

The Global Village

As you begin to minister in a culture other than your own, it is helpful to remember the demographics of a mythical world village in which all the people of the world and their life circumstances are reduced to just 100 people.

Here is the makeup of that village:

- 70 are persons of color
- 57 are of Asian descent
- 21 are of European descent
- 14 are from north or south America
- 8 are of African descent
- 80 live in sub-standard housing
- 70 are not able to read
- 50 suffer from malnutrition
- 6 (all from USA) own 50% of all the wealth
- 1 has a college education

Remember this point: If you are an American, well feed, living in a comfortable house, with a college education and money in the bank, **it is your lifestyle that is abnormal on this earth.**

The USA 120 years ago

When comparing Uganda (or any other third world country) to the United States today, you might want to take a look back to a snapshot of the United States in the early 1900s. During this 100+ years, the U.S. never had an Idi Amin or any other horrid ruler that most third world countries have had to endure.

- The average life expectancy in the U.S. was 47 years
- Only 14 percent of the homes in the U.S. had a bathtub
- Only 8 percent of the homes had a telephone
- A three-minute call from Denver to New York City cost \$11.00
- There were only 8,000 cars in the U.S., and only 144 miles of paved roads
- The maximum speed limit in most cities was 10 mph
- The average wage in the U.S. was 22 cents per hour
- The average U.S. worker made between \$200 and \$400 per year
- More than 95 percent of all births in the U.S. took place at HOME
- Ninety percent of all U.S. doctors had no college education
- Sugar cost 4 cents a pound
- Eggs were 14 cents a dozen
- Coffee was 15 cents a pound
- The four leading causes of death were: pneumonia, influenza, tuberculosis, and diarrhea
- Two out of every ten U.S. adults could not read or write
- Only 6 percent of all Americans had graduated from high school