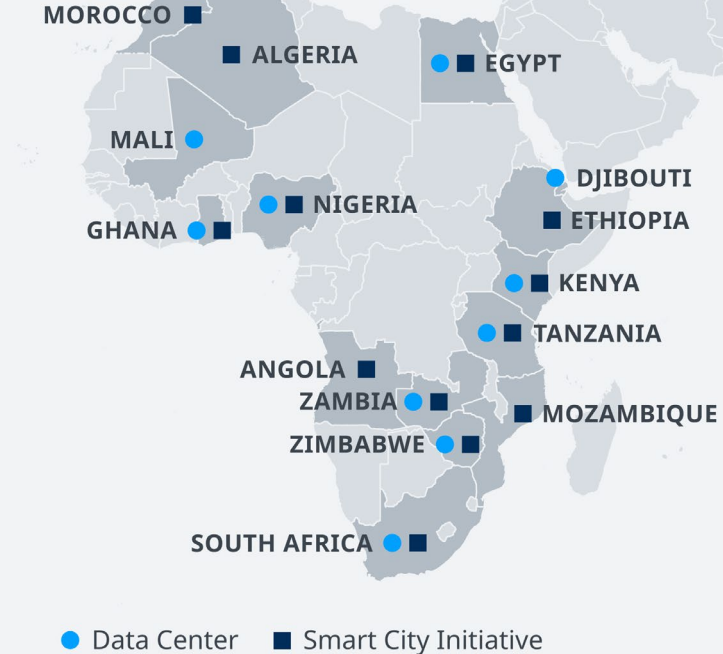
* Based on share of total value of imports.
South Sudan became independent from Sudan in 2011.
Sources: OEC, World Bank, Statista research



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China's Digital Silk Road in Africa

Data centers and Smart City initiatives



Source: Australian Strategic Policy Institute

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REGIONALIZATION



TABLE DISCUSSION: ECONOMIC SHIFTS AND REGIONALIZATION

1. **Economic Changes:** How can missions organizations adapt their strategies to effectively respond to the economic changes in emerging markets such as China and India?
2. **Regionalization:** In what ways could a shift from globalization to regionalization impact funding models, and what opportunities might this create for mobilization and member care within regional hubs?
3. **Financing Missions:** What specific steps can mission organizations take to increase financial transparency and demonstrate impact to engage a new generation of global supporters?

3. HOLISTIC COMMUNITY IMPACT AND DEMOGRAPHIC CHANGES

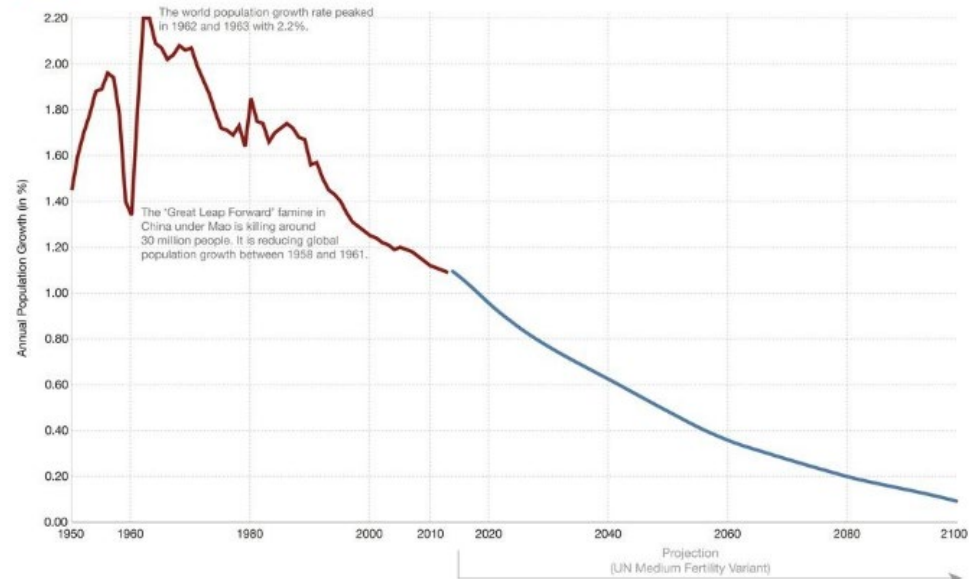
- Health
- Environment
- Clean Water
- Solar Energy
- Access to Education



DEMOGRAPHIC CHANGES

4. Despite the boom, the world's growth rate has slowed since its 1962 peak, and looks set to slow even more.

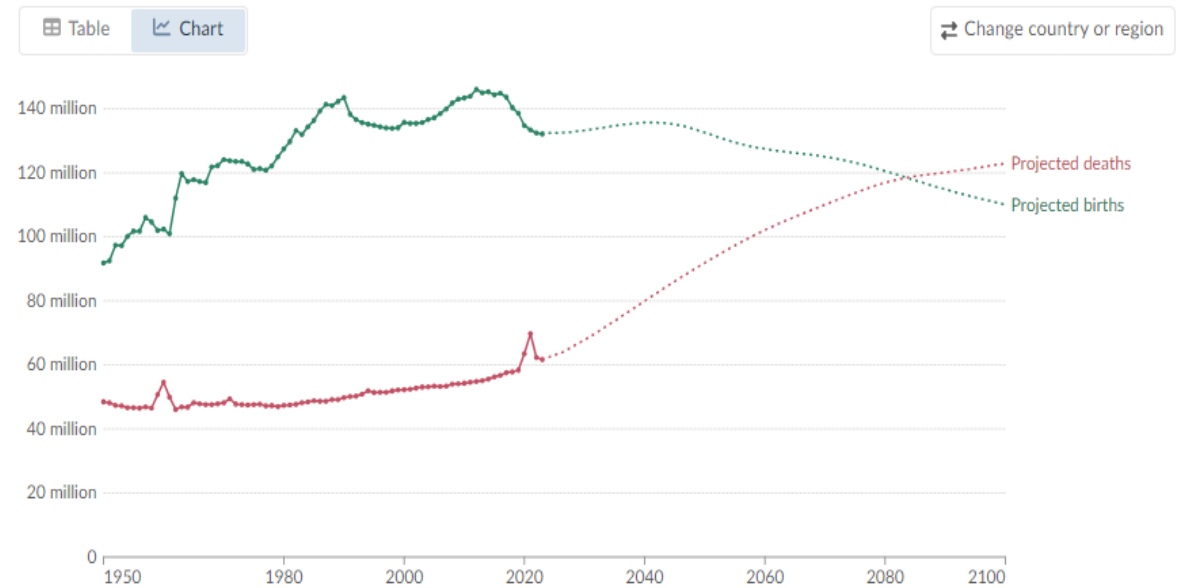
Our World in Data Annual world population growth rate (1950-2100)



Data sources: Observations: US Census Bureau & Projections: United Nations Population Division (Medium Variant (2015 revision)). The interactive data visualization is available at OurWorldInData.org. There you find the raw data and more visualizations on this topic. Licensed under CC-BY-SA by the author Max Roser.

Births and deaths per year, World

Future projections are based on the UN's medium scenario.



<https://ourworldindata.org/population-growth>

DEMOGRAPHIC CHANGES

Top 50 countries with largest population in 2022

| Top 50 countries 6.9B. Rest of world 1.1B. Total 8.0B



Top 50 countries with largest population in 2050

| Top 50 countries 8.3B. Rest of world 1.4B. Total 9.7B

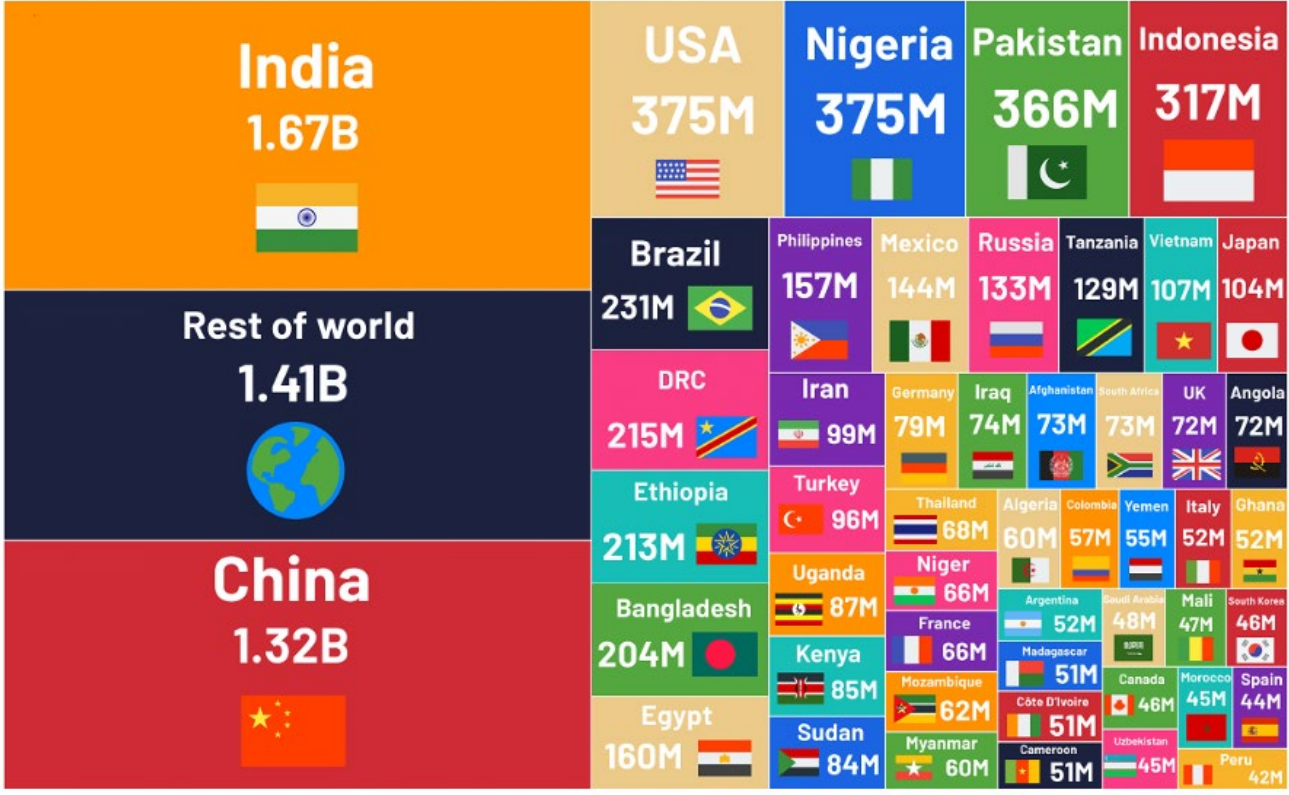
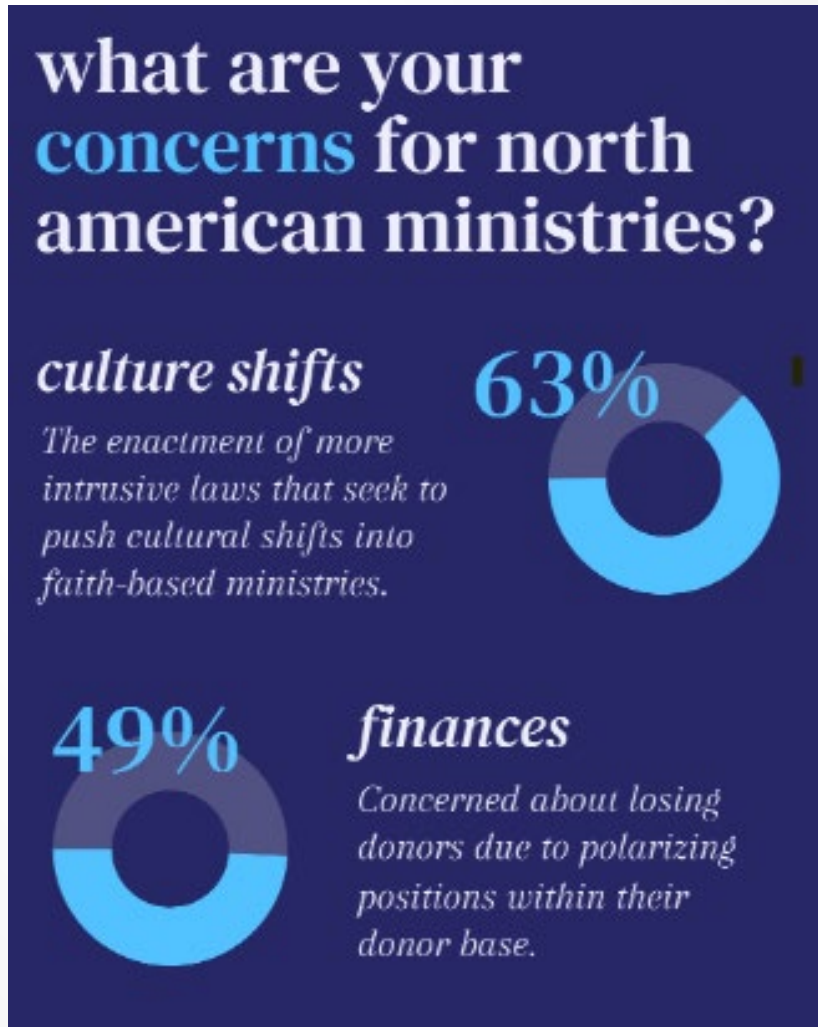


TABLE DISCUSSION ON HOLISTIC COMMUNITY IMPACT AND DEMOGRAPHICS

1. **Holistic Missions:** How can missions organizations balance the practical aspects of holistic community impact with the call to spiritual discipleship in diverse cultural contexts?
2. **Demographics:** In what ways should missions strategies shift in response to demographic changes, such as urbanization and aging populations, to ensure sustainable and effective impact?
3. **Partnerships:** How can we cultivate partnerships and resources within regions experiencing rapid growth to better support mission goals and community needs?

4. CULTURAL SHIFTS AND HUMAN MIGRATION

- Cultural Shifts
- Social Media
- Cultural Norms
- Growth of the Christianity in the Global South
- Global Migration



HUMAN MIGRATION

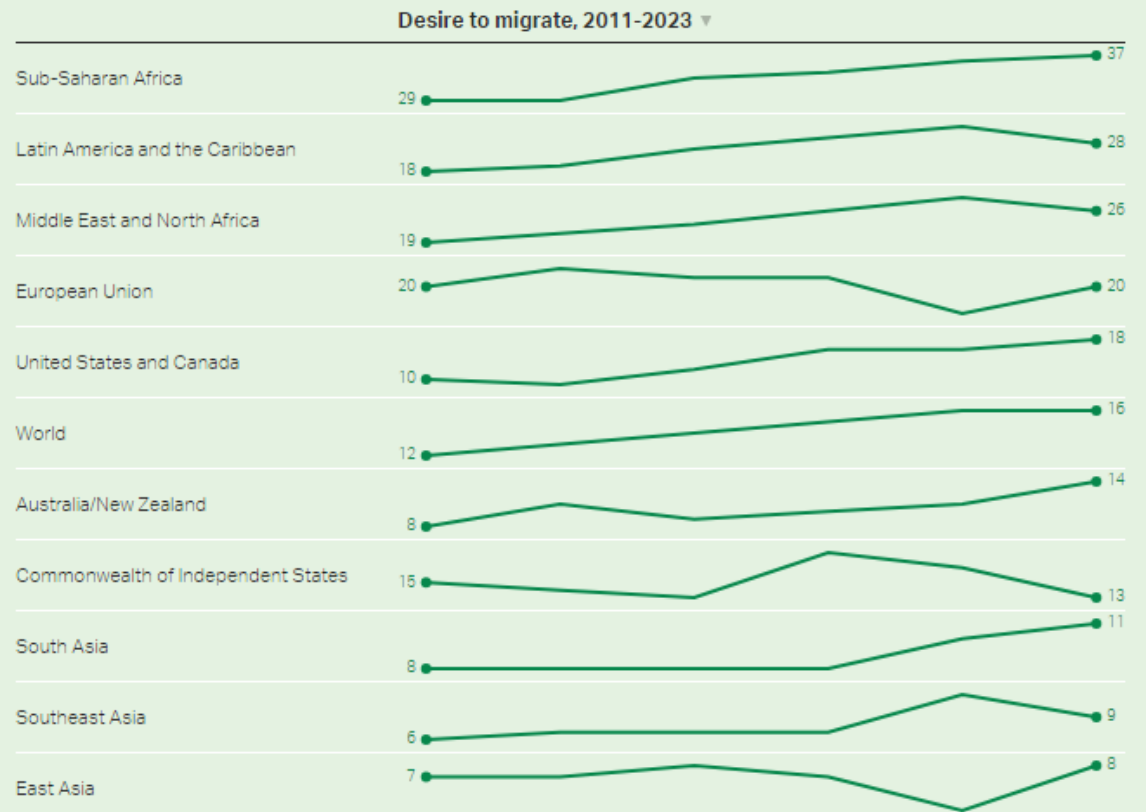
“In 2023, 16% of adults worldwide -- which projects to over 900 million people -- said they would like to leave their own country permanently.”

<https://news.gallup.com/poll/652748/desire-migrate-remains-record-high.aspx>

Global Desire to Migrate, 2011-2023

Ideally, if you had the opportunity, would you like to move PERMANENTLY to another country, or would you prefer to continue living in this country?

% Would like to move permanently to another country



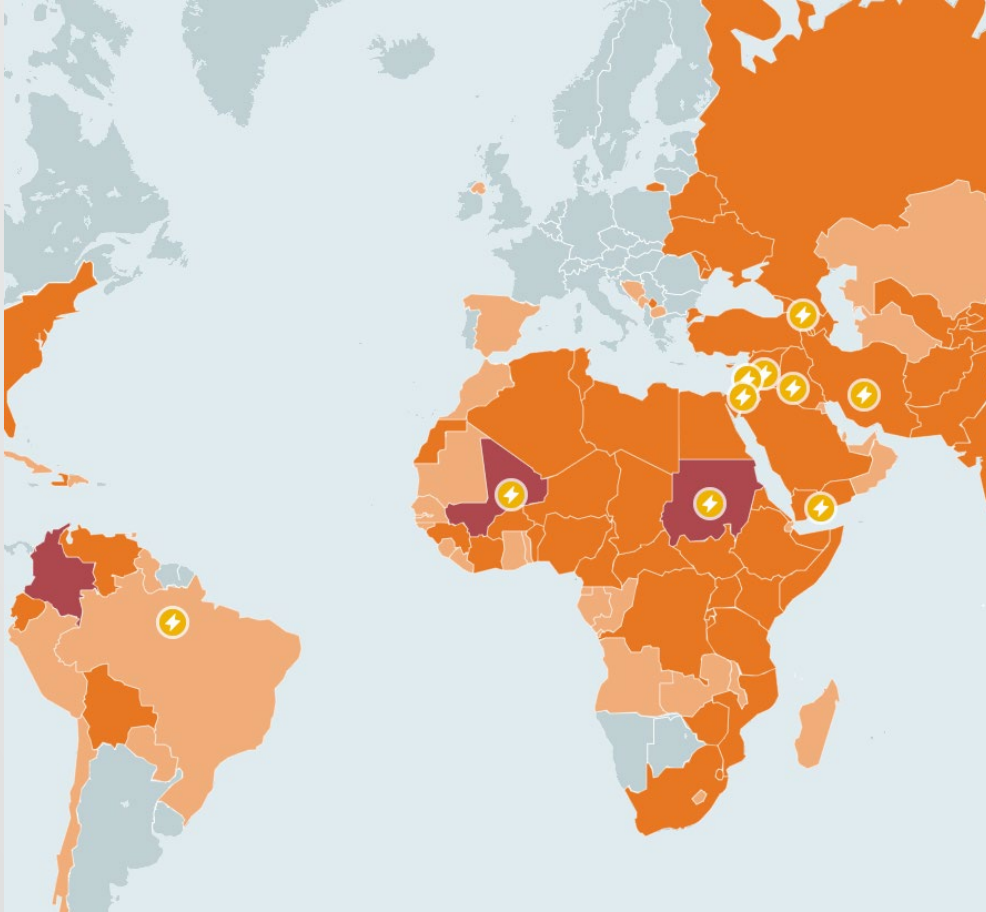
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GALLUP

TABLE DISCUSSION ON CULTURAL SHIFTS AND HUMAN MIGRATION

- **Cultural Engagement:** How can mission organizations effectively engage with and adapt to the rapidly changing cultural norms and social behaviors influenced by factors like social media, political polarization, and evolving attitudes toward faith and missions?
- **Polycentric Missions:** What are the potential benefits and challenges of adopting polycentric mission styles that emphasize decentralized leadership across different cultural contexts? How can we ensure that these approaches remain effective and sustainable in the long term?
- **Urbanization and Migration:** With the growing trend of urbanization and increasing global migration, what strategies should mission organizations implement to address the unique needs of multicultural populations in urban centers? How can we support and reach out to displaced individuals and communities in these settings?

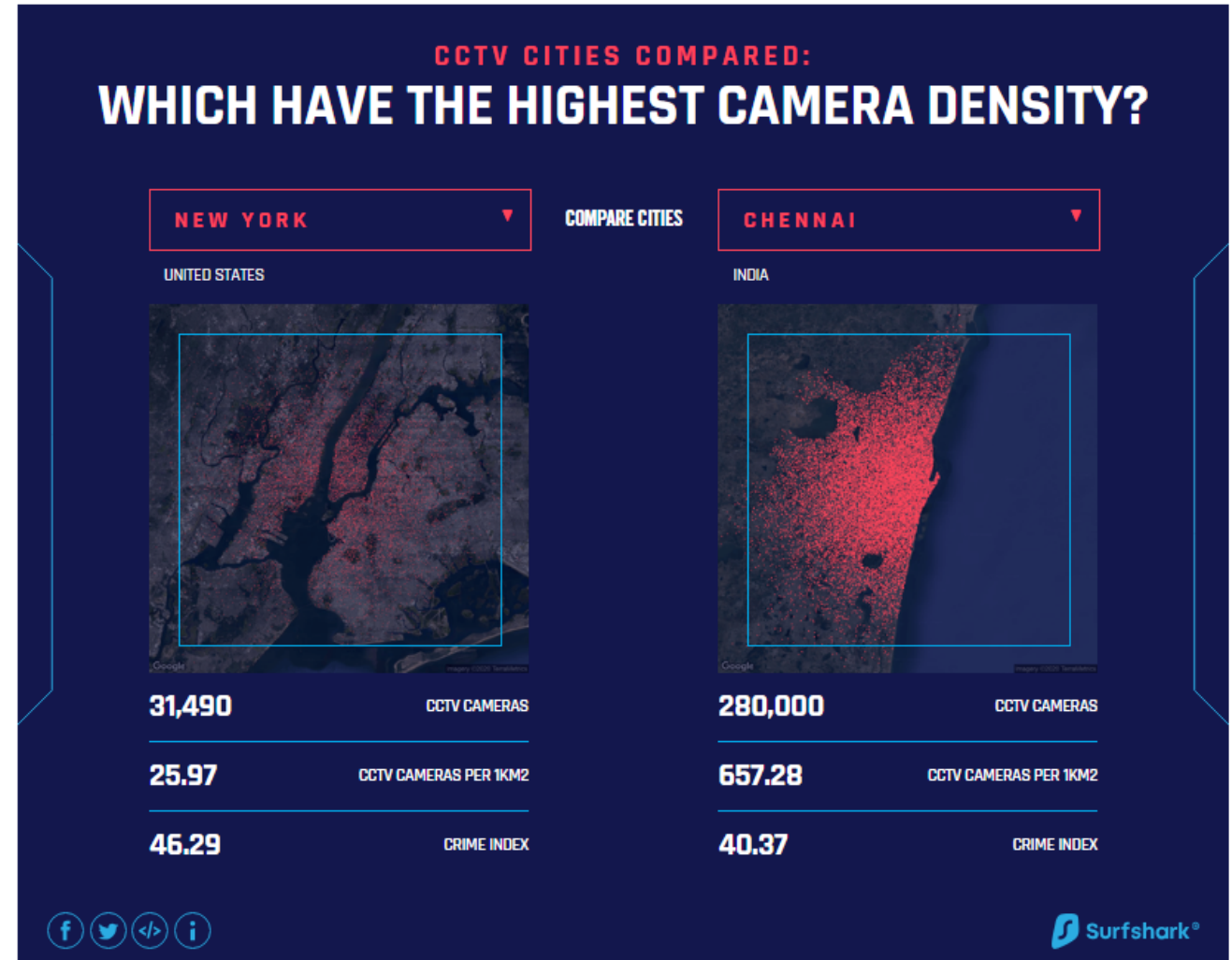
GEOPOLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS AND SECURITY



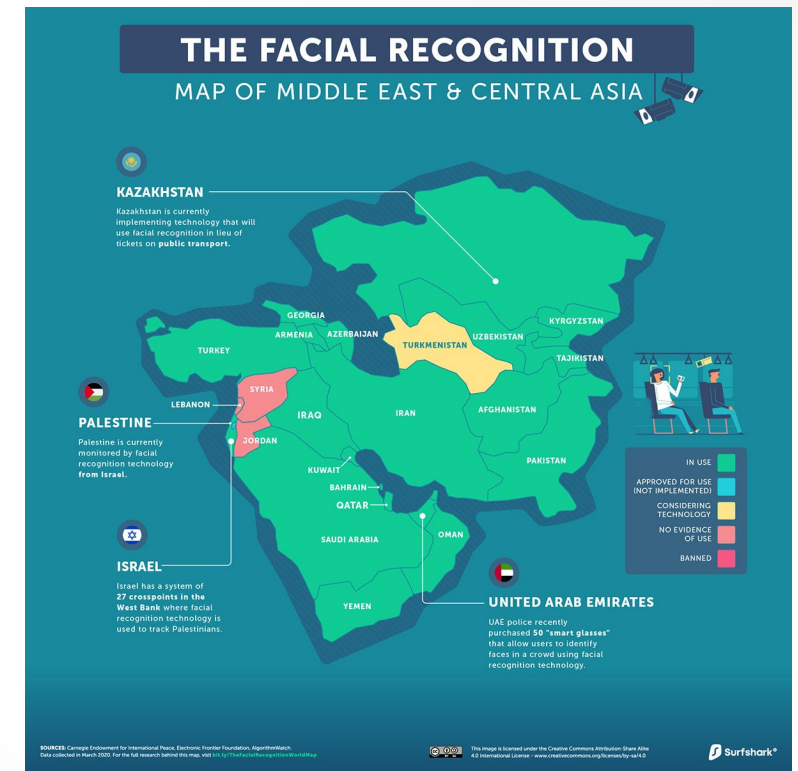
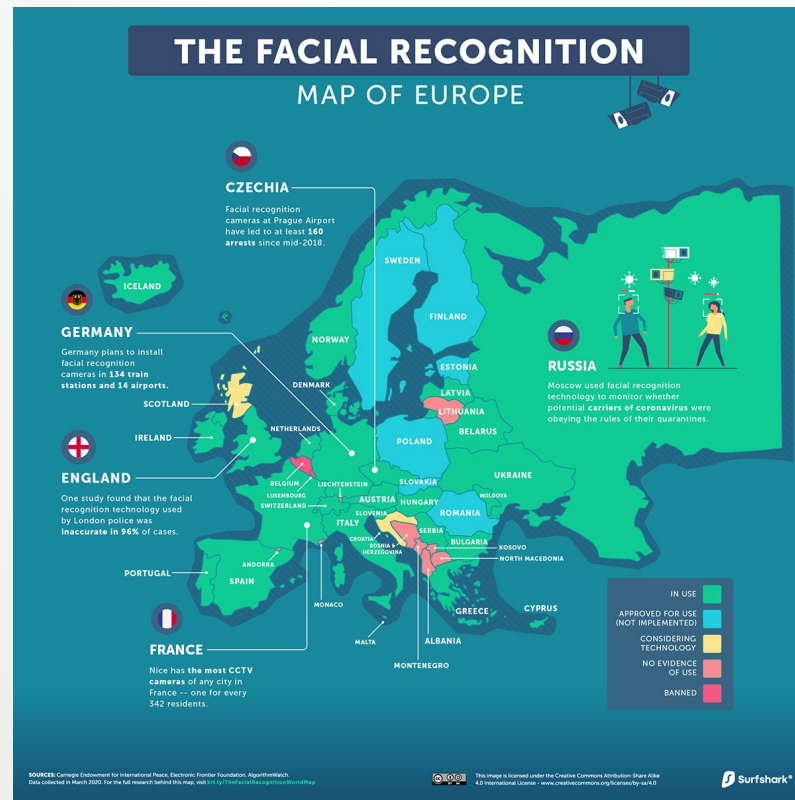
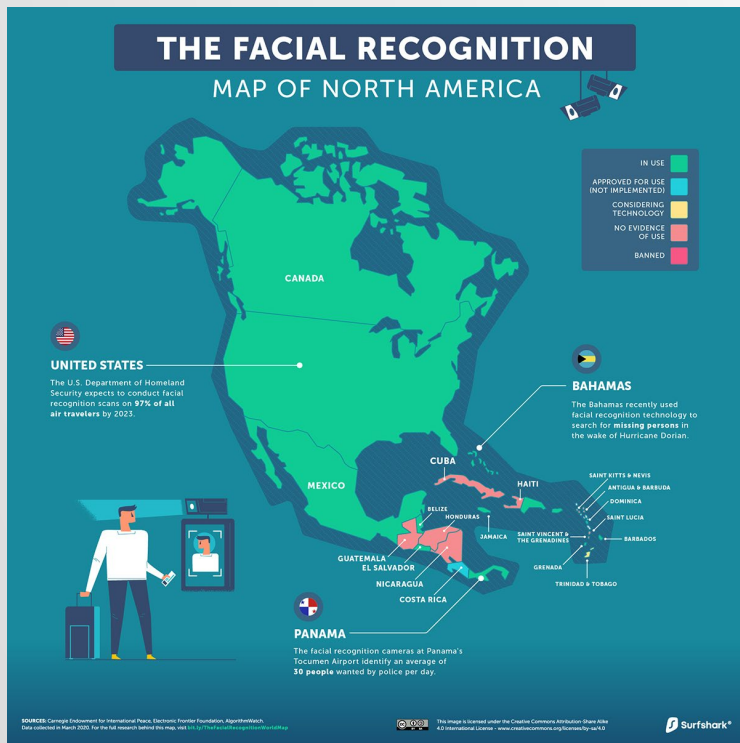
- Escalating Geopolitical Conflicts
- Increasing Surveillance
- Technological Advancements in Surveillance
- Misinformation and Disinformation
- Partnerships

GEOPOLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS AND SECURITY

Rank	City	CCTVs per square km
#1	 Chennai, India	657
#2	 Hyderabad, India	480
#3	 Harbin, China	411
#4	 London, England	399
#5	 Xiamen, China	385
#6	 Chengdu, China	350
#7	 Taiyuan, China	319
#8	 Delhi, India	289
#9	 Kunming, China	281
#10	 Beijing, China	278



GEOPOLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS AND SECURITY



<https://www.visualcapitalist.com/facial-recognition-world-map/>

TABLE DISCUSSION ON GEOPOLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS AND SECURITY

- **Strategy:** How can mission organizations effectively adapt their strategies to navigate the challenges posed by rising nationalism and stricter immigration policies in various regions?
- **Best Practices:** In light of increasing surveillance and digital monitoring, what best practices can missionaries adopt to ensure their safety and well-being while continuing their work?
- **Partnerships:** What role do partnerships with national churches and local leaders play in mitigating risks and enhancing the effectiveness of mission efforts in politically unstable environments?

CONCLUSION – NEW TOOLS AND ANCIENT PRACTICES



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Final Thoughts



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