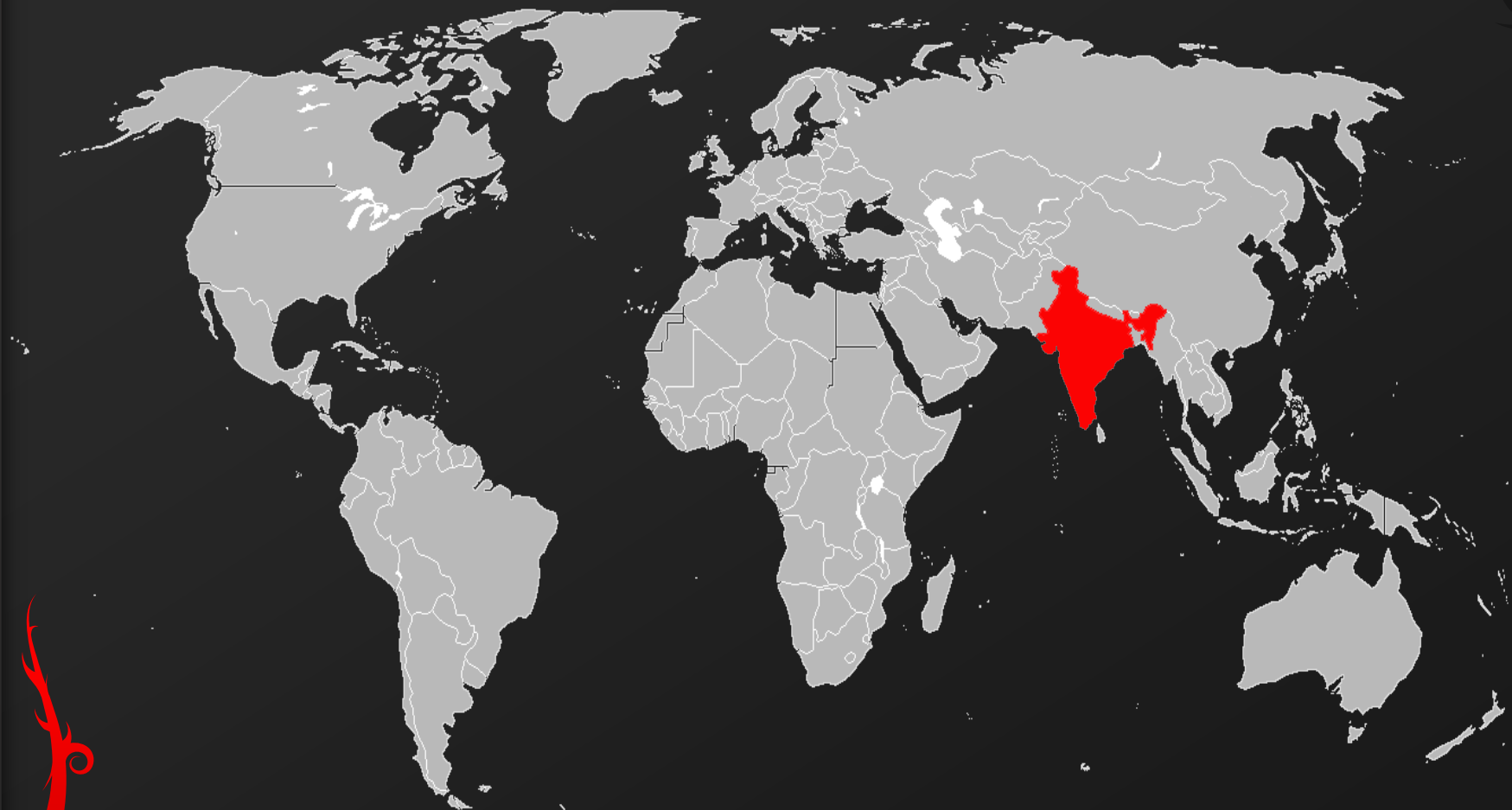




**WHAT DOES THE
MISSION FIELD LOOK LIKE?**



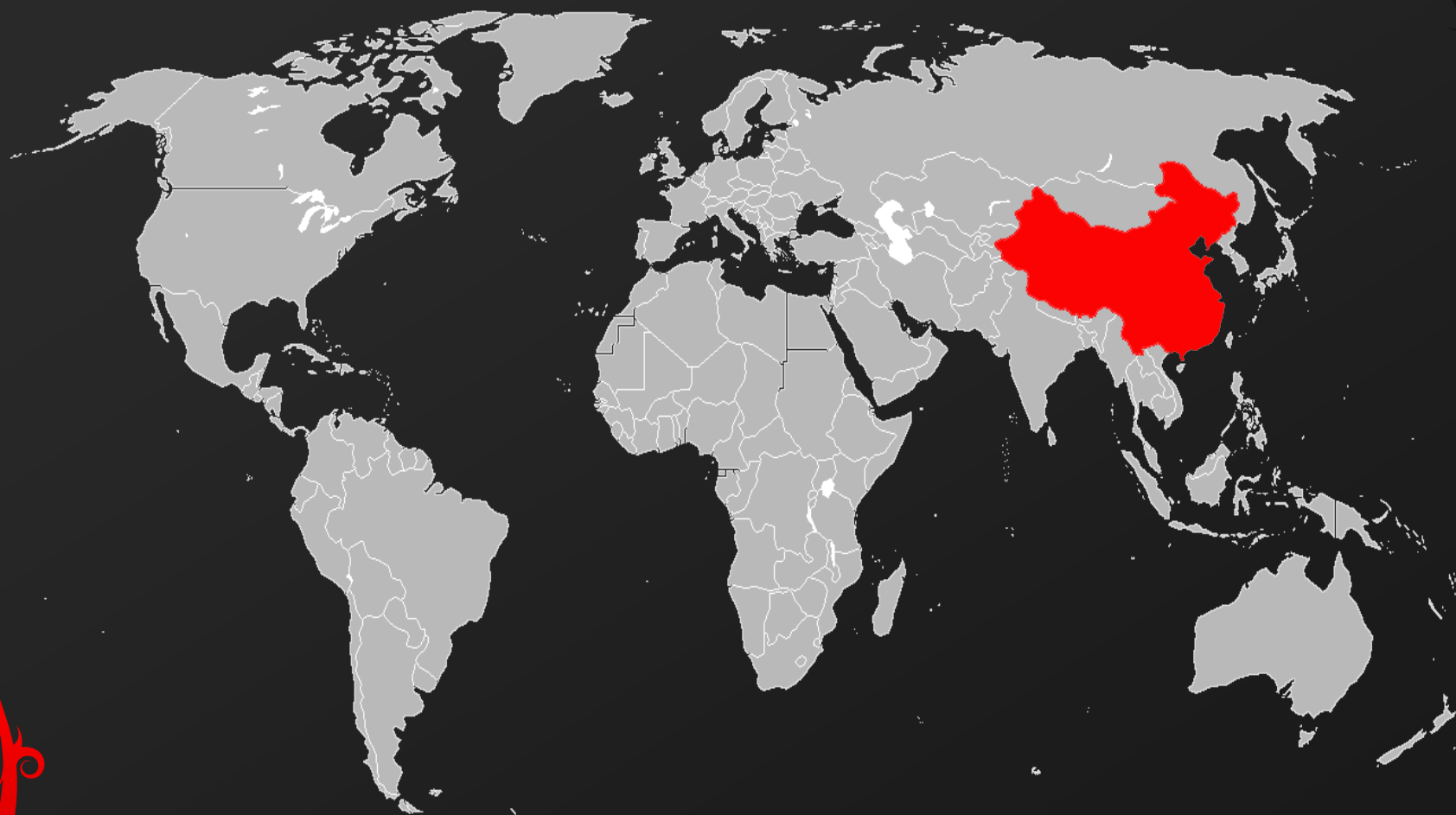
DOES IT LOOK LIKE THIS?



INDIA



OR LIKE THIS?



CHINA

OR HOW ABOUT THIS?



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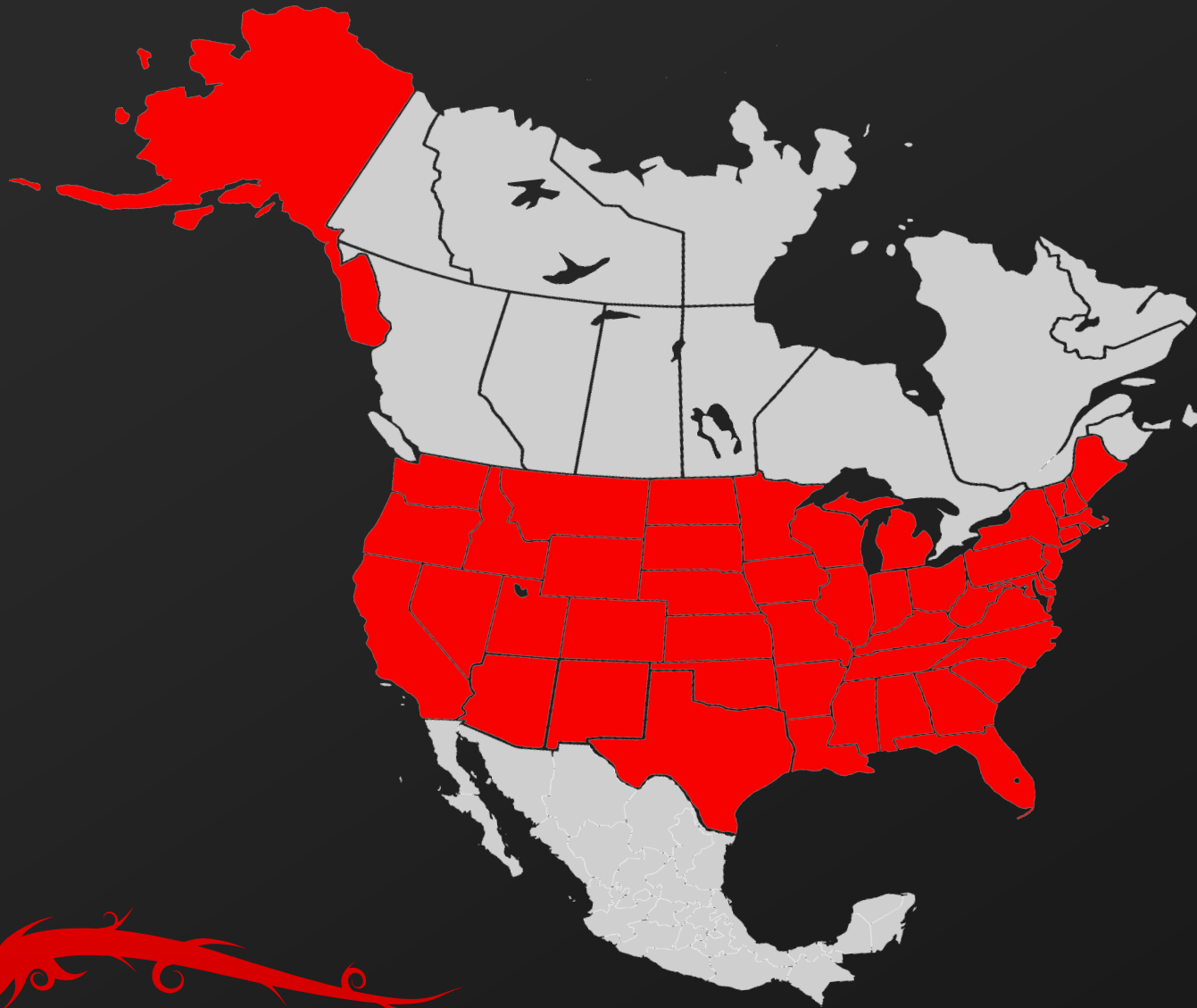
BUT WHAT ABOUT THIS?



UNITED STATES

IS THIS THE MISSION FIELD ?

THE MISSION FIELD OF THE UNITED STATES



THE CHURCH IN AMERICA

- ✓ 1920 – 27 Churches for every 10,000 Americans
- ✓ 1950 – 17 Churches for every 10,000 Americans
- ✓ 2004 – 11 Churches for every 10,000 Americans
- ✓ 2009 – 10 Churches for every 10,000 Americans

THE CHURCH IN AMERICA

- ✓ For Generations it was the **American Church** along with our **European Counterparts** that led the way in sending missionaries (*church planters*) into the vast reaches of the world.
- ✓ Now those who were the **senders** are in need of being the **recipients**.
- ✓ There are **195,000,000 +/-** un-churched people in the United States.
- ✓ The United States is the **largest mission field** in the Western Hemisphere.

THE CHURCH IN AMERICA

- ✓ The United States is **one of the largest** mission fields on earth.
- ✓ Only **three nations** on earth have **more lost people** than does the United States.
- ✓ Those being China, India, and Indonesia.
- ✓ Consider the following statistics relating to the American church, they clearly **paint the stark reality** of what we're currently facing!

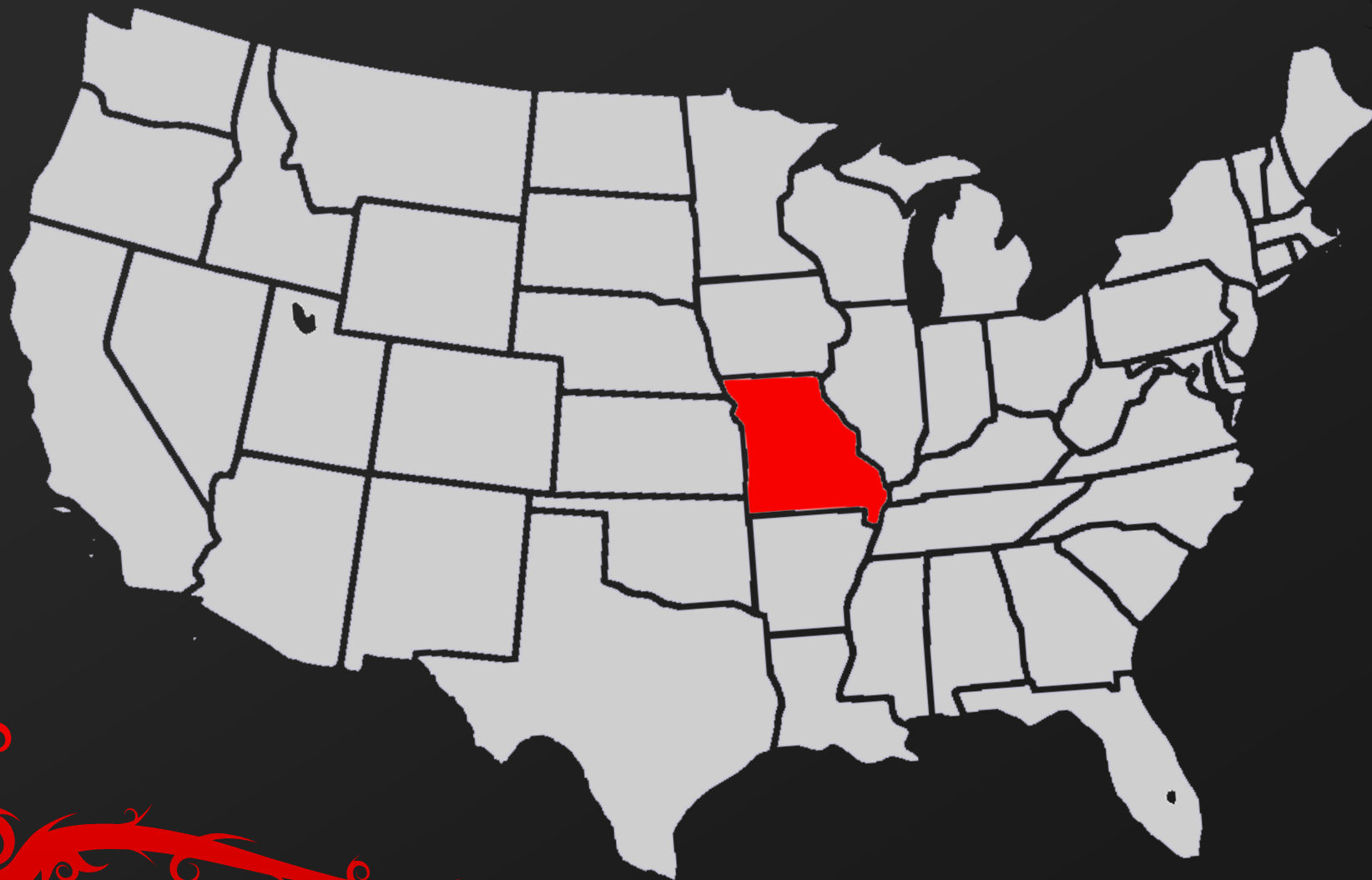
THE CHURCH IN AMERICA

- ✓ During the last 10 years the combined membership of all Protestant denominations **declined by 9.5%**.
- ✓ During that time the United States population **increased by 11.4%**.
- ✓ Every year in the United States nearly **7,000 churches close**, never to reopen again.
- ✓ That averages out to approximately **19 churches per day**.

THE CHURCH IN AMERICA

- ✓ Though the United States is seeing **more churches being planted** than are closing their doors we still have a long road ahead of us.
- ✓ In the past 100 years the number of churches in the United States has **increased by 50%** - while the **population increased by 300%**.
- ✓ Even though the United States has higher population than ever before, it **has fewer churches per-capita** than at any other time.
- ✓ Today the United States **needs to be treated like a mission field** in the same way we in the West view the rest of the world.

THE MISSION FIELD OF MISSOURI



THE NEED IN MISSOURI

- ✓ Though Missouri sits at the crossroads of the United States, we often overlook it as a “**true**” mission field.
- ✓ Missouri has the **3rd largest population** West of the Mississippi River, only California and Texas have more people.
- ✓ In Missouri there are approximately **5.6 Million people**. And of those approximately **4.1 Million are un-churched** .
- ✓ That means that Missouri is **74% un-churched**.

THE NEED IN MISSOURI

- ✓ In 2000 **3.9%** of the Missouri population considered themselves to be “active” church attenders.
- ✓ By 2005 that number had **dropped to 2.1%**, a nearly **50% decrease** in 5 years.
- ✓ There are **390 Independent Christian Churches** in Missouri; of that number **4 out of 5** are **plateaued or declining** in active attendance.
- ✓ Today there are **14 counties** that do have an Independent Christian Church.

THE NEED IN MISSOURI

- ✓ There are **27 Cities** with a population of **10,000+** that do not have an Independent Christian Church.
- ✓ There are **53 Cities** with a population between **5,000 – 9,999** that do not have an Independent Christian Church.
- ✓ Today there are **21 Counties** that sustained a **major loss** in church attendance between 2000 and 2010.
- ✓ During that same timeframe there were **only 8 counties** that saw new churches planted.

THE NEED IN MISSOURI

- ✓ Today the United States **needs to be treated like a mission field** in the same way we in the West view the rest of the world.
- ✓ As the United States moves from a Christian to a post-Christian culture it is **imperative** that new churches be planted.
- ✓ To present the **timeless truths of the Gospel** in a new and relevant manner.
- ✓ To hit people where they are...with what they need...in a **language that they understand.**

OUR MISSION



- ✓ The Mission of M.O.V.E. is to **encourage, equip, and establish** new churches to win the people of the State of Missouri to Christ.
- ✓ It's our vision to bring a state-wide perspective on new church evangelism, to act as a **catalyst** in the planting of new churches.
- ✓ Our goal is that every individual, regardless of age or financial ability will **commit to sharing the responsibility** of evangelizing through the planting of new churches.

WILL YOU HELP?