

INTERVARSITY URBANA¹²

Professional Preparation for Healthcare Missions

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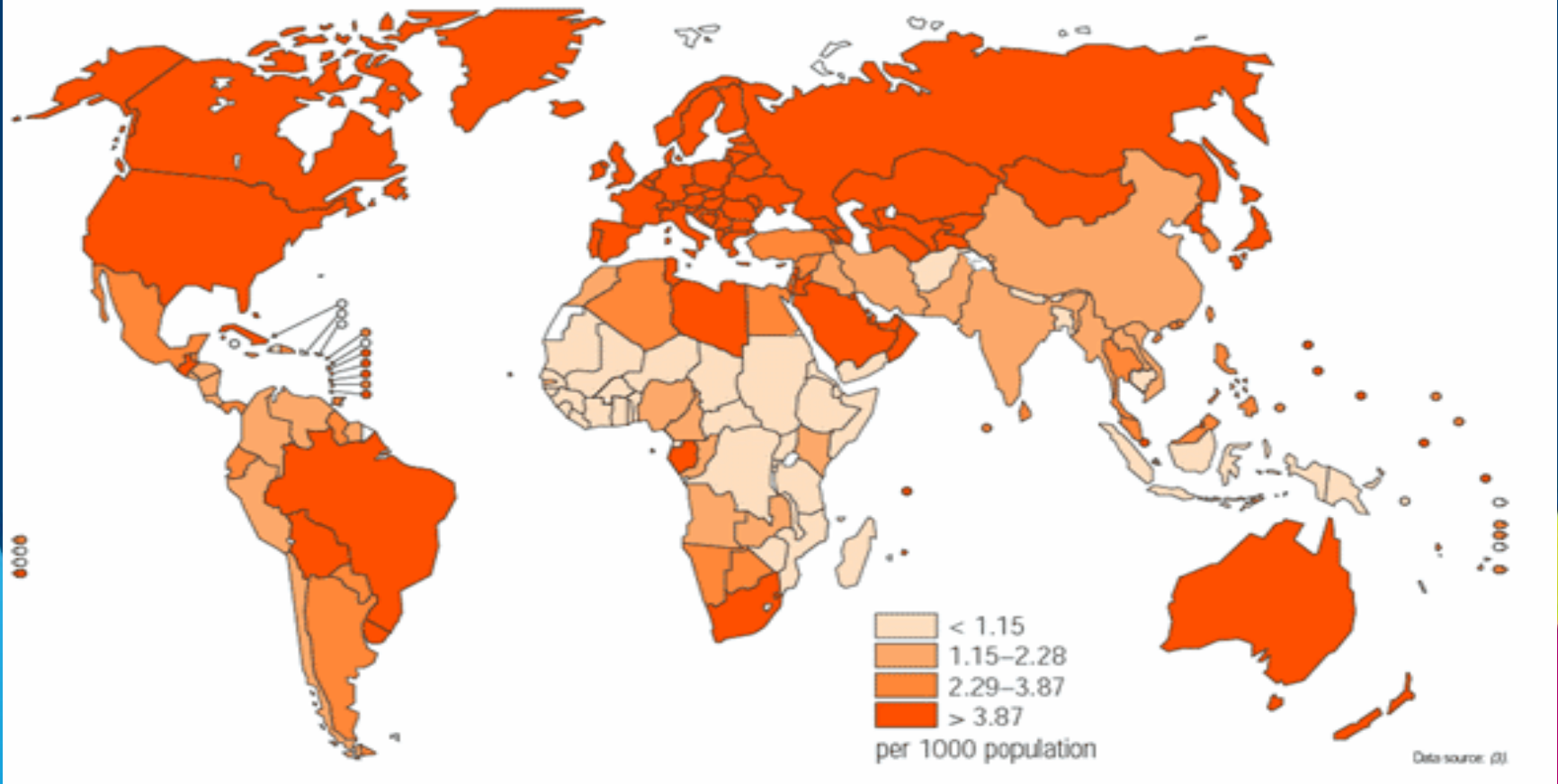


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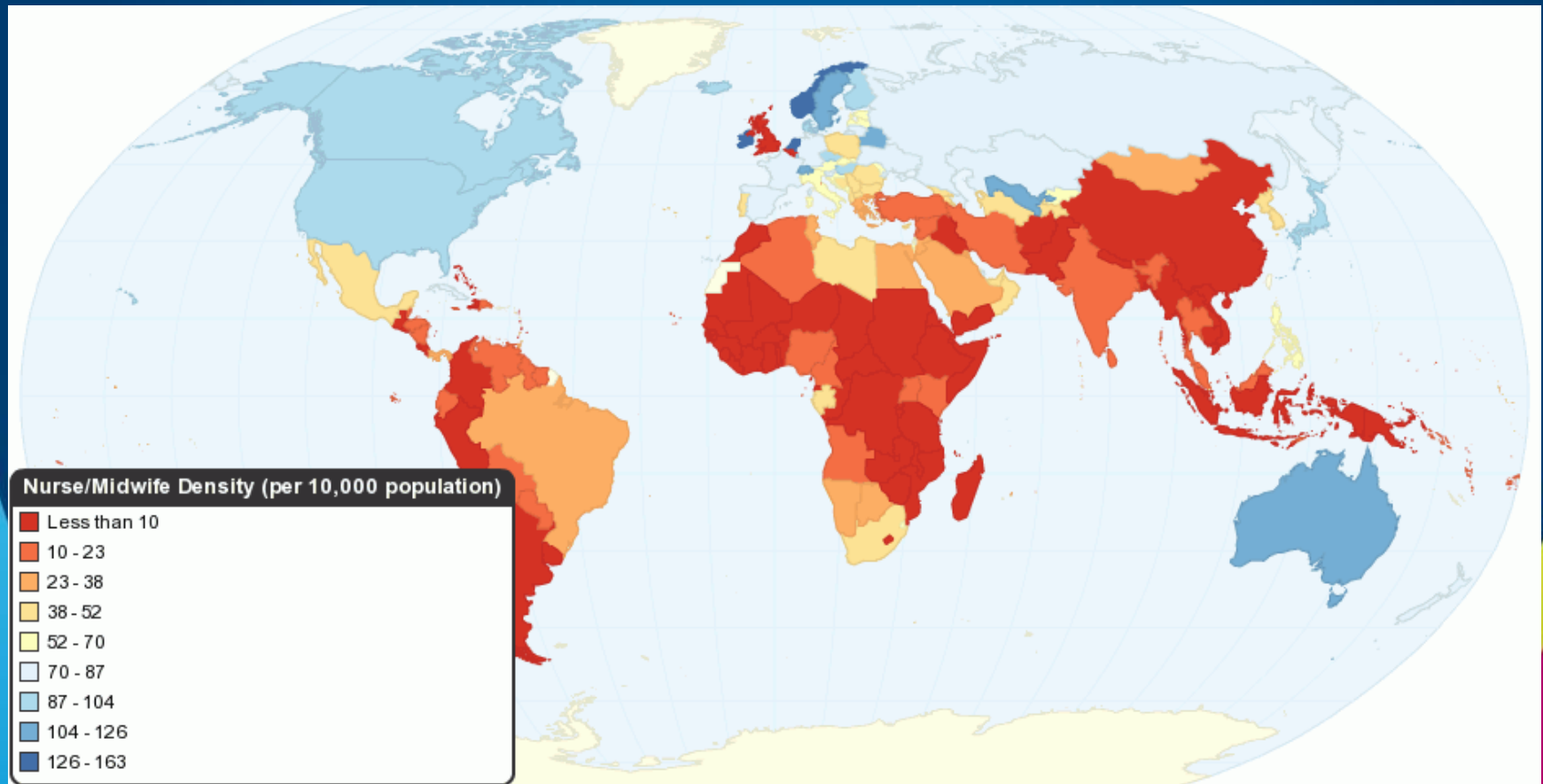
The Need:

World Distribution of Healthcare Workers

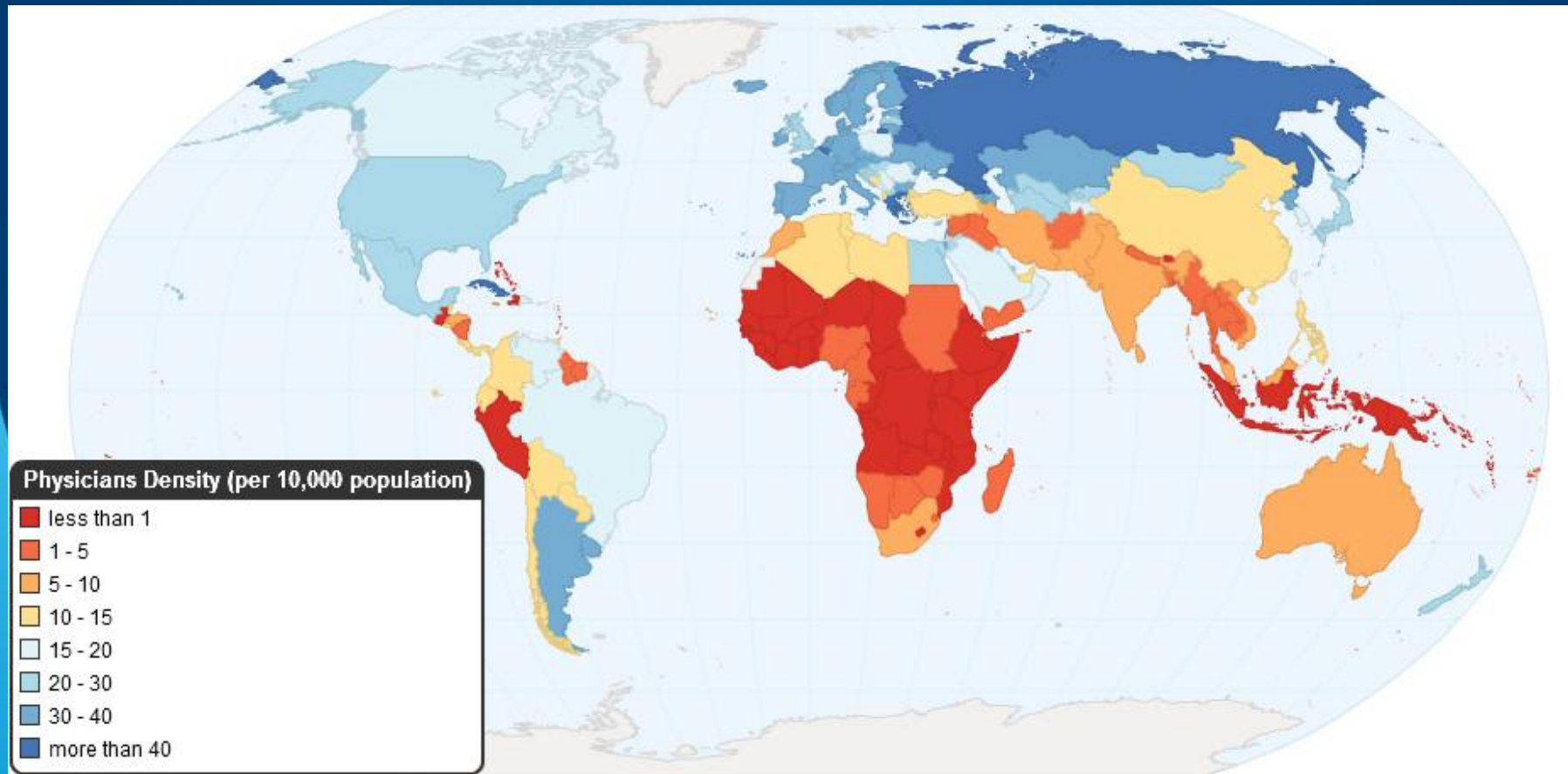


World Health Report WHO 2006

Nurse/Midwife Density per 10,000 population



Physician Density per 10,000 population



Preparation



- Educational Preparation
- Professional licensure
- Work experience
- Theological education
- Spiritual preparation

Educational Preparation

- ▶ MD and Residency
- ▶ BSN (WHO/STTI recommendation 2006) MSN, APN, Midwifery Community Health MPH
- ▶ PhD, DNS, Ed. D
- ▶ Other Healthcare degrees: PharmD, PT, OT, Nutrition
- ▶ Tropical medicine
- ▶ Research Skills
- ▶ Skills in Adult Education
- ▶ Language and Cultural acquisition

Professional Licensure

- ▶ Meet the qualifications for registration in the country where you plan to serve
 - Educational degrees
 - Clinical practice hours
 - In-country orientation/Internship

Work Experience

- ▶ Be excellent at what you do
- ▶ Clinical skills:
 - seek exposure in a wide range of clinical areas
- ▶ Knowledge base
 - community health and primary care
 - awareness of the common problems in the area/country where you will serve
- Critical thinking skills
- ▶ Problem solving skills
- ▶ Flexibility

Theological Education

- ▶ Certificate in Biblical Studies?
- ▶ Master of Divinity? Masters in Intercultural Ministry? Urban Ministry?
- ▶ A few pertinent courses?
- ▶ Skills in Evangelism and Discipleship

Spiritual Preparation

- ▶ Assurance that God has called you. God will lead you, protect you, care for you
- ▶ Men and Women of The Word
- ▶ Men and Women of Prayer
- ▶ A support team who will pray
- ▶ Worldview

Worldview

▶ Western

1. Chronology and progression of events
“Time marches on”
2. Illness–“What caused this?”
3. Emphasis on written communication
4. Minimal understanding of the spiritual

▶ Traditional Tribal

1. Social aspects of events
“Time is cyclical”
2. Illness–“Who caused this?”
3. Oral communication, stories, parables, proverbs
emphasis on retention of what was heard
4. Strong sense of spiritual interconnectedness

Are you willing to go anywhere, do anything at anytime at any cost?

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