

Chapter 26 **World's greatest farm**

Jesus described *the greatest farm*. It's where he is busily sowing good seed (the sons of the kingdom) in a field. What field? He said, “The field is the world” Matthew 13.38. No less than *the whole world!*

Sure enough, before our eyes he is reaping a *global* harvest!

“In 1430, one person in 99 of the world's population was a Christian. But during the seventeen years from 1980 to 1997, the number of Christians worldwide has grown three times faster than the world's population.

In 1980, one person in 16 of the world's population was a Christian. In 1983, one person in 13 of the world's population was a Christian. In 1997, one person in 10 of the world's population was a Christian.”¹

Time magazine (September, 2014) reports that “Christianity, the world's most populous faith” is now “booming in Asia”.²

“Some 60 million Christians, both Catholics and Protestants, live in China alone, according to relatively conservative estimates of official congregations and “underground” flocks that worship without state approval.”³

In Matthew 13.39-43 (The Message), Jesus indicates the climax: “*The harvest is the end of the age . . . (when) ripe, holy lives will mature and adorn the kingdom of their Father.*”

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The Word of God is being spread, and God says, “It shall accomplish all I want it to, and prosper everywhere I send it.” Isaiah 55.11 (The Living Bible).

¹ Lausanne Statistics Task Force on Evangelism

² *Time*, September, 2014. Reporter: Hannah Beech

³ *ibidem*.