



PEOPLE

MISSION

CONNECTED

We are all called to mission
‘Here’ where we live or
‘There’ where we might go.



Each dot on this map represents a mission partner individual or family



205
People serving
(+79 children)



3,386
Accumulated
years of service



36
Countries



70
Sending
churches



85
Outreach



33
Teaching
the Bible



24
Relief



9
Medical
work



5
Resettling



11
Admin
support



18
Translating
the Bible



8
Aviation



12
Education



Restricted Access
Countries (RAC)

34

Based in NZ
and regularly
travelling overseas

49

Based in
NZ working
cross-culturally

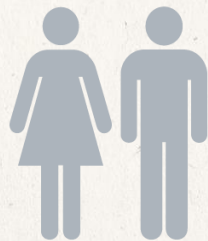
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Mission partners serving in
restricted Access Countries
(RAC) are not shown on the
map above.

GC3 partners with **local churches** for global mission



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Why are we here?

What are we here for?

/ How do we become more missional?



Why are we here?

Outline

Biblical Basis

Church History

Our Churches Today

Self-reflection - individually



Why are we here?

Biblical Basis

1 In the Old Testament:

God's purpose for man before the Fall, Gen 1: 28

For Abraham, Gen 17: 3-8

During the Exile, Ezekiel 36: 22-23

2 In the New Testament:

Jesus' purpose for His followers

Matt 5: 14-16; Jn 17: 18-21; Acts 1:8



Why are we here?

Church History

- 1 What mission looked like in the early Church *i.e first century or two AD.*
- 2 The shape of mission over the next 1,400 years.
- 3 Since the 1500s.
- 4 How has the Church been like / not like the Jews in its attitudes to the non-Christian world?
- 5 Who, therefore, is called to mission?

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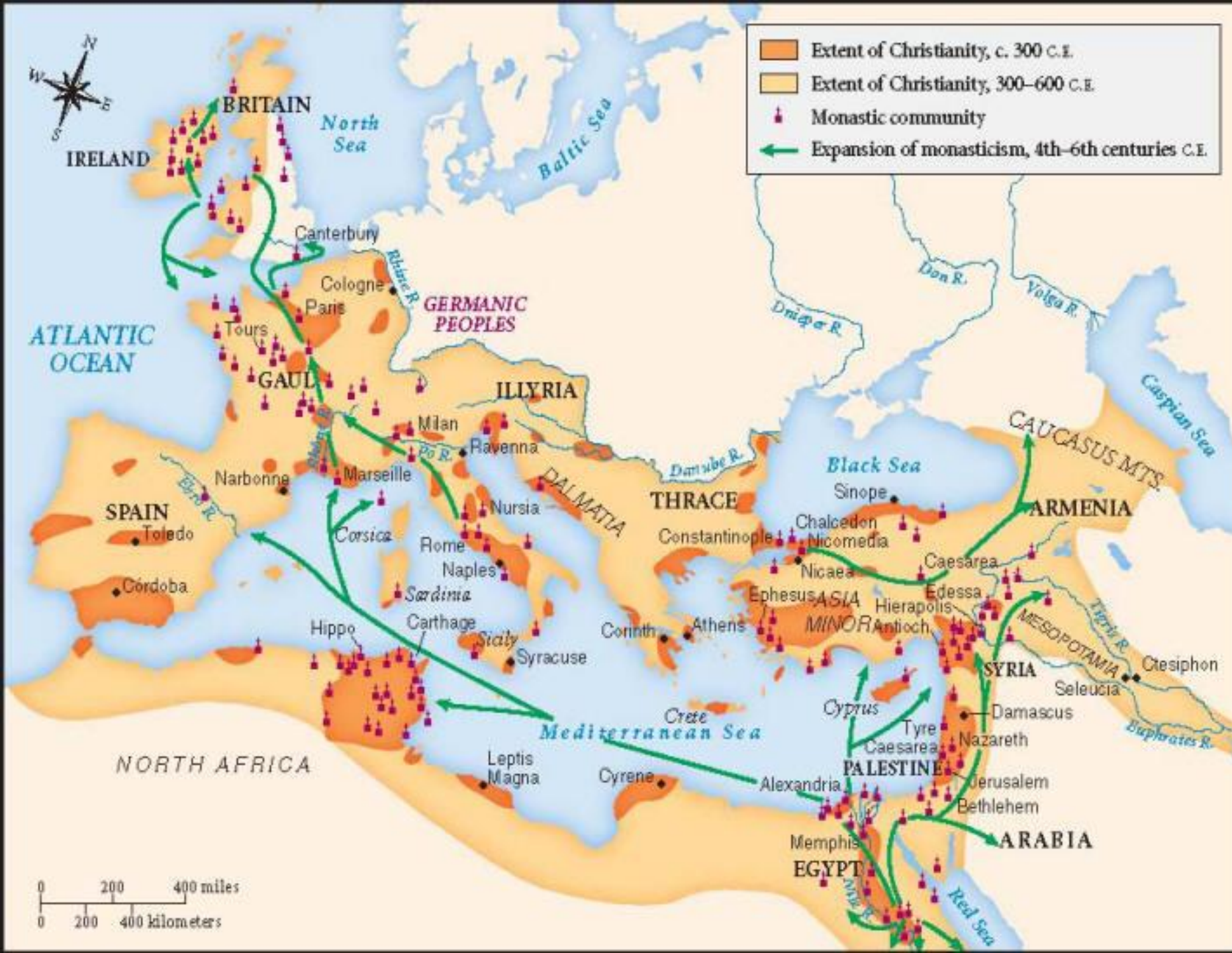
- Cyrenaica - region with Jewish presence until 1st c.AD
- China - region with Jewish presence after 1st c.AD
- Romania - name of a regional group of Jews
- Alexandria - city with a Jewish community
- Approximate directions of Jewish migrations, deportations, population movements, etc.
- ca. 300 BC
- 4th c.AD
- Approximate time when Jewish presence is confirmed or when a population movement started.
- Island where Jewish settlement took place.
- Island with Jewish settlement after 1st c.AD

According to Philo of Alexandria, in the 1st c.AD Jews in Egypt numbered ca. 1 million, 12% of the total population, including 200 thousand in Alexandria - 40% of the city's population.

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Christian Diaspora 300-600 AD

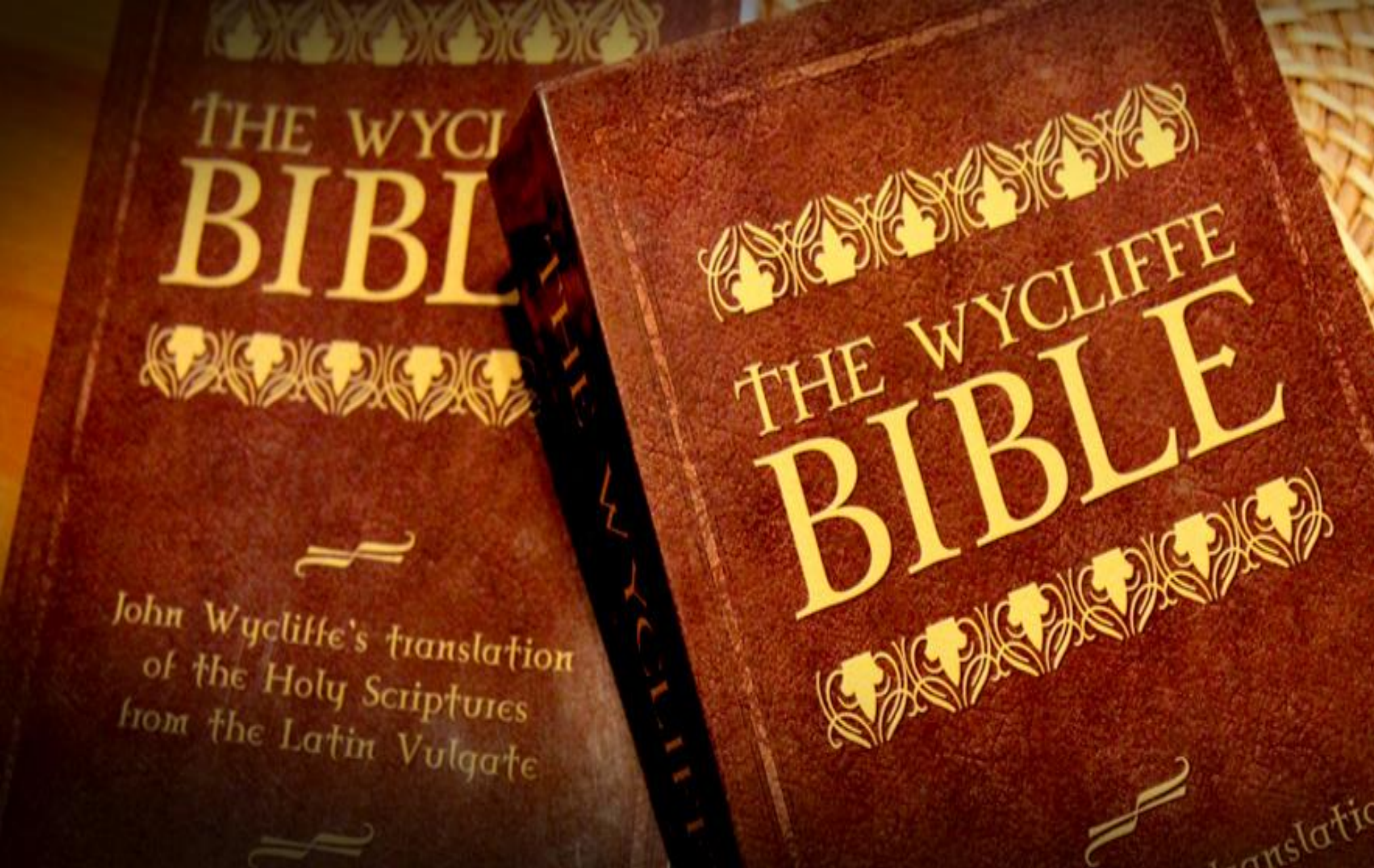


1096



The (bad) Crusades 1096 - 1291

1382



1456



Gutenberg Printing Press

1517

Martin Luther & the Reformation



1700 – 1800s

The Rise of Protestant **Mission**

- William Carey > India, 1793
- Samuel Marsden > NZ, Christmas Day 1814
- Hudson Taylor > China, 1853

BUT Colonisation +/-

- Self-interest e.g. Treaty of Waitangi issues
- Viewed other civilisations as being lower/lesser

1700 – 1800s

Social Action as **Mission**

- Health and Education
- Political, e.g. Wilberforce (1759 – 1833) & The Abolition of Slavery
- The Salvation Army (1865, London East End, William Booth) & The Industrial Revolution

How are we doing **today**?

How are we like/not like the Jews in our attitudes to the non-Christian world?

- Christian ghettos and sometimes a narrow view of mission
- Polycentric mission

2025

Who, therefore, is called to **mission**?

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Our Churches **Today**

- 1** What might a missional church look like today?
- 2** How can we help ourselves and each other to think and live missionally?



Why are we here?

Self Reflection

- / What is my life purpose?
How am I living that out now?

“Mission is for now, worship is forever” – John Piper

God made me to live in Him and to help others to know Him, wherever that is and however I am gifted.



A Mission Liturgy part 1

Blessed are you Creator and Sustainer of the universe, Who brings forth bread from the earth.

You have given us your peace, and set a hunger in our hearts. Restore our strength.

Give new energy to tired limbs, new thought to weary minds.

This is your mission, Lord. We're in this together!

Lord, we are honoured that you call us your friends.

Call us afresh to know and experience your love;

For this is your mission, Lord. We're in this together!

Fill us afresh with your Holy Spirit that we may use the gifts you have given each one of us with courage and compassion;

For this is your mission, Lord. We're in this together!

Open our eyes Lord, to see your grace at work beyond our church buildings and institutions;

For this is your mission, Lord. We're in this together!



A Mission Liturgy part 2

Help us Lord, to work with you in building communities of faith allowing your Gospel to be expressed in our hurting world;

For this is your mission, Lord. We're in this together!

May we proclaim afresh your faithfulness and constant love in a changing and uncertain world;

For this is your mission, Lord. We're in this together!

Let us see with the eyes of faith;

For mission is seeing what You, God, are doing and joining in.

For the building of Your kingdom and to the glory of Your name;

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



(as taught by Dr. Craig Van Gelder)

