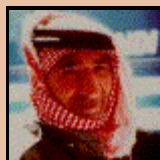


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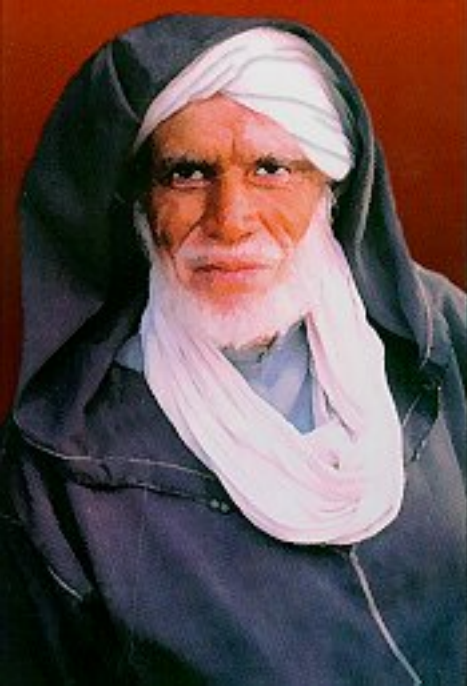
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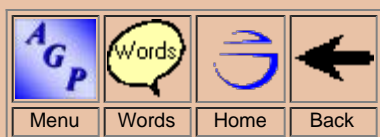




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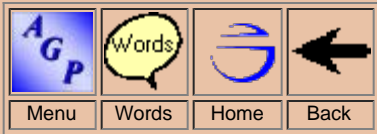
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Sample Certificate of Adoption

Please Note: The suggested wording is just that, a suggestion. Please use wording that may be more applicable to your congregation. The important part is to formalized the commitment of your church and to have it in a visible place to remind everyone of the commitment made before God to reach this people for Christ.

Suggested wording for a certificate:

Whereas Father God has adopted us into His Kingdom, and

Whereas the Lord Jesus has purchased us and men from every tribe and language and people and nation by His very precious blood shed on the cross (Rev. 5:9), and

Whereas the people of our culture have ready access to the Gospel and there are still Thousands of people in the world with no such access or Gospel witness, and

Whereas Christ has commended us and all Christians to preach the Gospel to the ends of the earth (Acts 1:8) and to make disciples of all nations (Mt 28:18-20)

We hereby adopt the

People Name

And pledge ourselves from this day forward to pray regularly for the establishment of a church among them and to continue to do so until our prayers are answered. In addition, we proclaim ourselves willing to be led by God into further involvement in the task of reaching the *People Name*, whether it be by sending workers to live among them, giving financially to the work among them, working to raise consciousness of their need within our church, or in any other way as God directs us. We pledge to diligently seek God's will for our church in regard to the *People Name* and to solemnly undertake to fulfill all the responsibilities inherent in the act of adoption as they are revealed to us by God.

Allow a place for signatures for the following:

Senior Pastor

Clerk or head of church leadership (elders, etc.)

Missions Coordinator

Other appropriate leadership

Date

[Please register your Adoption, using the People Commitment Registration Form](#) (Located at the Joshua Project II website.)



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Overview of the Adoption Process

Most adoptions are a commitment on the part of a group or church. To "adopt" means to focus on one particular people which has had little or no access to the gospel. The Adoption Guidance Program presents several elements which may be included in an adoption, but your church may emphasize or eliminate certain ones based on its own desire, gifting and ability. If your church is interested in networking, partnering or church planting, please see those sections of the program.

Here is a brief overview of the initial adoption steps :

1. Why Adopt? Learn about the commitment involved in an adoption and prayerfully assess with your leaders if this is an appropriate step for your group or church. See [AGP<> Introduction](#).

2. Select a people. Prayerfully choose the people on whom you will focus by considering whether you already have connections to an unreached people, utilizing your denominational headquarters, contacting an adoption counselor, or referring to lists of unreached peoples. The following may be of assistance: [Selecting<> a People](#), [Adoption Counselors](#), [AD2000/Joshua<> Project 2000 Peoples Information](#).

3. Register Your Adoption. <> using the People Commitment Registration Form (*Located at the Joshua Project II website.*) Registering your commitment will assist the missions community in knowing which peoples still need adopting and makes it easier for you to communicate with others also focused on your people.

4. Praying for an unreached people is essential to seeing God's purposes established. Ephesians 6:12 states that, "our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places." Your group will want to continually ask God to superintend. What is He asking you to do? Then, since your purpose is to usher a people from the kingdom of darkness to light, your prayers on their behalf become vital. Effective tools might include newsletters, prayer profiles and special prayer sessions. See [Organizing<> Prayer](#) for further suggestions and encouragement.

5. Researching your unreached people gives your group the information and motivation to pray and provides assistance for determining other areas of potential involvement or support. It is possible to find internet and library information on most unreached peoples. See [Conducting<> Research](#).

6. Sustaining the adoption. The initial excitement of a church adoption can grow cold without leadership who regularly bring the unreached people's culture and needs before the congregation. Photos, banquets, contact with a missionary, communication with other adopting churches are things which have been helpful to some churches. Be creative. See [Sustaining the Adoption](#).

Not ready for adoption? Some churches commit to praying for an unreached people regardless of whether they decide to go the extra step toward adoption. We also welcome your [Registration of Prayer Commitment, using the<> People Commitment Registration Form](#) (*Located at the Joshua Project II website.*)



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Reference books:

At a Christian college or university, look for the following:

- *Peoplesfile Index*
- *Unreached Peoples Annuals*
- *The Ethnologue*
- *Lands and Peoples* encyclopedias
- *The World and its Peoples* encyclopedias
- *The World Christian Encyclopedia*
- *History of the Expansion of Christianity*, by Kenneth Scott Lattourette
- *Ristricted World Ministry Handbook*, by Issachar
- *World Directory of Missions Research and Information Centers*
- *International Bulletin of Missionary Research*
- *US Mission Handbook*
- *UK Mission Handbook*
- *Encyclopedia of Missions*
- *Strongholds of the 10/40 Window*, by George Otis, Jr.
- *International Journal of Frontier Missions*
- *Evangelical Missions Quarterly*

At any college or university, or large public library, look for

- *National Geographic Magazine Index*
- *Encyclopedia Britanica*, Index Volume
- *Muslim Peoples*, Richard V. Weekes, Editor. This contains maps showing the general location of Muslim groups and documents 190 ethnic and or linguistic groups that are Muslim.
- *Peoples of the Earth*, 20 volumes published by Danbury Press (out of print).
- *Illustrated Encyclopedia of Mankind*, Marshall Cavendish Ltd., publisher
- *Catholic Encyclopedia*
- *Subject Guide to Books in Print*
- *Linguistic Bibliography*, J. Beylsmit, editor
- *Library of Congress Subect Headings*. These large bound volumes show the subject headings used in the card catalogue systems.
- *Machine Readable Catalogue Fiche (MARC)*
- *Background Notes*, US Department of State, Bureau of Public Affairs
- *Minority Rights*

- *Human Relations Area Files (HRAF)*
- *Asia Week*
- *Encyclopedia of the Third World*, especially year books

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Keys to a Successful Adoption

These suggestions for maximizing your success were developed to help prevent possible problems before they arise.

- 1. A Champion:** Most programs, no matter how good they are, fail because they lack leadership. For an adoption emphasis to succeed in your church, someone must commit to steering the program through to its fulfillment. term. A champion is essentially an advocate whose main area of ministry is within the local church (see [advocate](#)).<> Ideally this person should have a passion for the adoption philosophy. If a champion is not evident yet, pray that God will raise one up, and refrain from adoption until He does. The champion may be male or female, young or old, on staff or not. Administrative skills and the ability to work hard are traits of the effective champion. But the singular most important attribute is a genuine burden and call to this ministry.
- 2. Church Leader Support:** No matter how passionate the champion, if the church leaders are not behind the adoption project it will fail. Winning the support of the staff and board members lays a secure foundation for building the project. If church leaders can attend a [Perspectives<> on the World Christian Movement](#) class, it will deepen their commitment to the principles of adoption. It is recommended that you not run ahead of your leaders.
- 3. Access:** The champion must have easy access to church leaders. As decisions arise in implementing the program, such as those regarding promotion or finances, key leaders must be involved in discussions and decisions.
- 4. Prayer:** Each decision and effort must be consistently brought before God in prayer, from the selection of the people to its fledgling church plant. It is wise to secure the ministry of a team of intercessors committed to praying for each aspect of the project, both for the adopting church's decisions and efforts and for the response of the unreached people. One church has developed a prayer network for this purpose. Whenever significant prayer requests arise, the champion sends a post card to alert intercessors how to pray. Visual and written material such as photographs, posters, and brochures can remind Sunday school classes, families, youth, and other church groups to pray for the adoption process and for the unreached people.
- 5. Long Term Commitment:** One characteristic of our day is that people often expect quick, if not instant, results. This expectation is at odds with what it will take to see a church planted among an unreached people. There may not be a rapid return on the church's investment of time and energy. Even with ideal conditions, the process of adoption itself will take weeks or months. While some churches choose their unreached people the first night the concept is presented to the missions committee, most take several months to research, pray, and decide which group to adopt. Then the committee must educate the congregation about the people and its need. If there are no missionaries ministering among the chosen people, the church would begin to pray that God will raise up missionaries to go. The "payoff" in terms of a viable church plant will likely take years.
- 6. Integrated Philosophy:** The adoption must be one of the "rallying points" of the congregation and factored into other programs just like prayer and worship.
- 7. Strategy, Goal-setting, and Evaluation:** In this program, we have described various areas of involvement including: beginning an adoption, networking and church planting. Your congregation needs to determine which parts God is calling them to work in. It may be necessary to lay a foundation by educating the congregation

about unreached people, even before the need for adopting one is presented. After selecting a group to adopt, the church will want to set long-term, measurable goals which may or may not include sending prayer teams, research teams and church planting missionaries. In order to keep on track and respond to new developments, the church will want to evaluate its progress and fine-tune its plans at least annually. Be careful to understand what level of involvement your church can sustain so that you may commit to the people for the long term. Whether or not your church's goals include sending church planting teams, as an adopting congregation you will want to monitor and pray for God's work among the unreached people until the Body of Christ is established and reproducing there.

8. Consistent Education: The whole church can be reminded and taught in a variety of ways and in various settings throughout the year. Enlist creative people to help develop an enthusiasm-building campaign. Bulletin inserts, skits, posters, brochures, ethnic snacks, children's sermons, and ethnic music are a few ways to enhance presentations about the people you have adopted. This is where the adoption actually gains life as the vision permeates the congregation and the whole body "owns" the need to reach the unreached people.

9. Funding: The more enthused the congregation, the more willing it will be to devote funds. Some fellowships put a line item in the missions budget or have an option for faith promise giving. Some collect loose change in specially marked jars placed throughout the church or send jars home with members to receive pocket change at the end of each day. One church took a special offering to have the Jesus Film produced in the unreached people's language.

10. Short Term Teams: Research indicates that "baby boomers" (born between 1946-1964) as well as their Generation X offspring expect to feel and experience something personally before they will give money to it. If your constituency includes a large population of people under age 50, short term visits to your people can become a strategic part of developing your adoption program. In this program you will find guidance for planning your on-site trip. If advised by a knowledgeable mission agency, you may also wish to send pastoral staff or church leaders on a "understanding-building" or "friendship-building" visit or to provide pastoral care for missionaries. In addition to enriching the understanding of your congregation, on-site teams may provide crucial information to prepare the way for a long-term church planting team.

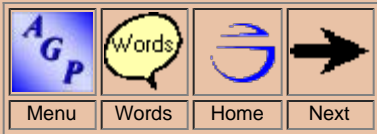
12. Missionary Support: Finding a missionary already ministering within or near your people can be a valuable addition to your adoption team. Information gathered from them can be personal and up-to-the minute, and therefore of greater value and impact than that obtained from published material. If possible, become part of the support team of at least one missionary in the field. As this relationship develops, the missionary may be able advise your short-term teams for the greatest safety, cultural sensitivity and effectiveness.

13. Mission Agency Partnership: While an adoption for prayer and funding alone may be carried out independently, it is better to work alongside a mission agency which has expertise and a track record in cross-cultural ministry. Although many areas of unreached peoples are politically sensitive or dangerous for the unwary Christian visitor, this is not the greater concern. Well meaning, but uninformed visitors can hinder the long term work and cause persecution to national believers. Working with agencies is safer for everyone. It is recommended you contact an agency who will guide your further steps of on-site prayer and research and/or sending a missionary to the people. See [Locating <> Potential Networks or Members](#).

14. Networking: Another way to increase your effectiveness is to network or partner with other churches and/or organizations interested in the same people group. You may be surprised to discover that God has led congregations across town or across the world to adopt "your" people group. Starting or joining a network of other churches and organizations committed to reaching the same people can be of great encouragement to your congregation and can greatly help you to persevere and follow through on your commitment. Your church may enjoy the added blessing of partnering with them for research, prayer, funding missionaries, and other projects. Your church may not be able to do much on your own, but networking with other churches multiplies your potential impact on your chosen people. That is why it is beneficial to register your adoption here, [using the People Commitment Registration Form](#) (Located at the Joshua Project II website.), <> with the [Adopt <> a People Clearinghouse](#), and with your denomination. They can give you the needed information to help you find those

other churches who have adopted the same people, and to help them find you. Please see the [Networking](#) section of the Adoption Guidance Program.

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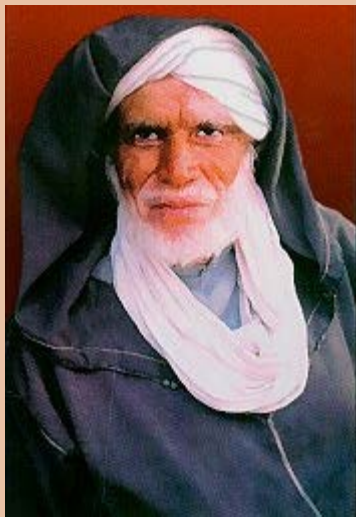
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Introduction

Welcome and Introduction

Dear Co-Laborers in Christ,



Greetings<> in Jesus' precious name!

Praise God, the earlier Adoption Guidance Program (AGP) has been utilized by many churches in the entire adoption process of outreach to unreached peoples. This new edition incorporates augmented networking and partnership sections. It can provide the basic tools needed for any local church to proceed not only with an adoption, but also with the process toward making the necessary additional steps to reaching these peoples with the gospel of Jesus Christ.

According to Matthew 28 and John 17, God has enlisted all Christians to work together to complete the task of discipling the peoples of the earth. Perhaps that is why He has led you here today!? You have a vital role to play in bringing the good news of Jesus Christ to at least one people who have never heard. We know that one day there will be members of every tongue, tribe, and people before the throne and before the Lamb, dressed in white and washed in the blood of the Lamb. Would it not be wonderful that you would be able to rejoice more in that

moment because one of the people that were before the throne were there because you took adoption seriously?

You can use this program not only in the adoption process itself, but also as a tool to motivate and mobilize others with the challenge of providing a church-planting movement among every ethne. Personally, it has been very exciting for me to see the remarkable mobilization, prayer and networking of the Body of Christ throughout the world over the last ten years. Let's join hands together, pray and step forth for this Great Commission of our Lord, Jesus Christ!

Blessings on you as you proceed!

That all may hear!

Luis Bush

International Director

Introduction

The Adoption Guidance Program (AGP) is a resource tool. View the AGP as you might a library reference book, going only to the document or section you need at the time. The program covers a myriad of concepts and resources for churches and individuals who are at very different stages in the process of involvement with unreached peoples. We offer resources as varied as simply praying for an unreached people, to assistance for those who may wish to partner with others for field projects. Reading the menus and 'Overview' documents may direct you to the sections which will be of most value to you. It is our hope that this information will aid you in developing a successful adoption experience for both your chosen people and your church.

Keep your heart alert to God's Spirit as you venture forward. Someday soon, God may hear new believers worshipping Him in a new language because of your decisions today.

There are many paths of involvement and commitment, each offering both potential blessings and pitfalls. As you proceed with selecting and adopting a people, you may want to seek experienced guidance along the way, especially at the outset and before attempting any field participation. If you are part of a denomination or have an established relationship with a mission agency, we suggest initial contact with them. If you have no established contacts, please see our list of [Adoption<> Counselors](#) or [Mission<> Agencies](#).

Nearly every part of the world where "unreached peoples" reside is very different culturally and politically from that experienced by the typical Westerner. Serious and significant negative impact, such as rupture of years of ongoing field work or repercussions to existing believers and workers, may unintentionally result from well-meaning but unguided efforts. An agency can provide current information concerning realities of the field situation peculiar to the people of interest to you and information about partnership opportunities. They can also put you in touch with Christian workers in or near the people upon which you are focusing.

Further into this program, you will be asked to enter information that will be used by the AD2000 and Beyond Movement to register your commitment to a particular people, if are already committed to prayer, adoption, or networking, [PLEASE REGISTER with us](#), using the People Commitment Registration Form (*Located at the Joshua Project II website*.) Registering your commitment will assist the missions community in knowing which peoples still need focus and makes it easier for you to communicate with others also focused on your people. Be assured that the information you share with us will **not** be used for solicitation of funds or sold to any fundraising organization.



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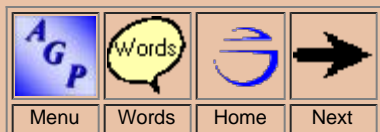
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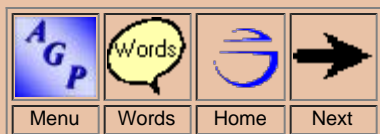
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Adoption Counselors

If you need help adopting an unreached people, the following agencies have staff (adoption counselors) who will assist you in selecting a people group and involving your church in the adoption. Following are three lists. The first are **Resource Organizations** who offer information, resources, training etc. to support missions endeavors. They will assist any church with the adoption of an unreached people. The next two lists, **Non-demoninational** and **Denominational**, are names agencies who send missionaries and therefore assist with adoptions for unreached peoples among whom they work.

If you are committing to a particular region or people and wish to communicate with others focused on the same people, it may help to see: [Locating<> Potential Networks or Members.](#)

Adoption Counselors from Missions Resource Organizations

Accelerating International Mission Strategies (AIMS) Pamella Foster	PO Box 64534 Virginia Beach, VA 23320 Phone: (757) 226-5850 Fax: (757) 226-5851 Email : Pamella@aims-usa.org International@aims-usa.org Web: http://www.aims.org
AD2000 & Beyond Movement The AD2000 International Office will be closing in early 2001. Click here for more information.	2860 South Circle Dr., Suite 2112 Colorado Springs, CO 80906-4107 Phone: (719) 576-2000 Fax: (719) 576-2685 Email: <> Web: <>
Adopt-A-People Campaign Adoption materials US Center for World Mission Jerome Hannaman	1605 Elizabeth St. Pasadena, CA 91104-2721 Phone: (626) 398-2200 Fax: (626) 398-2206 Email: <> Web: <>
Adopt-A-People Campaign -International Philip Bogosian	PO Box 12990 Ortigas Center, Pasig Metro Manila Philippines E-mail: 75322.1025@compuserve.com
Adopt-A-People Clearinghouse Adoption materials, Peoples Info Dick Bashta	PO Box 63600 Colorado Springs, CO 80962-3600 Phone: (719) 574-7001 Fax: (719) 574-7005 Email: <> Web: http://www.aapc.net/ <>
Adopt-A-People Clearinghouse - Korean IMPAC (Institute for Mission To Peoples and Cities)	77-3 Mynjung-Dong Songa-ku Seoul 138-200 South Korea Office: [82](2)4024967 Fax: [82](2)4024918 E-mail : kaapch@nuri.net
Adopt-A-People Programme: New Zealand Mr. Bruce Heyworth	66 B Nortons Rd Avonhead Christchurch New Zealand Phone: [64](3)3425431 Fax: [64](3)3425431 Email : prasert@xtra.co.nz
Adoption Registration - Australia Youth With A Mission - Target 2000 Anna Heinrich	PO Box 8501, Perth Business Centre Perth Western Australia 6849 Australia Phone: [61](8) 9221-1217 Fax: [61](8) 9325-1830 Email: t2000@ywamperth.org.au Web: www.ywamperth.org.au/t2000
Caleb Project	10 W Dry Creek Circle

	Littleton, CO 80120-4413 Phone: (303) 730-4170 Fax: (303) 730-4177 Email: Info@cproject.com <> Web: http://www.calebproject.org <>
Emerging Young Leaders Steve Moore	P.O Box 3288 Englewood, CO 80155-3288 Phone: (303) 771-3000 1-888-395-5377 Fax: (303) 771-0933 Email: smoore@eyl.org <> Web: http://www.eyl.org
Globe Missionary Evangelism Don & Jeannie Davis	PO Box 3040 Pensacola, FL 32516-3040 Phone: (850) 453-3453 Fax: (850) 456-6001 Email: drdavis@xc.org info@GME.org <> Web: http://www.GME.org <>
InterDev Steve Richards	PO Box 3883 Seattle, WA 98124-3883 Office: (425) 775-8330 ext. 214 1-800-775-8330 Fax: (425) 775-8326 Email : srichards@xc.org <>
Issachar Frontier Missions Andrew Low	13053 134th Ave. NE Kirkland, WA 98034 Phone: [1] (425) 814-9777 Fax: [1] (425) 9155 Email: low@halcyon.com <> IssacharHQ@aol.com <>
Korean American Center for World Mission	1605 E Elizabeth St. Pasadena, CA 91104-2721 Office: [1](626)398-2405 Fax: [1](626)398-2410 Email: kacwm@aol.com
Youth With A Mission International	Highfield Oval Harpenden Herts AL5 4BX ENGLAND Fax: (44) 1582 765 489 Tel: (44) 1582 463 269 E-mail: JCO@oval.com Web: http://www.ywamfm.org

Adoption Counselors from < > Missionary Sending Agencies

--Non-Denominational--

AOF Missions Inc.	PO Box 716 Midway, GA 31320 Fax: [1](912) 370-2500 Email: africa@africaonfire.com Web: http://www.africaonfire.com <>
The Bible League Andrew Rietveld	16801 Van Dam Road South Holland, IL 60473 Phone/Fax: (708) 331-2077 Email: AndyRietveld@BibleLeague.org Web: http://www.bibleleague.org <>
CHRISTAR - formerly International Missions, Inc. <i>(Provides information and assistance in choosing a people and developing the adoption)</i> Dr. Carlton Long	PO Box 14866 Reading, PA 19612-4866 Phone: 1-610-375-0300#36 Fax: 1-610-375-6862 Email: carlton@christar.org Web: http://www.christar.org <>
Frontiers <i>(Muslim focus)</i>	325 N. Stapley Dr. Mesa, AZ 85203-8030 Phone: 1-800-GO2-THEM (462-8436) Fax: (602) 834-1974 Email: info@US.Frontiers.org <> Web: http://www.frontiers.org/directory.html <>
Middle East Media	PO Box 359 Lynnwood, WA 98046-0359

John Berg	Phone: (425) 778-0752 1-888-300-5846 Fax: (425) 672-9222 Email: ad@mem-usa.org <>
Mision Evangelica Salvadorena Moises Mejia	Calle San Antonio Abad 2540 Colonia Las Rosas No. 2 Apartado 05-12 San Salvador, El Salvador Office: Fax: [503]274-4820 Email: Moises Mejia Nazaret@es.com.SV
Mission to Unreached Peoples <i>(Tentmaking Ministries)</i> David Hupp	PO Box 30947 Seattle, WA 98145-0880 Phone: (206) 781-3151 1-888-847-6950 Fax: (206) 781-3182 Email: mupinfo@mup.org <> Web: http://www.mup.org/mupinfo/ <>
Office for World Mission / Youth With A Mission	Schlossgasse 1 Hurlach 86857 Germany Office: [49](8248)12258 Fax: [49](8248)12241 E-mail: DanielTopf@aol.com
Team Expansion PACE Projects Doug Lucas	3700 Hopewell Rd. Louisville, KY 40299-5002 Phone: (502) 297-0006 Fax: (502) 297-9823 Email: dLucas@teamexpansion.org <> Web: http://www.teamexpansion.org <>

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Anglican Frontier Mission	PO Box 18024 Richmond, VA 23226-8024 ; Phone: 1-800-355-8486 Fax: 1-804-355-8260 Email: AFM@xc.org <> Web: http://www.episcopalian.org/afm <>
Christian Chuches/Churches of Christ Team Expansion	3700 Hopewell Rd. Louisville, KY 40299-5002 Phone: (502) 297-0006 Fax: (502) 297-9823 Email: TeamExpansion@xc.org <> Web: http://www.teamexpansion.org <>
Cooperative Baptist Fellowship Tom & Beth Ogburn Adopt-A-People Coordinators	CBF World A Link Office Dallas, TX 75260-2723 Phone: 1-800-782-2451 Email: adopt@mindspring.com <> Web: http://www.cbfonline.org <>
Evangelical Covenant Church/World Mission Nancy Reed	5101 N. Francisco Chicago, IL 60625-3611 Phone: (773) 784-3000 1-800-338-IDEA (338-4332) Fax: (773) 784-4366 Email: 73063.2013@compuserve.com <>
Evangelical Friends Mission Vicki Hinshaw	PO Box 525 Arvada, CO 80001-0525 Phone: (303) 421-8100 Fax: (303) 431-6455 Email: norvalh@Christcom.net <> Web: http://www.friendsmission.org
Evangelical Free Church Mission Jim Forstrom	901 E. 78 Street Minneapolis, MN 55420 Phone: (612) 854-1300 1-800-995-5358 Fax: (612) 853-8474 Email: jforstrom@efca.org Web: http://www.efcm.org <>
	5350 Broadmoor Cr NW

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MBMS International (Mennonite Brethren)

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 1-888- 866-6267
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Presbyterian Church in America

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International Mission Board**

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 Web: <http://www.IMB.org> <>

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One Church's Story: Adopting the Susu People by Stan Yoder

The most asked question by churches when considering adopting a people group is, "Where do we begin?" The Brenneman Memorial Missionary Church in Goshen, Indiana, serves as a good example in answering this question and I (Stan Yoder) share this report as a member of the church.

Casting the Vision

Interest in adopting a people group first began with the members of the mission committee. There are three elected members on this committee at our church with the fourth member, the administrative pastor, serving as chair. A special meeting was called at this pastor's home on Thursday evening, February 24, 1994. This meeting was special in that the senior pastor, church staff and members of the church board were all invited.

We began by viewing the short video, "Doing Your Bit," which explains the connection between world evangelization, people groups and how churches can "do their bit" through adoption. My wife, Valli, and I also shared the experience we had while attending the Granada Hills Community Church, a Missionary Church in Granada Hills, California. The entire group responded enthusiastically with the senior pastor and church board members "commissioning" the mission committee to "go for it!" Progress and plans were to be reported to the church board for their approval.

Selecting a People Group

At our next mission committee meeting, we began the process of selecting a people group for adoption. It seemed logical to start with the missionaries we support and discover the people groups they are already discipling. To our surprise, we could not tie a specific people group to any of the missionaries we supported at that time. They were all involved in specialized ministries such as missionary radio, house parents for MKs and the publishing of Christian books. These missionaries all had strategic ministries in the areas of the world where they were located and we would continue to support them, yet we wanted to have a direct connection with a missionary team establishing churches. We wanted to help parent churches in a people group who needed us to care for them.

Therefore, our next step was to consult the [World<>Partners](#) database and choose a people group from that list. We decided we wanted to choose one of the least evangelized groups on the list and singled out four groups to pray about: the Pongo of Nigeria, the Susu of Guinea and Sierra Leone, the Bengali of India and the Kyrgyz of Kyrgyzstan. We learned a little bit about each group and over the next several weeks asked God to show us which group to choose.

On our mission committee was a former missionary to India, two former missionaries to Sierra Leone and a young mother who has been praying for a Nigerian tribal group for many years. God had put a special interest in all our hearts for different parts of the world and it could have been difficult to make a decision. Yet because we were set on choosing the group God wanted us to adopt, as we prayed He gently guided us to all agree on the Susu people. This was not done by a majority vote; it was done by agreeing with what the Holy Spirit was telling us individually and as a group through prayer.

The church board quickly approved our decision and we were ready to start the next phase of our adoption process.

Although we were sure the Susu people were the right ones, it seemed a bit strange we would choose a group that had already been adopted by the Granada Hills Church in California. It is now clear why God led us that way. In April, 1995, World Partners gave official approval to open ministry in Guinea, West Africa. A number of Susu live in Guinea and were one of the specified target people groups. We realized we were one of the two churches God had already chosen to become involved with this spiritually needy people group.

Educating the Congregation

It was now April as we began our systematic plan for casting vision to the entire congregation. The first thing we did was set a date for our adoption ceremony, November 27, 1994. This would give us at least six months to educate our people, from the young children to the adults. We had already decided we would have four "World Christian Sundays" a year at Brenneman. The next three in May, August and November would be devoted to vision casting and education for adopting the Susu.

I was given the privilege of introducing the concept to the congregation on Sunday, May 22. Our entire service was dedicated to clarifying who the Susu are and what it would mean if our congregation adopted them. The service was highlighted by a skit done by the mission committee. Over the next six months, we visited Sunday school classes, used bulletin inserts and did whatever we could think of to help our people understand who the Susu people are and the serious nature of making a commitment to disciple them.

At our "World Christian Sunday" in August, our assistant pastor once again explained the commitment involved in adopting the Susu people and asked for a show of hands from those who understood and were willing to proceed to the next step. From that show of hands, a clear majority of the congregation was ready to move ahead and make a commitment.

The Adoption Ceremony

Making a covenant with God is a serious thing and we tried to do all we could to impress this upon the hearts and minds of our people. By the time November 27th had arrived, we felt the congregation was ready to enter into the adoption covenant for the Susu people. (See sample covenant below).

As part of our service that day, the congregation read in unison this covenant and then signed their own personal copy, in the form of a bookmark, to take with them. As they exited the service, they also signed larger copies at the doorways of the sanctuary, so the church would have their names on record. During the service, a formal copy of the Susu covenant was signed by the senior pastor, board chair, Missions Committee chair and representative of World Partners. It is on display in the church.

Rev. Jacob Bawa, former president of the Missionary Church in Nigeria, spoke that day and impressed upon our hearts how God would use us to disciple the Susu just as God had used missionaries to bring him to Jesus. Being a visible demonstration of his very message, there could not have been a more moving sermon for us to hear on our adoption Sunday. This ceremony marked the beginning of a big step in faith by our congregation, and indeed, it was only the first step.

What Do We Do Next?

Now that the adoption ceremony has taken place, what has the church been doing? Our commitment has taken on two forms so far, strategic prayer and faith giving. Because there are no World Partners missionaries among the Susu or even any that have volunteered to go, our prayer and giving have started out on a different path than what most churches take when it comes to missions.

Concerning our giving, we now have a Susu fund which is growing every month. The money is being held in escrow until people respond to God's call through our prayers, to go to the Susu. Just think how exciting it will be when people are called to go, not only for our church, but also for those going, when they find out that God has prepared

THREE churches to send them! These churches are the Brenneman Church, the Granada Hills Church, and most recently, First Missionary Church, Lansing, Michigan. Wouldn't it be wonderful if all Missionary Church missionaries had three or more churches committed to discipling the people group to which the missionaries have been sent by God? It would be even more exciting if a team was raised up from these churches. It could happen!

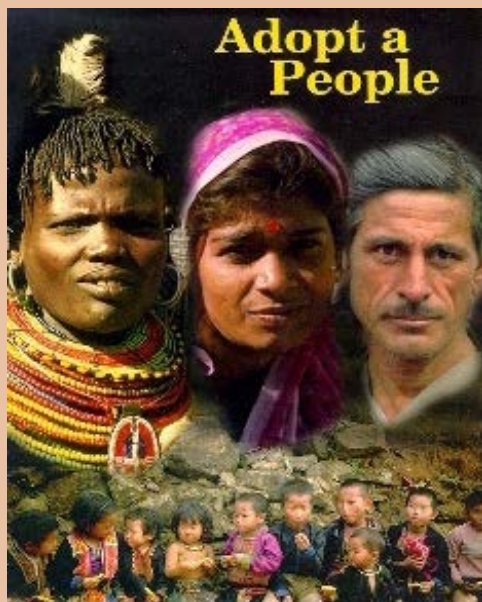
Concerning prayer, we are focusing on the Susu people in three ways. First, according to Matthew 9:37,38 we are praying for God to raise up a missionary team to go to the Susu people. Second, through an investigative trip to Guinea we obtained photos, names and short descriptions of ten Susu women and men that our people pray for daily to come to Christ. More than eighty people have signed up to be a Susu prayer partner for one of these ten. We do not know exactly how many are praying, because some of the eighty represent families that pray together for their Susu friend to come to Jesus. Third, for seasoned prayer warriors, we have identified key spiritual strongholds that are keeping the Susu people in darkness. We believe God will remove this darkness in the hearts of the Susu people as we pray, and reveal His glory to them. "The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds" (11 Cor. 10:4).

Who Will Go?

We are excited about what God is doing in our church and through our church to take the gospel to the Susu people. Yet I still have one question in my mind as I finish this story. We are ready to send a team; who is willing to go? Wait a minute! This seems almost backwards. Normally missionaries are called and approved and then come looking for churches to support them. Instead, three churches are ready to send a team and must look for workers to go. It is just like Jesus said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few, therefore, ask the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into his harvest field" (Matthew 9:37,38).

Sample Covenant

We, the people of Brenneman Memorial Missionary Church, covenant with one another and with the Lord to adopt the Susu People of Guinea and Sierra Leone, West Africa, as our spiritual responsibility, to the end that we might be agents in the preaching of the gospel and the formation of the Church of our Lord Jesus Christ among this people. We shall purpose as a congregation to become informed about the Susu, to systematically pray for their salvation and for the birthing among them of the Church of our Lord Jesus Christ. In implementation of this goal, we shall pray the Lord of the Harvest to send laborers to the Susu. We shall seek to support the sending of missionary workers, both prayerfully and financially to the best of our abilities, trusting in the Lord's faithfulness to provide both the will and the means with which to do so. We enter into this agreement beginning this TWENTY-SEVENTH day of NOVEMBER, 1994, until such time as a mature and healthy church has been established among the Susu people.



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A Strategy for Loving the Peoples of the World as Well as the Missionaries

By Stan Yoder

Adopt-A-People is a mission mobilization strategy that is gaining momentum in mission agencies and churches world-wide. What makes this strategy different is its focus. Historically, agencies have focused on countries and churches have focused their attention on missionaries. Adopt-A-People focuses on people groups, or what the Bible refers to as nations, peoples, tribes and languages (Psalm 67).

For 10 years, my wife and I served as church planting missionaries to the Yalunka people of Sierra Leone, West Africa. Our mission agency, World Partners of The Missionary Church, referred to us, along with all our co-workers, as "Sierra Leone missionaries." While it was true that we were serving in Sierra Leone, in reality we were working in three distinct mission fields among the Yalunka, Euranko and Thomne peoples in Sierra Leone. This focus on country, rather than peoples, affected both our mission policy toward the "Sierra Leone mission field" as well as our mobilization efforts at home. Our personal experience will illustrate what I mean. ?

Returning to the USA for our scheduled furlough in 1988, we were soon shocked to find out that we could not return to Sierra Leone. My wife, Valli, was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis. Understanding our commitment and calling to missions, our agency assigned us to serve at the U.S. Center for World Mission. Thankfully, our churches continued to pray for and support us in our new ministry role. We were also able to attend one of our supporting churches in California. It did not take long before they asked us to serve on the missions committee.

In one of our first meetings, I asked our mission committee members if any were still praying for the Yalunkas. Their reply was negative. "We are praying for your family and your new ministry at the U.S. Center." Our family needed all the prayer it could get, yet it is the Yalunkas who are still in darkness. I estimate that over 90% of our supporting churches pray only for us and over a period of time, have forgotten all about the Yalunka people. Why? Because they have focused only on the strategy of World Partners and not the goal of reaching the Yalunka people

Before we are too hard on our churches, we might ask the people in our own churches some basic questions. For instance can they name all the missionaries that our church supports? Can they name all the countries where their missionaries serve? Finally, can they name the people groups that their missionaries are reaching? I was recently in a church that supports over thirty missionaries and even the mission chairman couldn't name them all without reading from a list in front of her. Do we need a different model for our church mission strategy?

When developing a strategy, we must first realize that God has chosen to work through people like you and me. Secondly, He gives us a vision for what He desires to accomplish through us individually and as congregations. Once we have a vision from God we can see the goal He has in mind for us. Then we develop strategies to reach that goal.

For World Partners, it looks like this: Our experience with our supporting churches and from speaking in many other congregations confirms that the ***vision of most individuals and churches goes only as far as the strategy and does not adequately embrace the goal.*** We need to ask ourselves: If one of our missionaries came home because of sickness or educational needs for their children and did not return, would we and our church continue to pray for the people we sent them to reach?

We have three teenage sons. One Friday evening they all wanted to go to the mall. That was their goal that night. Since none of them could drive, I became their strategy to get there. The problem was that I didn't feel like going to the mall and since I make all the decisions in my house, their strategy failed. But my boys were smart, they didn't give up on

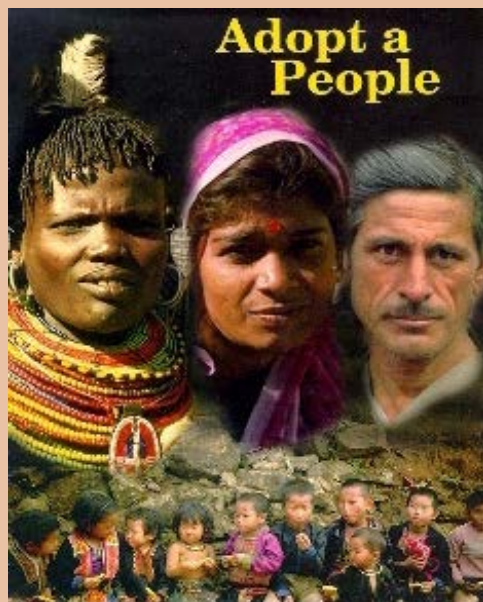
their real goal, they just changed their strategy. They went and talked to their mother instead, who came and talked to me, and it didn't take long before we decided that I would take my sons to the mall! These boys realized that although their first strategy failed, they could still reach their goal by finding one that worked!

For most churches, the greatest weakness in developing a mission strategy is seeing the sending of missionaries as an end in itself. The result is that if our strategy fails (i.e., missionaries return), we forget all about the goal! We forget the difficulty of naming all the missionaries we supported, much less the people groups they were trying to reach. That is why at World Partners we have redefined the goal not as sending missionaries, or even raising funds, but as the starting of church planting movements among people groups, especially those that are still unreached.

What then does it mean to adopt a people? It means that a church, or a group within a church, works through their chosen and approved mission agency to provide informed, concerned, dedicated prayer and financial support for a specific unreached people group. It means maintaining that commitment until a church planting movement is started that can reach the rest of the people without needing outside cross-cultural help. We are not "adopting" the people group into our congregation, denomination or mission agency. We are praying, giving, and serving ***to see a people adopted into God's family.*** We know that one day this will be accomplished as every tribe, tongue, people and nation will give glory to God around His throne (Revelation 5-9). This is true meaning of the Adopt -A-People concept and movement.

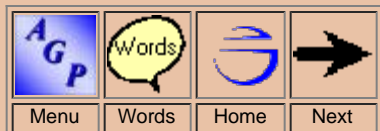
A people group focus and emphasis especially changes the way a congregation prays for missions. For instance, if you wanted to win your neighbor for Christ would you pray for your neighbor or just for yourself? Most likely you would pray for both, asking God to remove the blindness of your unreached neighbor and use you as a strategy to introduce him to Jesus. Many churches pray only for their missionaries because they do not know the needs or even the name of the cross-cultural "neighbor" they have sent the missionaries to reach.

Adopting a people group does not mean giving up current prayer and financial support for our missionaries. We need to remember that they are part of the strategy to accomplish the goal of "a Church for every people and the gospel for every person." However, if they must return home, we must pray for others to take their place. In this way we can all begin to love the unreached peoples of the world, as well as the missionaries we send to them.



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Vocabulary

AD2000 & Beyond Movement: A worldwide movement of organizations and individuals dedicated to the goal of "a church for every people and the gospel for every person by the year 2000." While remaining committed to doing everything possible to achieve this goal, the movement is not predicting "closure" or the completion of the Great Commission by end of the year 2000.

Affinity Bloc: Families of peoples related by aspects such as religion, culture, history, politics, and geography. All the peoples in the Joshua Project list, are broadly grouped into 13 blocs with affinities based on the above aspects. In nearly every bloc there are widely dissimilar and unrelated linguistic minorities, but often there is one particular culture that is dominant.

Adherent: A follower of a particular religion, church or philosophy. This is the broadest possible category of such followers and includes professing and affiliated adults and also their children (practicing and non-practicing) who may reside in a given area or country. As it refers to those who, if not under coercion, would claim to have a religion even if their adherence is only nominal, it is the only figure that can be used to adequately compare the relative numbers of followers of different religions and Christian traditions.

Adoption (of an unreached people): Making a commitment to an unreached people until there is an indigenous, reproducing church established among them. Aspects may include prayer, research, and networking toward church planting. Sometimes called "people group adoption" or adopt-a-people.

Advocate: People group advocates, also known as people specific advocates (PSAs) are individuals who have committed themselves to one specific people group (ethnic group) to learn about them, their environment, culture, demographics, status. They pray about how churches can be established among them. They may network and partner with others to encourage their involvement.

Church: In lower case, means a local church or congregation of believers. Capitalized, it refers to: 1) all believers from creation to consummation; 2) the whole company of the redeemed on earth at the present time; 3) the whole visible Church on earth including all who call themselves Christian.

Church planting: Missionary role of evangelism, discipleship and training of leaders for the establishment of a body of believers, or a church. Does not refer to a physical building.

Closed Country: Countries that limit or prevent Christian ministry by expatriates as missionaries. Alternatively they are called creative-access countries, restricted access country, closing country, restrictive country, sensitive country.

Cluster: Grouping of peoples within each affinity bloc, which are closely related peoples and, for strategic purposes, may be clustered together. These relationships are often based on a common identity of language and name, but sometimes on the basis of culture, religion, economy, or dominance of one group over another. Most peoples in the Joshua Project List may be grouped in people "clusters" and almost all clusters have total populations of over one million.

Collaboration: To combine forces to meet a common goal.

Computer conference: Use of electronic mail for communication by those interested in the same subject.

Contextualization: Adapting something (a biblical concept, mission method, etc.) to make it understood within the context of an ethnic culture. See [Lausanne](#) for a series of articles on contextualization in missions.

Email: Electronic messages sent from one computer to another computer over a computer network, usually utilizes existing telephone lines.

Ethnolinguistic People: An ethnic or racial group speaking its own language. A people group distinguished by its self-identity with traditions of common descent, history, customs and language. Also known as a people.

Evangelicals: The subdivision of Protestantism which generally emphasizes: 1) the Lord Jesus Christ as the sole source of salvation through faith in him; 2) Personal faith and conversion with regeneration by the

Holy Spirit; 3) A recognition of the inspired Word of God as the only basis for faith and Christian living; 4) Commitment to biblical preaching and evangelism that brings others to faith in Christ.

Evangelism: Activity of sharing the message of redemption in Christ.

Expatriate: One who has taken up residence in a foreign country.

Facilitator: A network facilitator provides leadership to a network: 1) by being a champion for the cause, 2) by calling, organizing and presiding over the meetings, 3) recognizing and encouraging member's resources, gifts and concerns, 4) with the end result of making it as easy as possible for a diverse group to work together harmoniously.

Fax: Facsimile transmission of digitized pictures or text over telephone lines using fax machines or fax-enabled computers.

Field: The location where ministry/church planting/evangelism takes place.

Field-based or Field-driven: Strategy determined by those on the field, rather than from those at the "home," sending, or resource base.

Frontier: Pertaining to unreached areas or peoples.

Great Commission: Matthew 28:18-20. Jesus' final instructions to his followers to go everywhere to make disciples among every people.

Harvest Field: All who are not true Christians; not part of the Body of Christ.

Harvest Force: Those of the Body of Christ who are involved in a direct or indirect way in helping to bring in the harvest of souls.

Indigenous peoples or persons: Those individuals or groups who originate in a particular area, a national, a native.

Joshua Project 2000 Unreached Peoples List: A listing of "country-distinct" peoples each over 10,000 in population that were chosen, by their ethnolinguistic distinction and their status of being less than 2% Evangelical and less than 5% Christian adherents.

Martyr: A Christian believer who dies in a situation of witness as a result of human hostility.

Mission: The loving work of God to bring humankind to himself as the Church. Secondly, the overall ministry of the Church for world evangelization.

Missionary: One who is sent with a message. The Christian missionary is one commissioned by a local church to evangelize, plant churches and disciple people away from his home area, often among people of a different race, culture or language.

Missionary Sending Agency: Agency which facilitates the sending, placement and supervision of missionaries.

Missions: Any activity in which Christians are involved for world evangelization.

Missions Resource Organization: These agencies support the work of field missions and missionaries by offering information, resources, materials, and mobilization of the Church.

Network: An extended group of people with similar interests or concerns who interact and remain in informal contact for mutual assistance or support (see also People Specific Network).

Network, Computer: Two or more computers connected for the purpose of exchanging messages and sharing data and system resources.

Non-Resident Missionary (NRM): Professional career missionary who is working towards the evangelization of a particular people or cluster, but resides outside the group, usually in a city with good international communications facilities and no surveillance.

Partnership: An association of two or more autonomous bodies who have formed a trusting relationship and fulfill agreed upon expectations by sharing complementary strengths and resources, to reach their mutual goal.

People: In the context of this program, the word people refers to ethnolinguistic peoples (See also Joshua Project 2000 Unreached Peoples List, ethnolinguistic and people group.).

People Group: A significantly large sociological grouping of individuals who perceive themselves to have a common affinity with one another. From the viewpoint of evangelization, this is the largest possible group within which the gospel can be spread without encountering barriers of understanding or acceptance.

There are basically three types: 1) Ethnolinguistic people group, which defines a person's identity and primary loyalty according to language and/or ethnicity (see Joshua Project 2000 Unreached Peoples List). AD2000 & Beyond has reserved the word "people" rather than "people group" for this type. Cross-cultural church-planting teams of missionaries are needed for peoples in this category. Of the estimated 12,000 ethnolinguistic peoples, probably over 9,000 already have at least one or two viable indigenous churches within their culture. 2) Sociological people group, which is defined by its long-term relation to the rest of society, such as by migration or traditional occupation or class, but not having a self-contained culture or

identity as an ethnic group. In most cases local church outreach is required -- either to plant daughter churches or to incorporate converts into multi-social congregations. There are probably hundreds of thousands of such people groups; 3) Incidental people groups, which are casual associations of individuals which may be temporary and usually the result of circumstances rather than personal choice. Examples of such groups are high-rise flat dwellers, drug addicts, occupational groupings, commuters, etc. These groupings present unique problems and opportunities for evangelism, but only rarely will it be appropriate for specific churches to be planted for the sole benefit of such groups.

People Group Advocate: See Advocate

People-Specific: Referring to one particular people or people group

People-Specific Advocate: See Advocate

People-Specific Resource Network (PSRN): Network of organizations and individuals committed to reaching a particular people

Pioneer: See Frontier

Prayer journey: A trip to pray on location for the lost. Team members may spend extended time prayerwalking, asking God to bring the Gospel to that unreached people group. Does not entail evangelism or mercy ministries (See Praying Through the Window).

Praying Through the Window: Prayer initiatives developed for the purpose of worldwide focused prayer for the countries and peoples in the 10/40 Window.

Prayerwalking: Praying "on-site with insight"-- taking prayers outside the church walls as we walk through an area. Praying in the very places we expect to see God bring forth His answers. Usually low profile and unobtrusive in appearance.

Reached/unreached: A term that is widely used today to describe people groups and areas that have or have not responded to the preaching of the gospel. The use of the term has continued despite the faultiness of the terminology. Strictly, it should be a measure of the exposure of a people group to the gospel and not a measure of the response.

Resource-based: Emanating from the country sending mission resources and personnel, i.e., the "home" base. Opposite is "field-based."

Restricted-access country: See Closed Country

Security: The protection of individuals, property, organizations and nations from espionage, opposition, theft, and other dangers. Information that could identify national believers and mission strategies is particularly important to protect.

Sending Agency: See Missionary Sending Agency

Sensitive Country: See Closed Country

Strategic: Important or essential in relation to a plan of action. Highly important to an intended objective.

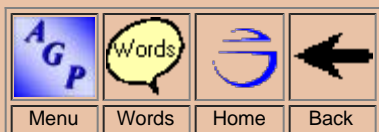
Strategy Coordinator: One who develops and implements a strategy to reach a people group, working with a team or network.

Synergy: The interaction of two or more agents or forces so that their combined effect is greater than the sum of their individual effects. Cooperative interaction among groups that creates an enhanced combined effect.

10/40 Window: The area of the world between latitudes 10 degrees and 40 degrees north of the equator in the Eastern hemisphere, covering North Africa, Middle East and Asia. The window has in view most of the world's areas of greatest physical and spiritual need, most of the world's least-reached peoples and most of the governments that oppose Christianity.

Unreached People, Unreached People Group (UPG): A people or people group among whom there is no viable indigenous community of believing Christians with adequate numbers and resources to evangelize their own people without outside (cross-cultural) assistance. Other researchers have adopted the terms "hidden people" or "frontier people group." See Joshua Project 2000 Unreached Peoples List.

World Evangelization: The whole Church taking the whole gospel to the whole world. The goal of giving every person the opportunity to hear the gospel in a way they understand, to become disciples of Christ, and to join with others in fellowship without leaving their own culture or people.



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[Adopt-A-People Clearinghouse](http://www.aapc.net/videoInfo.html) - <http://www.aapc.net/videoInfo.html>

[Caleb Project Video<> Resources](http://www.calebproject.org/reso.htm) - <http://www.calebproject.org/reso.htm>

[Centre for Mission Direction,<> New Zealand](http://www.cmd.org.nz/videos.html) - <http://www.cmd.org.nz/videos.html>

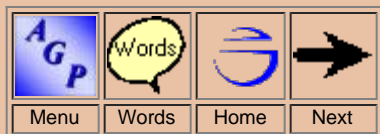
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[SIM Video Library](http://www.sim.org/movies/index.html) - <http://www.sim.org/movies/index.html>

[US<> Center for World Mission](http://www.USCWM.org/mobilization/mobilization.html) - <http://www.USCWM.org/mobilization/mobilization.html>
(William Carey Library 1-800-Mission)

[Youth With a Mission<> \(YWAM\)](http://www.ywam.org/books/bks_vid.html)- http://www.ywam.org/books/bks_vid.html



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Key Concepts

Adoption Experience: Covenant Presbyterian Church

David Henderson is associate pastor of Covenant Presbyterian, a 300-member PCUSA church in Colorado Springs. He brought a perspective on how to initiate an adoption from Joshua's preparation to take the land.

1. Gather key leaders to walk through the people and tell them to get ready for something new. (principle: begin with the leadership)
2. Go to the least likely to be supportive, those tribes which already had land on the East side of the Jordan, and ask for their commitment (principle: get the support of the choir)
3. Send in spies--even though they already knew what they needed to know (principle: do research to create excitement).

Henderson described Covenant's adoption of a Central Asia people, who were selected partly for very pragmatic reasons. The pastor would do a prayer journey to an unreached people if he could also visit some missionaries in Moscow. So he ended up going to this group in Central Asia. He returned from the prayer journey totally enthused. Henderson emphasized that there was nothing better to secure an adoption than to send the senior pastor.

The church session then voted to adopt the people, spawning many initiatives. Cathy B. is a Covenant church member who is moving from adoption coordinator to missionary. She and her husband and children are now preparing to live among the people. Cathy shared practical ways in which they have kept the adoption alive for the church.

1. A shadow box in the worship room displays the adoption certificate surrounded by crafts and a map.
2. Every room in the church has posters showing the faces of the adopted people
3. Every Sunday school class sponsored a day where they learned about the people, including eating the food and trying on the clothes. Polaroid pictures of each child wearing the national dress were sent home to remind them to pray.
4. A suitcase full of books, videos, money, magazines, clothing, and recipes allowed each church family to create their own people-group experience at home.
5. Every missionary furloughing from the country was invited to speak and often share a traditional meal with the congregation. "Dinner on the grounds" took on new meaning as the all-purpose room was cleared and members ate a traditional meal on the floor and listened to stories told by guest missionaries.

There were not many dry eyes in the room as Cathy shared her own emotions at seeing a video of the first public baptism among the people. When the church started the adoption, there were no documented believers. Last month, *over 400 came to Christ*. "This is great that God has let us be part of this."

Rev. Henderson concluded with the *three biggest blessings for the church*

1. ***Missions became important.*** Before the adoption, it was a lofty but idealistic concept. It was normal to be self-consumed.
2. ***Missions has moved from a concept to reality.*** We know the team members writing about the work. It became human. Elders and other members have visited on prayer journeys and been able to provide critical counsel and encouragement to team members who were experiencing discouragement and division.
3. ***Missions became a viable option for ordinary people.*** The thought "this could be me!" was a new concept to

many. In the past, hero stories of great missionaries had tripped up people who thought they weren't missionary material. This "crisis of possibility" is a healthy development in the life of any believer. "Could it be that this is what God would have of me?" The resulting receptiveness has led several to other mission fields.

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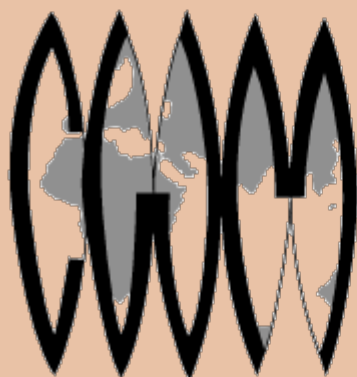
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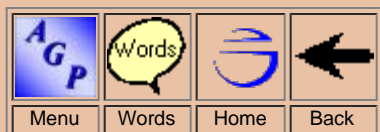
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Information Sources

Secular Web Sites

How the Internet is helpful for research

The Internet is a loose amalgam of thousands of computer networks reaching millions of people all over the world. For this reason, it is a useful tool for people research. However, like any tool, it requires some level of expertise. This guide presupposes you know the basics of accessing the Internet and the costs involved. The purpose of this guide is simply to give you some help in finding your way around, along with some starting places to look for information on peoples.

Libraries/Universities:

- [American<> Universities](http://www.clas.ufl.edu/CLAS/american-universities.html) - <http://www.clas.ufl.edu/CLAS/american-universities.html>
- [Canadian<> Universiites](http://watserv1.uwaterloo.ca/~credmond/univ.html) - <http://watserv1.uwaterloo.ca/~credmond/univ.html>
- [Center for All Collegiate Information](http://www.collegiate.net/) - <http://www.collegiate.net/>
- [Doctoral<> Dissertations](http://www.umi.com/hp/Products/Dissertations.html) - <http://www.umi.com/hp/Products/Dissertations.html>
- [Harvard Forum for<> Central Asian Studies](http://www.fas.harvard.edu/~centasia/) - <http://www.fas.harvard.edu/~centasia/>
- [International<> Universities](http://www.mit.edu:8001/people/cdemello/univ.html) - <http://www.mit.edu:8001/people/cdemello/univ.html>
- [International<> Universities, YAHOO Listing](http://www.yahoo.com/Education/Universities/) - <http://www.yahoo.com/Education/Universities/>
- [University of Maryland Information<> Database](http://www.itd.umd.edu) - <http://www.itd.umd.edu>
- [Michigal<> University Microfilm Library](http://www.lib.umich.edu/libhome/collections/microfilms/) - <http://www.lib.umich.edu/libhome/collections/microfilms/>
- [The Virtual Library](http://vlib.stanford.edu/Overview.html) -<> <http://vlib.stanford.edu/Overview.html>
- [Asian<> Studies WWW Virtual Library](http://coombs.anu.edu.au/WWWVL-AsianStudies.html) - <http://coombs.anu.edu.au/WWWVL-AsianStudies.html>
- [Demography<> & Population Studies Virtual Library](#)
- [Indonesia<> WWW Virtual Library](#)
- [Papua<> New Guinea WWW Virtual Library](#)
- [Vietnam<> WWW Virtual Library](#)
- [Indigenous<> Peoples Virtual Library](http://www.halcyon.com/FWDP/wwwvl/indig-vl.html) - <http://www.halcyon.com/FWDP/wwwvl/indig-vl.html>
- [Latin American Studies<> Virtual Library](http://lanic.utexas.edu/las.html) - <http://lanic.utexas.edu/las.html>
- [Russian and Eastern<> European Virtual Library](http://www.pitt.edu/~cjp/rees.html) - <http://www.pitt.edu/~cjp/rees.html>
- [WWW Virtual Library](http://vlib.org/overview.html) - <http://vlib.org/overview.html><>

Government and Political Information Sites:

- [Library of Congress](http://lcweb.loc.gov/<>) - <http://lcweb.loc.gov/<>>
- [Catalogs at the Library<> of Congress](http://lcweb.loc.gov/catalog/) - <http://lcweb.loc.gov/catalog/>
- [Country Studies/Area<> Handbooks](http://lcweb2.loc.gov/frd/cs/cshome.html) - <http://lcweb2.loc.gov/frd/cs/cshome.html>
- [US Census Bureau](http://www.census.gov/<>) - <http://www.census.gov/<>>
- [World<> Factbook](http://www.odci.gov/cia/publications/nsolo/wfb-all.htm): <http://www.odci.gov/cia/publications/nsolo/wfb-all.htm>
- [United Nations Information](http://www.undcp.or.at/unlinks.html) -<> <http://www.undcp.or.at/unlinks.html>
- [US Embassy Home Page](http://www.embpage.org/) -<> <http://www.embpage.org/>
- [US State<> Department Travel Warnings](http://travel.state.gov/travel_warnings.html) - http://travel.state.gov/travel_warnings.html
- [US State Department](http://www.state.gov/<>) - <http://www.state.gov/<>>

General WEB Search tools:

[<> Altavista](http://altavista.digital.com/) - http://altavista.digital.com/

[<> Dogpile](http://www.dogpile.com/) - http://www.dogpile.com/

[Infoseek](http://www.infoseek.com/Home?pg=Home.html&sv=N3) - http://www.infoseek.com/Home?pg=Home.html&sv=N3

[<> Excite](http://www.excite.com/) - http://www.excite.com/

[Electric Library](http://www2.elibrary.com/id/2525/search.cgi): http://www2.elibrary.com/id/2525/search.cgi

[Global Yellow Pages](http://207.51.123.250/search.rote) - http://207.51.123.250/search.rote

[LookSmart](http://mulwala.looksmart.com:8080/?comefrom=netscape&divert)-<> http://mulwala.looksmart.com:8080/?comefrom=netscape&divert

[<> Netscape Search](http://home.netscape.com/home/internet-search.html) - http://home.netscape.com/home/internet-search.html

[<> Northern Lights search engine](http://www.nlsearch.com/search.html) - http://www.nlsearch.com/search.html

[<> Magellan](http://www.mckinley.com/) - http://www.mckinley.com/

[<> Four 11 Internet White Pages](http://www.four11.com/cgi-bin/Four11Main?Four11Home&referral=netsearch) http://www.four11.com/cgi-bin/Four11Main?Four11Home&referral=netsearch

[<> Lycos search engine](http://www.lycos.com/) - http://www.lycos.com/

[<> WhoWhere?](http://www.whowhere.com/) - http://www.whowhere.com/

[<> BigFoot](http://www.bigfoot.com/) - http://www.bigfoot.com/

[<> Open Text Index](http://index.opentext.net/) - http://index.opentext.net/

[<> Open Text Web Index](http://www.opentext.com) - http://www.opentext.com

[<> Research It](http://www.iTools.com/research-it/research-it.html) - http://www.iTools.com/research-it/research-it.html

[<> Yahoo search engine](http://www.yahoo.com/) - http://www.yahoo.com/

[<> WebCrawler](http://www.webcrawler.com/) - http://www.webcrawler.com/

General Research Information:

[<> Arab World](http://www.arabland.com/): http://www.arabland.com/

[<> Asian Studies](http://www.arabland.com/) - http://www.arabland.com/

[<> Encyclopedia Britannica](http://www.ebig.com/) - http://www.ebig.com/

[<> Clearinghouse for Subject-Oriented Internet Resource Guides](http://http2.sils.umich.edu/~lou/chhome.html) - http://http2.sils.umich.edu/~lou/chhome.html

[<> Human Languages Page](http://www.june29.com/HLP/) - http://www.june29.com/HLP/

[PSG Gopher](mailto:gopher.psg.com:70) - International<> Connectivity information, gopher://gopher.psg.com:70/

[<> Population/Demographics Etc. Research Sites](http://www.psc.lsa.umich.edu/library/resources.shtml) - http://www.psc.lsa.umich.edu/library/resources.shtml

[Translation Dictionaries](http://dictionaries.travlang.com/) - http://dictionaries.travlang.com/

[<> Las Alamos Research Library Translation Dictionaries](http://lib-www.lanl.gov/infores/genref/foreign.htm) - http://lib-www.lanl.gov/infores/genref/foreign.htm

[<> Social Science Gateway](http://www.esrc.bris.ac.uk/Welcome.html) - http://www.esrc.bris.ac.uk/Welcome.html

[<> Lonely Planet Travel Guide](http://www.lonelyplanet.com/) - http://www.lonelyplanet.com/

[<> Social Science & Pacific/Asian Studies-Australian National University](http://coombs.anu.edu.au/) - http://coombs.anu.edu.au/

Anthropology:

[<> WWW Virtual Library, Anthropology](http://www.usc.edu/dept/v-lib/anthropology.html) - http://www.usc.edu/dept/v-lib/anthropology.html

[<> American Anthropological Association](http://www.ameranthassn.org/) - http://www.ameranthassn.org/

[<> Anthropology and Archeology Net Resources/Stanford:](http://www.yahoo.com/Social_Science/Anthropology_and_Archaeology/)

http://www.yahoo.com/Social_Science/Anthropology_and_Archaeology/

[<> University of Washington School of Anthropology:](http://weber.u.washington.edu/~anthro/anthrohome.html) http://weber.u.washington.edu/~anthro/anthrohome.html

World Cultures:

[<> Geographical List of Servers](http://www.fisk.edu/vl/WWW/Geographical.html) - http://www.fisk.edu/vl/WWW/Geographical.html

[Summary List](http://vlib.stanford.edu/Servers.html) - http://vlib.stanford.edu/Servers.html

[World Map of Web Sites](http://www.vtourist.com/webmap/) - http://www.vtourist.com/webmap/

[Web Sites for the Cities of the World](http://www.city.net/) - http://www.city.net/

Africa:

[Africa<> Home Page](http://www.unicc.org/untpdc/incubator/africahp/africaws.html) - http://www.unicc.org/untpdc/incubator/africahp/africaws.html

[African<> Studies](http://www.sas.upenn.edu/African_Studies/AS.html) - http://www.sas.upenn.edu/African_Studies/AS.html

[African<> studies/Links](http://www.sas.upenn.edu/African_Studies/Home_Page/WWW_Links.html) - http://www.sas.upenn.edu/African_Studies/Home_Page/WWW_Links.html

[African<> religious studies](http://www.sas.upenn.edu/African_Studies/About_African/ww_relig.html) - http://www.sas.upenn.edu/African_Studies/About_African/ww_relig.html

[African<> Libraries](http://www.sas.upenn.edu/African_Studies/About_African/ww_libr.html) - http://www.sas.upenn.edu/African_Studies/About_African/ww_libr.html

[NomadNet](http://www.interport.net/~mmaren/index.html) - http://www.interport.net/~mmaren/index.html, (Somalia, the Horn of Africa, peacekeeping, and relief and economic development)

[<> Western Sahara](http://www.btinternet.com/~donald.mac.html) - http://www.btinternet.com/~donald.mac.html<>

Arab Countries:

[<> Arab Countries' Web Sites](http://www.liii.com/~hajeri/arab.html) - http://www.liii.com/~hajeri/arab.html<>

[<> Arabic Web Resources](http://fas-www.harvard.edu/%7Emunson/other.htm) - http://fas-www.harvard.edu/%7Emunson/other.htm<>

[Arabic Info](http://www.darthmouth.edu/~kadhim) - http://www.darthmouth.edu/~kadhim (E-mail News. To subscribe, send the message: subscribe arabic-info to: majordomo@darthmouth.edu)<>

Asia:

[Asia](http://www.asia1.com.sg/) - http://www.asia1.com.sg/<>

[<> Asian Explorer](http://www.asiaville.com/asian_explorer/index.html) - http://www.asiaville.com/asian_explorer/index.html

[<> Asia News Network](http://www.asiaville.com/news_network/index.html) - http://www.asiaville.com/news_network/index.html

[Asia<> Week](http://www.pathfinder.com/@@rHsltAYA5TjgeDaE/Asiaweek/) - http://www.pathfinder.com/@@rHsltAYA5TjgeDaE/Asiaweek/

[Bali](http://werple.mira.net.au/~wreid/bali_p1a.html) - http://werple.mira.net.au/~wreid/bali_p1a.html

[Cambodia](http://www.asiaville.com/asian_explorer/exp_camb.html) - http://www.asiaville.com/asian_explorer/exp_camb.html

Central Asia:

[<> Virtual Memory of Central Asia](http://www.unesco.org/webworld/asicent/capmem.htm) - http://www.unesco.org/webworld/asicent/capmem.htm

China:

[<> China Map](http://www.lib.utexas.edu/Libs/PCL/Map_collection/china.html) - http://www.lib.utexas.edu/Libs/PCL/Map_collection/china.html<>

[China Educational and Research Center](http://www.net.edu.cn/) - http://www.net.edu.cn/<>

[China Home Page](http://www.net.edu.cn/china/index.html) - http://www.net.edu.cn/china/index.html

[Chinese Historical and Cultural Project](http://www.chcp.org/) - http://www.chcp.org/

[Chinese Philosophy](http://mars.superlink.net/user/fsu/philos.html) - http://mars.superlink.net/user/fsu/philos.html

[Chinese News Digest Server](http://www.cnd.org/) -<> http://www.cnd.org/

[<> World Wide Web Sites for Chinese](http://www-personal2.engin.umich.edu/~lkchen/china1.html) - http://www-personal2.engin.umich.edu/~lkchen/china1.html

Europe:

[European Home Page](http://s700.uminho.pt/europa.html) - http://s700.uminho.pt/europa.html

[Cyprus](http://www.ucy.ac.cy/cyprus/cyprus.html) - http://www.ucy.ac.cy/cyprus/cyprus.html

[<> Slovenia](http://www.ijs.si/slo.html) - http://www.ijs.si/slo.html<>

[<> Post Soviet and Eastern Europe](http://solar.rtd.utk.edu/~ikallen/pssri.html) - http://solar.rtd.utk.edu/~ikallen/pssri.html

India:

[Indian Art](http://www.ncb.gov.sg/nhb/alam/) - <http://www.ncb.gov.sg/nhb/alam/><>
[India on Internet](http://www.allindia.com/) - <http://www.allindia.com/><>
[India Online](http://IndiaOnline.com/) - <http://IndiaOnline.com/><>
[Punja Tour Planner](http://calcuttapolice.allindia.com) - <http://calcuttapolice.allindia.com>
[Durga Punja](http://www.allindia.com/durga/) - <http://www.allindia.com/durga/><>

Indonesia:

[Indonesian<> Homepage](http://www.umanitoba.ca/indonesian/homepage.html) - <http://www.umanitoba.ca/indonesian/homepage.html>
[Bimasakti](http://www.bimasakti.com/) - <http://www.bimasakti.com/><>

Japan:

[Japanese Information](http://www.ntt.co.jp/japan/index.html) - <http://www.ntt.co.jp/japan/index.html><>
[Japan Information Resources](http://fuji.stanford.edu/JGUIDE/)-<> <http://fuji.stanford.edu/JGUIDE/>
[Japanese News](http://www.asahi.com/english/english.html) - <http://www.asahi.com/english/english.html>
[Japan Times](http://www.japantimes.co.jp/) - <http://www.japantimes.co.jp/><>

Kazakstan:

[Kazakstan Map:](http://www.lib.utexas.edu/Libs/PCL/Map_collection/commonwealth/Kazakhstan.jpg) - http://www.lib.utexas.edu/Libs/PCL/Map_collection/commonwealth/Kazakhstan.jpg<>

Latin America:

[The Brazilian<> Society](http://www.cf.ac.uk/uwcc/suon/brazil/braz-soc.html) - <http://www.cf.ac.uk/uwcc/suon/brazil/braz-soc.html>

Middle East:

[The Center for Middle Eastern<> Studies](http://menic.utexas.edu/mes.html) - <http://menic.utexas.edu/mes.html>
[Maps<> of the Middle East](http://www.lib.utexas.edu/Libs/PCL/Map_collection/middle_east.html) - http://www.lib.utexas.edu/Libs/PCL/Map_collection/middle_east.html
[Jerusalem Mosaic](http://jeru.huji.ac.il/jerusalem.html) - <http://jeru.huji.ac.il/jerusalem.html>
[Lebanon](http://www.cis.ohio-state.edu/hypertext/faq/usenet/lebanon-faq/top.html) - <http://www.cis.ohio-state.edu/hypertext/faq/usenet/lebanon-faq/top.html>
[Pakistan](http://www.cis.ohio-state.edu/hypertext/faq/usenet/pakistan-faq/faq.html) - <http://www.cis.ohio-state.edu/hypertext/faq/usenet/pakistan-faq/faq.html>
[Turkey FAQ](http://www.express.net/tr-faq/) - <http://www.express.net/tr-faq/><>

Philippines:

[Filipino Express<> On-line](http://www.filipinoexpress.com/Community.HTML) - <http://www.filipinoexpress.com/Community.HTML>
[Manila Times](http://www.portalinc.com/manilatimes/) - <http://www.portalinc.com/manilatimes/>
[Philippine New Link](http://www.philnews.com/) -<> <http://www.philnews.com/>
[Sunday Punch](http://www.dagupan.com/punch/) - <http://www.dagupan.com/punch/><>
[Sunstar Daily](http://www.gsilink.net/home/sunstar/) - <http://www.gsilink.net/home/sunstar/>

Russia:

[Friends and Partners](http://solar.rtd.utk.edu/friends/home.html) - <http://solar.rtd.utk.edu/friends/home.html>
[Russia on the Web](http://www.valley.net/~transnat/) - <http://www.valley.net/~transnat/>
[Latest<> news from Russia](http://citm1.met.fsu.edu/~glenn/russia/russia.html) - <http://citm1.met.fsu.edu/~glenn/russia/russia.html>
[Russian Research Centre](http://www.kiae.ru/menu.html) - <http://www.kiae.ru/menu.html>
[Russia Today](http://www.russiatoday.com/) - <http://www.russiatoday.com/><>
[Window to Russia](http://www.wtr.ru/) - <http://www.wtr.ru/><>

Sri Lanka:

[Sri Lanka<> Home Page](http://suif.stanford.edu/~saman/lanka/sri_lanka.html) - http://suif.stanford.edu/~saman/lanka/sri_lanka.html

[Sri Lanka Information](http://www.cm.cf.ac.uk/Slanka/sl_home.html) - http://www.cm.cf.ac.uk/Slanka/sl_home.html

Tajikistan:

Tajikistan general information: <http://www.angelfire.com/sd/tajikistanupdate/>

Thailand:

[Thailand Country<> Information](http://emailhost.ait.ac.th/Asia/infoth.html) - <http://emailhost.ait.ac.th/Asia/infoth.html>

World Statistics:

[<>](http://lcweb2.loc.gov/frd/cs/cshome.html)

[<>](http://www.prb.org/prb/index.html#is)

[<>](http://www.odci.gov/cia/publications/factbook/index.html)

[<>](http://home.worldonline.nl/~quark/index.html)

travel.state.gov/<>

World Religions:

Muslim:

- [Edmonton Islamic Resources](http://syed.afternet.com/) - <http://syed.afternet.com/>
- <http://www.islam.org.au/>
- [Islamic Software,<> "The Alim"](http://www.islsoftware.com/html/the_alim.html) - http://www.islsoftware.com/html/the_alim.html
- [Islamic Resources WWW Server](http://latif.com) - <http://latif.com>
- [Islamic Society<> of Stanford University](http://www-leland.stanford.edu/group/ISSU) - <http://www-leland.stanford.edu/group/ISSU>
- [DUNYA: The CyberMuslim Information](http://www.uoknor.edu/cybermuslim) - <http://www.uoknor.edu/cybermuslim>
- [and its HyperQur'aan<> Project](http://www.uoknor.edu/cybermuslim/cy_quraan.html) - http://www.uoknor.edu/cybermuslim/cy_quraan.html
- [Islamic<> Information & News Network](mailto:gopher://gopher.caltech.edu/1ftp%3aftp.cco.caltech.edu%40/pub/calmsa/) -
 - [Christian<> Muslim Responses](ftp://ftp.cco.caltech.edu/pub/calmsa/christ.islam) - <ftp://ftp.cco.caltech.edu/pub/calmsa/christ.islam>
 - ["What<> the Bible says about Mohammed"](ftp://ftp.cco.caltech.edu/pub/calmsa/muhammed.bible) - <ftp://ftp.cco.caltech.edu/pub/calmsa/muhammed.bible>
- [Muslim<> Students Association](gopher://cwis.usc.edu/11/Campus_Life/Student_Orgs/MSA/) - gopher://cwis.usc.edu/11/Campus_Life/Student_Orgs/MSA/
 - [Sahih<> Bukhari Hadith Database](gopher://cwis.usc.edu/11/Campus_Life/Student_Orgs/MSA/Intro/Bukhari) -
gopher://cwis.usc.edu/11/Campus_Life/Student_Orgs/MSA/Intro/Bukhari
- [Abdullah<> Haydar's Hadith Database](gopher://umcc.umcc.umich.edu/11/ftp/users/amh/Hadiths/) - <gopher://umcc.umcc.umich.edu/11/ftp/users/amh/Hadiths/>
- [Nida'ul Islam Intellectual Magazine](http://www.islam.org.au) - [http://www.islam.org.au/](http://www.islam.org.au)
- [bit.listserv.muslims FAQ](http://www.cis.ohio-state.edu/hypertext/faq/usenet/bit-muslims-faq/faq.html) - <http://www.cis.ohio-state.edu/hypertext/faq/usenet/bit-muslims-faq/faq.html>

Hindu:

- [Bhagvad Gita](http://www.iconsotec.com/gita/) - <http://www.iconsotec.com/gita/>
 - [Global Hindu Electronic Network](http://www.hindunet.org/) - <http://www.hindunet.org/>

Buddhist:

- [Journal of Buddhist Ethics](http://jbe.la.psu.edu/) - [<>](http://jbe.la.psu.edu/)

- [Buddhist<> Collection](http://www.biologie.uni-freiburg.de/~amueller/religion/buddha.html) - http://www.biologie.uni-freiburg.de/~amueller/religion/buddha.html
- [International Meditation Centres](http://www.webcom.com/~imcuk) - http://www.webcom.com/~imcuk

Tribal:

- [Tribal Voice](http://www.tribal.com/default.htm) - http://www.tribal.com/default.htm

Jews:

- [Judaism](http://www.internets.com/jewish.htm) - http://www.internets.com/jewish.htm
- [A-Z of Jewish Australia<> on the Internet](http://www.join.org.au/a-to-z.htm) - http://www.join.org.au/a-to-z.htm
- [Judaism and Jewish<> Resources](http://www.shamash.org/trb/judaism.html) - http://www.shamash.org/trb/judaism.html
- [Judaism](#)(including<> comments about [missionaries](#))
- [Holocaust](http://www.cis.ohio-state.edu/hypertext/faq/usenet/holocaust/top.html)-<> http://www.cis.ohio-state.edu/hypertext/faq/usenet/holocaust/top.html
- [Dead<> Sea Scrolls](http://sunsite.unc.edu/expo/deadsea.scrolls.exhibit/intro.html) - http://sunsite.unc.edu/expo/deadsea.scrolls.exhibit/intro.html
- [Jerusalem Information](http://shum.cc.huji.ac.il/jeru/jerusalem.html) - http://shum.cc.huji.ac.il/jeru/jerusalem.html

Zoroastrianism:

- [Federation of Zoroastrian Associations of North America](http://www.fezana.org) - http://www.fezana.org
- [Trad'l Zoroastrianism](http://www.zoroastrianism.com) - http://www.zoroastrianism.com



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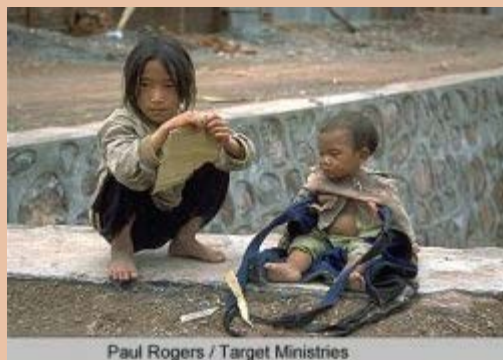
Gathering the Team

1. Recruit Prayer

An important first step is to pray earnestly and to enlist others who share an adoption vision to pray for guidance. To attempt an adoption process without this foundation invites disappointment. Pray 1) for the adoption to be recognized as a valuable missions strategy by the congregation; 2) that members will be excited about reaching the lost within a particular people; 3) for selection of a particular people according to God's leading; and 4) for God to call enthusiastic committed persons to form an adoption committee.

2. Identify an Adoption Coordinator

Someone must "own" this vision and provide strong leadership for an adoption to be a successful reality. The coordinator will be someone who believes in adoption as an effective strategy tool and will commit him/herself to see it implemented. If you feel unable to take on this role yourself, ask God to bring to mind those with whom you could share this vision and develop as coordinator. Contact the [U.S. <> Center for World Mission](#) for an "Adopt-A-People Advocate Kit" to help you share the vision of adoption with your church leadership and congregation.



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3. Meet with interested people

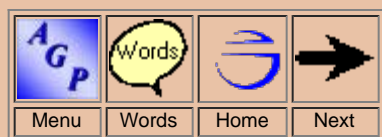
You may want to organize an adoption committee, perhaps as a subset of the regular mission board to gather information and to sponsor the adoption process through your church's approval structure. For example, one group of smaller churches chose to have their adoption committees meet together to share the workload and encourage each other through the adoption process.

4. Identify the decision makers

Who in your church needs to have input in order for the adoption to be widely accepted? Who will have the final authority to approve the decision?

Will an adoption proposal need approval by congregational vote, mission board, session, pastoral staff, or all of the above? When will these meet? Are they part of the decision-making process or will they only need to hear a presentation of the adoption committee recommendation?

Identifying the decision makers will insure that the adoption will go smoothly and that commitments made will be carried out.



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Research

How to Locate Existing Information

Internet:

More research concerning unreached peoples is becoming available daily, much of it on the World Wide Web. We have prepared several lists of WEB sites rich in unreached people information which may be accessed at [Internet/Email<> Information](#). A detailed description of how to find additional research from university library sites and other sources is also available at [the Brigada WEB site](#).

Printed:

If you have access to a large library, here are some aids to making the most of that resource. University libraries, particularly those with a strong program in the social sciences and/or international affairs generally have the most detailed information.

1. Before going to the library:

Perhaps the essential first tool is *Operation World*, Patrick Johnstone, editor. You may find this popular book at your local Christian bookstore or order it from the William Carey Library of the U.S. Center for World Mission (1-800-MISSION for \$10.00 each, plus \$2 handling per order). Then, check the [Bethany<> Unreached People Prayer Project](#) to find out if a prayer profile already exists.

- Visit [AD2000/Joshua<> Project 2000 unreached peoples information](#).
- Contact [Caleb<> Project](#) to receive the newsletter for people group advocates, [AdvoNet](#).
- Contact the [Adopt<> a People Clearinghouse](#) for their people profiles and additional information resources for doing your research.
- Contact the [U.S.<> Center for World Mission](#) for more information through resources like the [Global<> Prayer Digest](#).
- Contact [Christian<> Information Network](#) for *Window Watchman* and other books designed to support the Praying Through the Window thrusts in 1993, 1996 and 1997.
- Check out the [Unreached<> People Information Sources](#) for further resources.

2. Library Tools:

Acquaint yourself with the librarian and the library resources, especially the emphasis and holdings in the areas of:

- **Periodicals** (Use the Reader's Guide, Christian Periodical Index and Social Sciences Index and especially note entries for anthropological journals.)
- **Reference section** (See [Library<> Research Tools](#) for a list.)
- **Cataloguing system** (On computer or card catalog.)
- **Government documents**
- **Special collections**

3. Helpful Hints for Searching the Library:

Unless the library just happens to have a special collection dedicated to your people group or geographical region, you will probably need to focus on the periodicals and the catalog system. The periodicals are important for two reasons-- few ethnic groups ever have whole books dedicated to them, and most books are out of date almost before they are published. Walk through the periodical room and browse through the titles, especially the section on anthropology.

When you find a journal that looks promising, pull out several of the more recent volumes and find a good seat! Search the table of contents for key words relating to your segment. This is a lengthy process and you will probably need to make several long visits to the library.

Keep a list of the journals in which you have found articles. Note the full description of any references listed at the end of such articles and try to locate them. Note the authors who have contributed, and then check out what other titles they have done. Authors tend to specialize on a group or location. Do not assume that because the title of a journal is in French or Dutch that the articles are in that language. Some of the best English articles on Indonesia can be found in French and Dutch journals.

In deciding what articles to read, start with a specific item and be small in scope. After going through what you can find on the specific, expand and go through the process again. This process also applies for catalog searches. For example, if you want something on the Bugis of Indonesia, start only with material with their name on it. Then expand and begin to look for material on Java or Sulawesi or Celebes, and then on to Indonesia, and even social sciences of South East Asia. Remember that many nations/places have had name changes in recent times. Look up the old names as well as the new. Success will come as you continue to look. Don't be hasty in giving up the search!

Government documents and publications from special interest groups can also be valuable sources of information. However, care needs to be taken in interpreting the information, as often governments have vested interests in the way the information is gathered and what is actually presented. Special interest groups also have a tendency to exaggerate their particular focus so the material needs to be evaluated carefully.

The most valuable government documents are usually census data and publications directed at foreign investors. Census data is tedious, but if worked through carefully a great deal of insight can be gained. In digesting government statistics the important question to ask is in terms of density and frequency. Density asks the question, "Is 1000 miles of paved road a lot or a little in this particular situation?" Frequency asks the question, "How many television sets does this make per capita?" Frequency and density are only measures of public use and the degree to which needs are met. Do not become more concerned about the method of measurement than the actual situation.

Determine a search procedure. You will use this procedure in each of the following areas. It is important to look for (or at least keep an eye out for) information on more than one group at a time. Most people groups interact with others or are part of a larger cluster of people, so you will usually come across associated material during your search. Taking note of it will save a lot of time in the future. Unless you are looking for a large group, it is unlikely that you will find what you want immediately because the information will be hidden in some volume or periodical. Remember that your choice of key words on which to base the search is critical, and the more you learn about a group the more key words you will have to search with. Start with what you know and continually expand.

Talk to the reference librarian and explain what you are looking for and what you have already found. The more you know, the more the librarian can help you. Often certain collections of books are kept in locations that will require librarian assistance. If you have more money than time, you may be able to hire a librarian to do research for you, just as doctoral candidates sometimes do.

Be aware that often the greatest amount of useful data is found only after you have exhausted the standard sources.

4. Evaluating the Information:

When you have found some useful information on a particular people, it would probably be most convenient to photocopy it for later study at your own leisure. When photocopying material, please ensure that you also copy the title page of the reference along with publication information. This is necessary if you wish to go back to the reference for further information, compare conflicting information, or support your conclusions.

The information you gather will provide a picture of the particular people. It may be a little sketchy depending on how hidden the group is. As you read, keep in mind some basic issues such as:

- A general description.
- What are their lives like?

- What are their beliefs?
- What are their needs?
- What keeps us from reaching them?

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The Research Process: Checklist

The steps below are offered as a guide, but may not match your church's structure or way of decision-making. There are several ways to implement an adoption within a church. This is one suggested process which we have tried to make as generic as possible. It is our hope that you will be able to adapt the suggested steps to fit your situation. (This assumes that a people group has already been adopted.)

Step by Step:

Allow six months to gather information (minimum three months).

1. Establish a research team

- Pray and continue praying
- Select a Research Coordinator
- Recruit research team members

2. Meet with the team

- Begin ongoing weekly meetings with the research team
- List and assign available sources of information to each team member
 - adoptive churches
 - agencies
 - libraries
 - internet
 - individuals
- Meet regularly to share and compare information gathered

3. Publish findings

- Document all information gathered and publish it in usable manner



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Introduction



Why Adopt?

Because Jesus commands us to disciple all the peoples.

When Jesus said, in Matthew 28:19, "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations," the word translated nations is the Greek *ethne*, the basis for our word *ethnic*. It is not a political or geographical unit, but a people or tribe, defined by culture and language. God wants all *ethne* discipled. We focus on reaching *ethne* because they are God's focus and He commissioned us to reach them. Adoption is a means to help us do this. By unreached people, we do not refer to one's unsaved neighbor, but on those cultures which have no witness in their own language. To "adopt" means to commit to the people until there is a viable, reproducing church planted among them.

Because unreached people haven't heard the gospel in their "heart" language.

To adopt an unreached people is to focus on one particular people who have had little or no access to the gospel of Jesus Christ in a language they understand. An unreached people is "a pocket of humanity" which has no existing native church in its midst. An unreached people is comprised of individuals who speak a common language and share a distinct culture, which often form barriers preventing the penetration of the gospel. The Iranian community of 400,000 in Los Angeles, because of their language and cultural differences are an unreached people, as are the 120,000 Kalanga of Botswana and the 10,000 Lowland Semang in Indonesia.



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Because we have the resources.

The International Journal of Mission Frontiers (October 1990) states that, an unreached people is "a people group among which there is no indigenous community of believing Christians with adequate numbers and resources to evangelize this people group without requiring outside (cross-cultural) assistance." They need others who will learn their language and culture in order to share with them the gospel in an understandable and acceptable way. With the resources available to us, we can send and support those who go (who we call 'missionaries'). Adoption helps us be good and effective stewards. Many resources are available to help. One place to start is the AD2000 WEB site (<http://www.ad2000.org>), which includes data on the largest ethno-linguistic peoples (The Joshua Project 2000 Peoples). The Adoption Guidance Program will help with each aspect of adoption and points toward many other resources and agencies.

Because you and your church will be blessed.

"The Lord had said to Abram, "Leave your country, your people and your father's household and go to the land I will show you. I will make you into a great nation and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you." (Gen. 12:1-3) Adoption is a way to participate.

Because adoption into God's family is biblical.

Adoption is effective because it is patterned after God, who is calling and adopting sons and daughters from every tribe, tongue and nation, "He predestined us to adoption as sons through Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the kind intention of His will" (Ephesians 1:5). When we adopt a people, we are His agents or ambassadors.

Because adoption is an effective way to reach the world.

Adoption is effective because it makes sure that every people has a group of Christians praying for and

reaching out to them. Adopting a people is a "doable" piece of the Great Commission, where each church, large or small, can play a part. Within many countries there are peoples who have no witness in their language or culture. People adoption focuses primarily on the goal of reaching the people, rather than only on the means.

Through adoption, the goal of a church for every people becomes achievable. Some researchers believe there are at least 3,000 evangelical churches for every Joshua Project 2000 people. God has already hidden each people in His heart and seeks to adopt them into His family. In people adoption, we act as His agents to welcome our brothers and sisters home, into the relationship which God, in Christ, prepared for them. With churches focusing on different unreached peoples through adoption, all peoples may receive access to the gospel. The adoption strategy provides the vehicle for Christian groups to become deeply involved in finishing the task.



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How to Pray for Unreached Peoples: Intercession and World Evangelization

By Terry Riley

"Go into the fire of hell!" roared the holy man.

As if in a hypnotic trance, the chicken walked straight into the fire and was immediately consumed. After a few moments, the holy man retrieved an amulet that was around the neck of the chicken with a metal poker. To the amazement of the young, the amulet wasn't scorched. Everyone felt the presence of the deity. It was heavy and cruel. It was unforgiving and thirsty for loyalty. Throughout the night, the people prayed and sacrificed. The young boys and girls were taught the secret words and rituals that have been passed down from generation to generation.



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It is at this time that the people of this community commit themselves to their deity for another season. It is at this time that another generation is introduced to the deity and unholy allegiances are made. There is no other way known to this people. This community is part of an ethnic group, or what is also known as a people. This people is unreached with the Gospel. The barriers are strong that prevent the Good News from penetrating their hearts (I Corinthians 2:12-15).

BREAKING DEMONIC ALLEGIANCES

All unreached peoples are in demonic bondages that prevent them from responding to the Gospel. Most, if not all, unreached peoples make covenants with demonic deities. The cycle of demonic allegiances must be broken. God's people must pray that the eyes of their hearts may hear and understand who Jesus is and why He came to earth (Matthew 17:21).

"And He (Jesus) was casting out a demon, and it was dumb; and it came about that when the demon had gone out, the dumb man spoke; and the multitudes marveled" (Luke 11:14). When Jesus confronted and cast out the demon, the crowd was astonished. Why? Simply, because they had never seen any power greater than demons. These people did not know that there was a stronger power than that of demons. Many unreached peoples do not respond to the Gospel because they fear retaliation from the demons if they change spiritual allegiances. They need to know that the power of God is real and more powerful.

"But some of them said, "He casts out demons by Beelzebul, the ruler of demons"" (Luke 11:15). There were two choices: (1) Jesus cast out demons by a higher demonic power or (2) the finger of God had cast out the demons. Unhappily, these people could not bring themselves to believe that someone other than a sadistic demonic power could cast out a demon.

"But He knew their thoughts, and said to them, "Any kingdom divided against itself is laid waste; and a house divided against itself falls. And if Satan also is divided against himself, how shall his kingdom stand? For you say that I cast out demons by Beelzebul. And if I by Beelzebul cast out demons, by whom do your sons cast them out? Consequently they shall be your judges. But if I cast out demons by the finger of God, then the kingdom of God has come upon you"" (Luke 11:17-20).

This is not a case of Satan usurping himself, but is what is called a "spiritual power encounter" between God and the demonic world. All the people knew that the man was demonized, and that the demon in his cruel grip tormented him so he could not speak. Jesus was able to break the power of the demon.

RECOGNIZE THE SPIRITUAL LANDSCAPE

Often God's people do not realize when they are in a power encounter. Have you ever asked God to sensitize you to your spiritual environment? The Western world view has dulled our ability to recognize the spiritual landscape. Often the spiritual realm has been described as superstitions, myths, wild imaginations or unscientific. Evangelistic and mission efforts are at times ineffective, because believers have not taken the spiritual dimensions into account. Elisha did well to pray that his servant could see with spiritually sensitive eyes (II Kings 6:15-19).

"When a strong man fully armed guards his own homestead, his possessions are undisturbed; but when someone stronger than he attacks him and overpowers him, he takes away from him all his armor on which he had relied, and distributes his plunder" (Luke 11:21-22). The strong man described here is a demon. The demon guards his territory. What is the spiritual territory that is in conflict? It is the souls of men, women and children. The strong man will guard his possession, the souls of people, until someone stronger than he subdues him. Only God can bind the strong man. Our prayers can unleash the power of God and bind the strong man. Many unreached people are unreached because God's people have not prayed strategically for their release. In many instances, God's people could not pray strategically because they did not know who the unreached peoples were who have made allegiances to demonic deities centuries ago.

God has given us the spiritual authority to occupy the gates of our enemy. Instead of using prayer as a combat communication device to unload Holy Spirit guided bombs to enemy targets, we often use prayer as a genie's lamp to lavish blessings on friends, family and ourselves (Matthew 16:18, Matthew 28:18, Acts 1:8, Romans 1:16, Ephesians 1:18-23).

IS PRAYER IMPORTANT? YOU DECIDE

A while ago, I was present to hear a Christian organization explain their purpose, goals, and objectives. I was impressed with the carefully thought out plans and strategies of organization and implementation. I was looking at the sheets of paper that described these plans and I noticed that one of the last points indicated a dependence on God, the power of the Holy Spirit, and prayer. I asked what was the prayer strategy, and how were they going to see this happen with God's help. Unhappily, they had no ideas or thoughts on this important point. Then I realized that they, as a matter of intellectual assent or as an after thought, had added to the end of their plans a passing reference to prayer.

Another time, I attended a monthly ministerial fellowship. The topic being discussed was evangelism.

"Why aren't we seeing results?" wondered one pastor.

"Maybe you should try another method," interjected another.

The whole discussion for about an hour centered around methods and techniques. While I wholeheartedly recognize the need for sensitive and contextualized evangelism approaches, there is much more to evangelism than methodology. What about prayer and the ministry of the Holy Spirit?

Often prayer does not take its proper place in the hearts and minds of believers. If things are not working like we think they should, often times we devise better, more elaborate plans.

BE A WATCHMAN

We need to be like a watchman. In ancient times a watchman would be stationed in a high tower or on the wall that protected a city. Their job was to observe and sound the alarm when danger approached. A watchman didn't casually look beyond the city once in awhile but was to keep constant alert. He was to pay attention, to observe intently. He was to be wary. It was so important that the watchman perform his job properly, that, in many instances, the penalty

for negligence was death. The whole population depended on his being alert and constantly being on the lookout for danger.

Intercessors are watchmen. They keep alert and pray. They pray "hedges" of protection around those they are guarding. They discern, because they understand the landscape. It is hard work, but where would we be if it were not for the watchmen and intercessors in our lives?

LAYING SIEGE AND WATCHING

Just as there are watchmen who keeps watch over a city in normal circumstances, there are watchmen who watch over a city which is being besieged. In II Samuel 11:16 we read, "So it was Joab kept watch on the city." The watchman would observe enemy movements on the walls or would pay particular attention to the gates. His job was to observe and report if the enemy were trying to escape. Intercession is more than defensive, it is offensive. We pray to thwart or preempt enemy attacks. Also, we pray to defeat and push out the enemy so God can occupy the hearts and minds of those that are presently held captive.

INTERCESSION AND INFORMATION

"God bless all the missionaries of the world. God bless India."

I'm not sure how God answers prayers like this. The effectiveness of our prayers is often determined by the information that we possess. You want God's specific answer to prayer. Then pray specifically.

Just as the watchman gathers information, so does the intercessor. "Prayer with knowledge," is the motto of the effective intercessor. If you are interceding for your family, church, country or for an unreached people, you must have information. Not only must we observe but we should search and dig for information that will fuel our prayers.

SOME EXCITING INFORMATION

Now for the first time in Church history we know who are the unreached and adoptable peoples. The Adopt-A-People Clearinghouse, a project of nearly 100 mission agencies, has gone through the process of identifying all ethnic and language groups of the world. This database includes the progress of the gospel among each people group. This has resulted in a dawn of a new era for the Church. For the first time we can clearly define world evangelization from a people group perspective.

The unreached peoples are orphans and slaves. They need to be adopted into the heavenly family and given freedom (Galatians 4:4-6). Each unreached people needs a band of committed believers who will pray regularly for them.

The bottom line is that an unreached people lacks the necessary resources to evangelize themselves. They cannot pray for themselves because they do not know God. We, God's people, need to pray for them. I believe God is waiting for His saints to pray for the unreached peoples. The unreached peoples would be a part of the heavenly kingdom otherwise.

PRACTICAL STEPS

How shall I begin the process of praying for an unreached people? Here is a suggested process to follow:

1. Try to team up with others who have a burden to pray for the unreached. A group of believers committed to the same goal will provide encouragement, strength and accountability.
2. Contact your chosen mission agency and solicit which unreached peoples have the highest priority. If you or your church does not have an attachment to a mission structure, contact the Adopt-A-People Clearinghouse, and they will gladly help you select a people.

When learning and praying about an unreached people, it is important to pray that God will burden you, just as He is burdened for this people. As you pray, God will burden your heart. John Knox prayed for Scotland many years ago. As

a result, God burdened him further for the people of Scotland. He is remembered as saying, "God give me Scotland or I die."

FOCUS ON GOD - NOT ON DEMONS

It is essential to keep our focus on our heavenly Father when involved in warfare praying. It is an easy trap to focus on the enemy in our strategic prayers. Our goal should always be to give praise to our God.

Spiritual warfare has hit the mainstream of evangelical Christianity. Often I hear people praying and binding demons and Satan. Yes, it is scriptural to declare God's power to demonic forces and declare God's victory, but when we pray we focus on the Father, not on demons.

DECLARE GOD'S WISDOM

Has it ever occurred to you that in the spiritual realm not all satanic forces are aware of Christ's victory at the cross and tomb? Why is it that in Ephesians 3:9-10 we read that we are to "bring to light what is the administration of the mystery which for ages has been hidden in God, who created all things; in order that the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known through the church to the rulers and the authorities in the heavenly places"?

NEW APPROACHES TO INTERCESSION

A new approach to short-term missions is to send prayer teams to regions where there has been little Christian witness or minimal response to the Gospel. These teams do not engage in evangelism or construction projects. They focus exclusively on information gathering and intercession on behalf of the people of the region. The principle involved is that of going on-site. These teams pray and praise God, and announce His glory to the principalities. Time will tell how effective this approach to intercession will be. The principalities need to know that they are defeated. Perhaps, as demons are confronted for the first time of the reality of their defeat, their hold on people will be broken.

Another approach is that of prayer walking. As we walk we claim God's promises of Joshua 1:3, "Every place on which the sole of your foot treads, I have given it to you," and Ephesians 6:15, "having shod your feet with the preparation of the Gospel of peace." As believers walk their neighborhoods they bind the demons of each household and pray for the salvation of each family as they pass by each house. Walking around schools and other government buildings prayers are offered claiming that God will be glorified by that institution. This physical walking, accompanied by intercession, in effect acknowledges God as the rightful ruler, but also serves notice to the principalities that their occupancy of the region is hereby challenged and terminated.

A documented study of these new approaches would be useful in determining the effectiveness of these approaches to intercession and spiritual warfare. Hopefully, someone will take the challenge of doing this. Time will tell how effective these approaches to intercession are.

FINAL WORDS

We are God's agents to bring about world evangelization. We need to send missionaries to the unreached peoples and to pray the advance of the Gospel among the nations. We must claim the nations on our knees. God will delight in honoring this type of prayer. The motto for the early Benedictine order of the Catholic Church is: pray and work.

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[The [Adopt-A-People Clearinghouse](#) is based on two foundational pillars: 1) information about people groups, churches and agencies, and 2) intercession. Therefore this article is not simply an add on, but is a central focus of the adopt-a-people movement and the Adopt-A-People Clearinghouse.]



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This program is constantly changing to incorporate new information, so please check back!

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1. **Download** one of the following zipped files containing the AGP.
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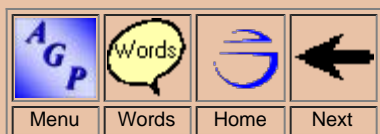
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A zip file containing all the AGP files. **Requires PKZip or WinZip** or another similar utility to unzip the file.

[ADOPTION.EXE](#)

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2. You will be prompted what directory you want the downloaded file to be saved.
3. After the file is downloaded to your computer, use a utility such as WinZip or PKZip to expand the file into the AGP files and folders.
4. Start your favorite web browser such as Netscape or Internet Explorer and direct it to the **index.htm** file in the directory where you stored the AGP. (Using Netscape this is done by selecting File/Open and using the "Choose File" button to select the index.htm file.)



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Christian Web Sites & Email

Missions Web sites:

- [AD2000<> & Beyond Movement](http://www.ad2000.org) - http://www.ad2000.org
- [AD2000 Announce](mailto:ad2000@xc.org) - Email news - ad2000@xc.org
- [Answering Islam:](http://www.answering-islam.org) - http://www.answering-islam.org
- [Arab World Ministries](http://www.gospelcom.net/awm/) - http://www.gospelcom.net/awm/
- [Bethany World<> Prayer Center](http://www.bethany.com/profiles/home.html) - http://www.bethany.com/profiles/home.html
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- [SIL Ethnologue](http://www.sil.org/ethnologue/) -http://www.sil.org/ethnologue/
- [Fingertip's Mission Opportunities Database](http://www.globalmission.org/fingertip.htm) - http://www.globalmission.org/fingertip.htm
- [Frontiers](http://www.frontiers.org/directory.html) - http://www.frontiers.org/directory.html
- [Fuller Theological Seminary](http://www.fuller.edu/) - http://www.fuller.edu/
- [Fuller Seminary/Mission<> Abstracts](http://www.fuller.edu/swm/abstracts/) - http://www.fuller.edu/swm/abstracts/
- [Frontiers](http://www.frontiers.org/directory.html) - http://www.frontiers.org/directory.html
- [Global Evangelization Movement](http://www.goshen.net/gem/gem.htm) - http://www.goshen.net/gem/gem.htm
- [Global Mapping International](http://www.gmi.org) -<> http://www.gmi.org
- [Global Missions Fellowship](http://www.gmf.org/Default.htm) - http://www.gmf.org/Default.htm
- [Global Prayer Digest](http://www.global-prayer-digest.org) - http://www.global-prayer-digest.org
- [Global Opportunities](http://www.globalopps.org<>) - http://www.globalopps.org<>
- [Goshen Net](http://www.goshen.net/) - http://www.goshen.net/
- [Gospel Recordings<> Network](http://members.aol.com/GloReNet/index.html) - http://members.aol.com/GloReNet/index.html
- [Heart of God Ministries](http://www.oklahoma.net/~hgm/) - http://www.oklahoma.net/~hgm/
- [International Bible Society](http://www.gospelcom.net/ibs/) - http://www.gospelcom.net/ibs/
- [Jesus Film](http://www.jesusfilm.org) - http://www.jesusfilm.org
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- [Latin American Mission](http://www.gospelcom.net/lam/) - http://www.gospelcom.net/lam/

- [Lausanne Movement Home Page](http://www.lausanne.org/) - http://www.lausanne.org/
- [MARC](http://www.wvi.org/marc/) - http://www.wvi.org/marc/
- [Medical Ambassadors](http://www.med-amb.org) - http://www.med-amb.org
- [Menonite Brethren Missions/Services](http://www.mobynet.com/~mbms/) - http://www.mobynet.com/~mbms/
- [MISC Mission Resource Directory](http://www.mrd.org/) - http://www.mrd.org/
- [Mission Aviation Fellowship](http://www.maf.org/) -<> http://www.maf.org/
- [Mission Aviation Fellowship XC](http://www.xc.org/) - http://www.xc.org/
- [Mission<> Frontiers Magazine](http://www.missionfrontiers.org) - http://www.missionfrontiers.org
- [Mission<> Mobilizers' Database](http://www.ris.net/~nwilson/dbindex.htm) - http://www.ris.net/~nwilson/dbindex.htm
- [Mission Resources Directory](http://www.xc.org/helpintl/mrd.htm) (lists more WEB sites) - http://www.xc.org/helpintl/mrd.htm
- [Mission<> to East Africa](http://www.geocities.com/Heartland/8397/index.html) - http://www.geocities.com/Heartland/8397/index.html
- [Mission to Unreached Peoples](http://www.halcyon.com/mupinfo/) - http://www.halcyon.com/mupinfo/
- [Mission Training International](http://www.mti.org/) (formerly Missionary Internship)- http://www.mti.org/
- [Mission 21 India](http://www.missionindia.org) http://www.missionindia.org
- [Morocco](http://www.btinternet.com/~donald.macdonald/saharawi.htm) - Sahawari<> - http://www.btinternet.com/~donald.macdonald/saharawi.htm
- [OC International](http://www.oci.org/) - http://www.oci.org/
- [OMF International \(formerly Overseas Missionary<> Fellowship\)](http://www.omf.org/) - http://www.omf.org/
- [Operation Mobilization](http://www.om.org/index.htm) - http://www.om.org/index.htm/
- [OSCAR UK Information Service for World Mission](http://www.oscar.org.uk) - http://www.oscar.org.uk
- [Perspectives](http://www.USCWM.org/) - http://www.USCWM.org/
- [Pioneers](http://www.pioneers.org) - http://www.pioneers.org
- [Prayer Power](http://www.prayerispower.org) - http://www.prayerispower.org
- [Project Bridge](http://www.projectbridge.org) - http://www.projectbridge.org
- [Presbyterian Frontier Fellowship](http://www.pff.net) - http://www.pff.net
- [Project Partner with Christ](http://www.projectpartner.com/) - http://www.projectpartner.com/
- [Reconciliation Ministries Network](http://www.reconciliationnetwork.org/) - http://www.reconciliationnetwork.org/
- [Religion Report - National and International](http://www.religionnewstoday.net/) - http://www.religionnewstoday.net/
- [Scripture Gift Mission International](http://www.asgm.org/) - http://www.asgm.org/
- [Scruples \(Business\)](http://www.scruples.org/bizetmiz) - http://www.scruples.org/bizetmiz
- [Serve India](http://www.inmissions.org/) - http://www.inmissions.org/
- [Short Term Mission<> Opportunities](http://www.ad2000.org/shterm.htm) - http://www.ad2000.org/shterm.htm
- [SIM](http://www.sim.org/) - http://www.sim.org/
- [SIM Research](http://www.sim.org/research.html) - http://www.sim.org/research.html
- [Slavic Gospel Association](http://www.goshen.net/sga/) -<> http://www.goshen.net/sga/
- [Southern Baptist Integrated<> Strategic Planning Database](http://www.xc.org/ispd/sbcstatus.html#B) - http://www.xc.org/ispd/sbcstatus.html#B
- [Summer Of Service \(Philippines\)](http://www.i-rox.net.ph/churchplanting/index.html) - http://www.i-rox.net.ph/churchplanting/index.html
- [Summer Institute of Linguistics \(SIL\)](http://www.sil.org/)-<> http://www.sil.org/
- [Taylored Comm Int'l \(Tentmakers\)](http://www.tcigateway.com/)-<> http://www.tcigateway.com/
- [Team Expansion](http://www.teamexpansion.org) - http://www.teamexpansion.org
- [Traditional Missions Organizations](http://www.sim.org/tradition.html) - http://www.sim.org/tradition.html
- [Urbana Missions Conference<>](http://www.gospelcom.net/iv/urbana/) - http://www.gospelcom.net/iv/urbana/
- [US Center for World Mission](http://www.USCWM.org/homepage.html) -<> http://www.USCWM.org/homepage.html
- [Vision Concerts](http://www.visionconcerts.com) - http://www.visionconcerts.com
- [World Mission Center<> Resource Page](http://www.swbts.edu/wmc/wmcframes1.htm) - http://www.swbts.edu/wmc/wmcframes1.htm
- [World Missions Atlas Project](http://www/worldmap.org) - http://www/worldmap.org
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- [World<> View Research Toolkit](http://www.iinet.net.au/~createit/ResearchLinks.html) - http://www.iinet.net.au/~createit/ResearchLinks.html
- [Youth With A Mission \(YWAM\)](http://www.ywam.org/)-<> http://www.ywam.org/

Denominational Links

[ADRI/Church<> Links](http://www.firestormcom.com/adris/index.htm) - http://www.firestormcom.com/adris/index.htm

Religions

[Answering Islam](http://www.answering-islam.org/) -<> http://www.answering-islam.org/

Country and People Group Web Sites:

Africa

[Africa Missions Resource Center](http://www.africamissions.org) - at Abilene Christian University, www.africamissions.org

[Tama People](http://users.mildura.net.au/users/mjackson/Tama/Tama.htm) - http://users.mildura.net.au/users/mjackson/Tama/Tama.htm

[Wolof People](http://users.mildura.net.au/users/mjackson/index.htm) - http://users.mildura.net.au/users/mjackson/index.htm

Asia:

[Asia Minorities Outreach](http://www.antioch.com.sg/mission/asianmo/) - http://www.antioch.com.sg/mission/asianmo/

China:

[Tien Dao Christian Media Association Inc-](http://www.tiendao.org/<>) http://www.tiendao.org/<>

Eurasia:

[Eurasian ResearchCenter](http://eurasianews.com/erc/homepage.htm) - http://eurasianews.com/erc/homepage.htm

India:

[Books on India](http://www.paonline.com/jkearns/catalog1.htm) - http://www.paonline.com/jkearns/catalog1.htm

[M/E International in association with GIFTS<> \(Galilean International Film and Television Services of India\)](http://members.aol.com/jford767/MEI/) - http://members.aol.com/jford767/MEI/

[Serve India](http://www.inmissions.org) - http://www.inmissions.org

Indigenous Peoples

[WICONI International](http://www.wiconi.com/<>) -<> http://www.wiconi.com/

[World Christian Gathering<> of Indigenous Peoples](http://www2.portage.net/~cpetkau/) - http://www2.portage.net/~cpetkau/

Religions:

[Answering Islam](http://www.answering-islam.org/) - http://www.answering-islam.org/

Russian Web Sites:

[Christian Publications<> in Russian](http://www.dnc.net/users/triad/index.htm) - http://www.dnc.net/users/triad/index.htm

[Russian<> Christian Home Page](http://www.bethel.edu/Personal_Home/V/OV/russian3.htm) - http://www.bethel.edu/Personal_Home/V/OV/russian3.htm

[Russian<> Bibles on the Web](http://www.serve.com/irr-tv/Russian/Bible/index.html) - http://www.serve.com/irr-tv/Russian/Bible/index.html

[Russian for Americans, Etc. -](http://home.earthlink.net/~vjigoulov/russian.htm) - http://home.earthlink.net/~vjigoulov/russian.htm

[Russian Ministry -](http://pulsar.westmont.edu/u/comission/contest/bil/schools/sample/10-12/jim&jane/index.html) - http://pulsar.westmont.edu/u/comission/contest/bil/schools/sample/10-12/jim&jane/index.html



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Organizing an On-Site Prayer Journey

What is a prayer journey?

A prayer journey is a trip taken by a small group of believers into one of the 10/40 Window countries (or any country) to pray for the lost. There, team members spend extended time prayerwalking, asking God to bring the gospel to the people. While on-site the team may also collect basic information which researchers, missionaries, and other intercessors would find useful. Prayer journeys focus on "praying on-site with insight," and *do not entail evangelism or mercy ministries*.



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Who may take a prayer journey?

Prayer journeys are for believers who have a strong desire to travel overseas to pray for their unreached people. They must be strong spiritually, emotionally and physically, for they will be "stretched" in each area. Journeyers must have servant hearts. Their pastor should recommend them. They need not be gifted as intercessors. Teams function well when there is a mix of intercessors, encouragers, exhorters, helpers and worshippers.

How do prayer journeyers receive<> training?

[Christian<> Information Network \(CIN\)](#) has many training resources available: classes, videos, and books. Their *WindowWatchman* books, are especially helpful, as they recount the experiences of many prayer teams who traveled to the 10/40 window during previous Praying Through the Window initiatives. If you are thinking of organizing or participating in a prayer journey, be sure to register with them and utilize their helpful resources.

The "*Praying With Power*" conferences ('97 and '99) in Colorado Springs, were sponsored by CIN and the World Prayer Center to train prayer journeyers & home-based intercessors. The information presented at these conferences is valuable whether one travels or stays in their home country to pray for an unreached people. To read the daily reports from conferences, see [Christian<> Information Network \(CIN\)](#). To purchase audio and video tapes contact **Fresh Video** at 1-800-687-6077 or by Fax (719) 687-8195.

For more information about prayer journeys, go to the following web sites:

[Prayer<> Journey Information](#) at the CIN web site.

[Caleb Project](#) - Consider<> ordering [Prayer Journey:<> A Leader's How-To Manual](#).



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Key Concepts

Adoption Experience: Northside Community Church

John Rowell is from Northside Community Church of Atlanta, an Evangelical Free congregation of **450 members**. Northside has planted three other churches, including one Farsi-speaking congregation of 70 former Muslims.

Rowell emphasized his ordinariness and that of his congregation, but insisted that ***small churches can become big players in meeting critical needs***. In fact, Pastor Rowell has no seminary degree. (The denomination does not require a lay person to go to seminary in order to be ordained). He was very gifted, however and founded Northside church with a \$5,000 per month budget and a commitment to spend \$1,000 of it on missions. The church's mission commitment evolved from giving money to adopting national missionaries through Partners and Ambassadors for Christ. Then Keith Brown of OC Ministries challenged them to become a sending church. They began to pray that God would raise someone from the congregation and soon their first missionary went to Wycliffe to work in administration. Rowell said, "It just never occurred to us to get involved directly, to visit, or be involved on the field."

That changed when Rowell got involved in Eastern Europe with refugees. Through the influence of ACMC, the church leadership became more proactive in spotting and training prospective missionaries in the congregation. They asked themselves, "What would a layman need to know to plant a church?" Then they designed appropriate training. They now have extensive training programs that fuel their mission enterprises, in the local area as well as overseas.

The congregation eventually formalized an adoption of the Muslims of Bosnia and began work there. In what must have been a surprising sermon, Rowell warned his people that someday their grandchildren would have Bosnian blood, that their daughters and sons would marry into the people group. This has already happened!

In 1992, there were no known believers among the Bosnians. When the 4-year seige of Sarejevo began, the church worried that the opportunity there would end. The pastor and a team took a journey during the war to see if there was still a role for them. They found a refugee center where people were hurting and available. They excitedly hurried home to prepare long and short term teams to help in the camp. Northside numbered only 250 members at this time and another more experienced agency said, "What makes you think that, as a small church, you can accomplish something that hasn't been accomplished in eight centuries?"

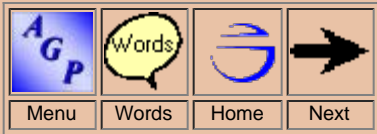
Northside didn't listen to the discouragement. They trained and sent three types of teams: prayer, short term and long term. A two-week on-site prayer team prepared the ground for the others. Over a period of seven months, the church and its daughter church sent in 70 people. More people came to the Lord than ever before in Bosnian history! A base team stayed on to help facilitate the short term teams. Now there are 5 American and 3 national church planters in Mostar. They have already planted four churches with six in the process of organizing. There are hundreds of new believers. During the course of the adoption, 60% of the church's teens and 40% of the church's adults have done a tour of service in Bosnia--over 200 people. Even though this continued during the war and workers were caught in the middle of a battle, *not one person has been injured*.

Because Northside was so small, the greatest need was financial. But, the Lord honored the church for its faith and commitment, supplying needs miraculously as they arose. First the airfare dropped to a few hundred dollars. When the leaders decided that an evacuation vehicle would be wise, a complete stranger who overheard a comment in the Frankfurt airport sent a check for \$10,000. The Jesus film supplied a film and funding to buy equipment. The Gideons supplied Bibles. World Relief helped raise \$45,000. In various ways, the Lord has supplied millions of dollars to fund

the ministry.

The church itself gave generously out of their passion for the work, from \$89,000 at the outset to \$635,000 today. Rowell's parting words were, "***NEVER underestimate the power of a small church.***"

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On-Site Prayer Journey: Checklist

The steps below are offered as a guide, but may not match your church's structure or way of decision-making. There are several ways to implement an adoption within a church. This is one suggested process which we have tried to make as generic as possible. It is our hope that you will be able to adapt the suggested steps to fit your situation. These steps assume that an unreached people has already been adopted. Allow three to six months to prepare.

Step by Step:

1. Contacting Agencies/ Field Personnel

- Share your vision and plan with those who may be engaged with this people. See [Locating <> Potential Networks or Members](#).
- Ask for recommendations, cautions and concerns.

2. Preparing the Congregation

- Contact [Christian <> Information Network \(CIN\)](#) on how to pray for unreached peoples and how to select a team
- Pray about the possibility of a prayer journey to this people
- Present the vision to the pastor and missions committee
- Acquire approval from the pastor and elders for involvement in project and selection of prayer coordinator
- Select a prayer coordinator
- Select an administrative support team (for each proposed journey team)
- Use *To the Ends of the Earth* (Praying Through The Window III) video from [CIN](#) or similar materials and present to the congregation
- After the congregation views the video, present the prayer journey vision and challenge the congregation to be involved
- Announce a meeting for those interested in participating (Adopt-A-People Clearinghouse)
- Distribute copies of a prayer calendar to the congregation and recruit home-based intercessors
- Gather prayer resource materials from [CIN](#), <> [USCMW](#) (US Center for World Mission), <> [AAPC](#) (Adopt-A-People Clearinghouse), and/or [Prayer <> Resources on the Web](#).

3. Preparing the Team

- Select the Prayer Journey Team
- Assign a Prayer Journey Coordinator and a Travel Logistics Coordinator
- Journey Team members recruit personal intercessors
- Form a partnership with your denominational missions board or another mission agency for help in planning and finding onsite contacts
- Find an onsite guide (perhaps through a mission agency or through [CIN](#), <> especially if part of Praying Through the Window)
- Begin fund raising for the journey
- Register the journey with [CIN](#)
- Gather prayer resources about the people (see [Conducting <> Research](#))
- Begin ongoing team weekly prayer and planning meetings
- Research the culture and customs of the unreached people, including security issues

Order and read books on prayer, spiritual warfare, praying for the world, etc.

- Contact [CIN](#) regarding training, and other materials ([See<> Organizing an On-site Prayer Journey](#))
- Locate and contact other churches that have done prayer journeys to learn from them
- Research and develop a realistic travel budget
- Develop team relationships and team building exercises
- Invite speakers familiar with your adopted people to address your journey team

4. Supporting the Team

- Order relevant books and brochures for the church book table
- Have the prayer coordinator organize a concert of prayer and recruit coworkers
- Assign a media coordinator to develop publicity for the Concert of Prayer
- Hold a Concert of Prayer event featuring your adopted people and the prayer journey team
- Have the prayer coordinator organize a retreat for the journey team and home based intercessors together

5. Stepping Out

- Assign an In-City Prayer walk Coordinator to recruit a team to plan a local prayer walk
- Conduct a minimum of one prayer walk in your city (in an unfamiliar ethnic area if possible)
- Hold a team debriefing and strategy session following the prayer walk
- Have the prayer coordinator plan a social event for the complete team and support network
- Hold a social event including the journey team, the home based team and family members, the missions committee and pastors
- Hold a commissioning ceremony (at worship services on the Sunday before the journey team departs)
- The prayer journey team departs
- Provide prayer coverage for the journey team and the adopted people 24 hours per day by the congregation during the time the team is gone
- Remind personal intercessors to continue praying

6. Debriefing and Reporting

- When the team returns hold debriefing sessions
- Report to the congregation
- Continue prayer coverage for an additional two weeks upon the team's return home
- Consider a second Concert of Prayer and Praise with the congregation
- Submit a formal report to [CIN](#) (either written or taped)
- If a people is formally adopted during or after the prayer / prayer journey phase, register the adoption with [AD2000<> & Beyond](#) and [Adopt-A-People<> Clearinghouse](#)



[ADOPTION REGISTRATION](#), using the People Commitment Registration Form (*Located at the Joshua Project II website.*)

[Please register](#) using the People Commitment Registration Form (*Located at the Joshua Project II website.*) your adoption with us so that we can keep track of which peoples have not yet been adopted. We will also use your information to help link churches who have adopted the same people, or others involved within the group. Be assured that the information you share with us will not be used for solicitation of funds or sold to any fundraising organization.

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How to Conduct On-Site Research

How do I conduct on-site research?

The Caleb Project and the AD2000 & Beyond Movement have prepared a training manual, [Life<> Changing Encounters](#), specifically to aid short-term research teams. Another Caleb Project book, [Exploring<> the Land](#), is a more extensive tool for research preparation. You may order either book from [Caleb<> Project](#).

An on-site research trip should not be attempted without guidance from an experienced mission agency. Sharing information about a people is a basic function of both networking/partnership and advocacy. Before taking a research journey, talk to other agencies and churches focused on your people to see whether a trip is appropriate and how cooperation can enhance your on-site research experience. Contact your denominational mission and other agency before planning your research trip to see whether they might assist your team.



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What is on-site research?

On-site research begins with organizing or joining a team of fellow Christians to visit a particular people to gather specific information about them. The information gathered may be used to:

- Write prayer profiles
- Assess the field needs and resources
- Develop strategies
- Help train church planting teams
- Assist adopting groups to know more about them

On-site research should be considered only after gathering and understanding whatever data already exists. There may not be a need to send a research team if quality research has already been completed by others. It may, however, still be appropriate to send a team for prayer, assessing need or points of contact, or encouraging workers.

What comprises a research team?

A research team is a group of like-minded people traveling abroad to gather information and to pray on-site for an unreached people. It is recommended that a team have a minimum of four people so the following roles may be filled: team leader, prayer coordinator, research coordinator and photographer.

Note: research team recruitment and other vital considerations are fully covered in the [Life<> Changing Encounters](#) training manual.

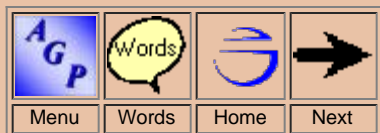
Who may take a research journey?

Intercessors, encouragers, helpers, worshipers, photographers, and researchers in good health, all have a place on the team. Ask God to bring the team together in such a way that each member's gifts complement the rest. Good training sessions can properly equip the team for sensitivity to the culture, handling security concerns, and provide a more favorable experience. AD2000 and Beyond Movement considers pre-journey training (including a live training seminar) as crucial for a profitable journey.

How do researchers receive training?

A comprehensive training manual, [Life<> Changing Encounters](#), has been developed specifically for short-term research and prayer teams by AD2000 & Beyond Movement and Caleb Project. It covers all aspects of preparing a team to visit for research and prayer in another culture.

If you need help in preparing for a research journey you may contact [Caleb<> Project](#).



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Integrating The Adoption Into Your Church

OK. You've gathered the consensus of the church leadership and chosen a people. How do you integrate the adoption strategy into your church? How well your leaders are informed and enthused about the adoption will determine how much the adoption is felt throughout the life of the church.

The [U.S. Center for World Mission](#) has many mobilization materials and courses to help in the process of education. We highly recommend the [Perspectives](#) course, and for a Sunday school format, [Vision for the Nations](#). These materials can be very helpful in continuing to educate and motivate your congregation.

As soon as the unreached people is adopted, the pastor will want to communicate to the congregation the vision of reaching the selected people with the gospel. Beyond that, the missions or adoption committee can help keep the adopted people at the forefront of congregations prayers and thoughts. For example, one committee went to every Sunday School class to explain the adoption concept and present the unreached people. They highlighted the project during the Vacation Bible School. They made presentations at the men's retreat, a women's prayer breakfast, a couple's conference, leadership meetings, and small group Bible studies.

The coordinator and committee must continually work to keep the congregation up to date and interested in progress. This may be done through articles in the newsletter, pulpit announcements, printed literature, inviting speakers familiar with the people, skits, and artwork. One church prepared a display in the sanctuary with pictures and artifacts of their chosen people surrounding an official "Certificate of Adoption," had an information center with brochures in the foyer, and rewrote the church's "Who We Are" statement to include the adoption.

Sending your pastor to visit your unreached people. If your church has multiple staff, try to send several of them over a period of time. The more leaders you assist in developing a passion for the people, the more self-sustaining the adoption will be over time.

Becoming involved with a network will naturally provide many opportunities to work on projects among the people. Enthusiasm for and commitment to the people will "rub off" from other churches, missionaries, agencies, and pastors involved in the network.

The coordinator who excels at creative planning and coordination will be most successful. In order to develop a cooperative relationship with various teachers and leaders, plan your announcements and presentations well in advance and clear them with the appropriate leaders.

In all of this the most important element is prayer. You will certainly encounter opposition in many forms. The enemy will not release the adopted people without a fight. What better way than to stymie the efforts of those committed to their deliverance? Through prayer God will break down the barriers and bring even greater unity within your church because of the adoption. Expect difficulties, but do not lose heart. It is important that you **persevere**. Your success will change eternity for many.

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Please contact the [US Center for World Mission](#) to purchase this manual.



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On-Site Research: Checklist

The following checklist may assist you with the process of successfully leading a research journey. Start with a good plan, maintain flexibility and a sense of humor, and submit to God as He leads you through every step.

- **Decision Phase: 6-12 months prior to team departure**
 - Begin praying for wisdom and direction for the expedition.
 - Choose a destination and a people.
 - Begin to research the site selected using area libraries and other available resources, like the Brigada Network on the Internet. (See [Information](#) <> [Sources](#) for details.)
 - Submit the idea to your church leadership for their input and approval. Explain the potential costs and benefits of an unreached people data-gathering expedition. Present possible follow-up ideas.
 - Initiate relationships with key individuals working with your targeted people, both nationals and expatriate Christians. Be sure to remember security precautions in all of your communications.
 - Establish a preliminary budget. Check with two or three different travel agencies in order to negotiate the best price.
 - Begin the promotion process. Communicate in a variety of ways to those who might be interested in going, as well as to the sponsoring church or fellowship.
 - Initiate an application process for those seeking to go on the expedition.
 - If at all possible, schedule a pre-trip for the team leader (and another member of the team) to make any arrangements on-site. Consider housing, meals, research opportunities, and transportation for your team. See the list of questions to ask on-site workers in Chapter 3 of the *Life Changing Encounters* training manual. Get a local map and phrase list.

- **Preparation and Training Phase: 3-6 months prior to team departure**
 - Your church leadership and team leader should select a team based on the applications you have received. Discuss issues that may need policies.
 - In cooperation with others who have applicable experience, develop a training plan for the team, including meeting dates before departure.
 - Invite speakers from inside and outside your church to participate. Invite others, not on your team, who will benefit from the training.
 - Assign and distribute reading assignments and materials to each member.
 - Plan ways to include the entire church body in this endeavor now and after you return. How can small groups be involved?
 - Meet with your church leadership to plan dates for presenting the trip to the church. Include a promotional date, a commissioning date, and a date to report to the whole congregation upon your return.
 - Schedule fund-raising events and deadlines. This schedule should correspond with required payments for airline tickets and other costs. Provide team members with information on raising financial and prayer support. Schedule a support-raising kick-off meeting.
 - Make the travel arrangements. Airfare will consume the majority of your overall budget, so plan well!
 - Ensure that each team member has a valid passport. Make two copies of the front page of each passport. Keep one at home and take one on the trip. Include everyone's passport numbers on a master list for emergencies. *Passports must be in hand before applying for visas.*
 - Secure required visas and determine airport taxes.
 - Form a consensus about ministry goals with your team. Formulate a written mission statement and team covenant.

- Delegate various team responsibilities: research manager, photographer, treasurer, worship leader. Assign one or two team members to carry a first-aid kit.
 - Encourage team members to find and read historical or cultural information about the people and site you'll be visiting.
 - Schedule meetings with key national Christians and expatriate workers focused on your target people to brief the team before you leave or when you are on-site. Confirm potential meetings with those on-site via fax, e-mail, or phone if necessary. Remember security precautions in all of your communications.
 - Create tools to help the home team and church pray effectively.
 - Make prayerwalking Bible-verse flip cards.
 - Take the team to a restaurant to eat food similar to what you'll eat on-site.
- **Deployment Phase: up to 3 months before departure**
 - Purchase tickets (if you haven't already done so).
 - Confirm on-site housing arrangements and costs.
 - Develop your on-site daily schedule. Be careful to provide enough time to travel between interviews. Try to allow for time each day to debrief as a team, sharing insights and experiences from the day.
 - Schedule home prayerwalking events with your church.
 - Present the team to the congregation for prayer to send them out. Prepare a map and itinerary as visual aids.
 - Ensure each member has home-team prayer partners. Schedule a meeting for the team and home-team to come together for worship, prayer and sharing.
 - Compile emergency contact lists: leave a list of your in-country contacts with key people at home; take emergency contact information for each team member with you on your trip. Have a contingency plan ready to cover the possibility of major changes in travel plans.
 - Communicate important details regarding the travel itinerary, especially any last-minute schedule changes.
- **Departure and On-Site Phase:**
 - Provide an orientation for the team in the destination city or nearby. Plan for a day to adjust to the new environment and review the team mission statement. Urge team members to journal and share their insights along the way.
 - If possible, communicate with your home church while you are on-site. Plan on sending one or two faxes/emails or calling a key contact while you are away to provide prayer fuel and updates.
 - Complete the project. Continue to welcome feedback and coaching from nationals and expatriate workers along the way.
 - Debrief with the team prior to departing from the city or region. Review what God has taught each team member and help everyone consolidate their experiences. Help team members develop a "report" to give upon their return.
- **Debriefing Phase:**
 - Debrief the team when you return home. See how team members plan to process their experience once they are back in their routine.
 - Evaluate the experience. Have each team member complete an evaluation form to provide feedback on the entire experience.
 - Have the team research manager gather and compile the team's research and photographs. Offer to share research reports with the network or others committed to the people. [AD2000<> & Beyond Movement](#) will forward research on to pertinent agencies.
 - Report to the congregation. Allow the team's experience to impact the whole congregation. This gives everyone a part in seeing the Kingdom established among your target people.
 - The team leadership should document what was learned about leadership, both personal lessons and insights.
 - Ask team members how each will be a good steward of the research trip. What next steps will you take? When will you take them?
 - Two weeks after debriefing, team members should check in with one another about their next steps.

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Prayer Resources

The following items are listed to advise you of the available materials and sources to help you begin praying for an unreached people.

Asia Minorities Outreach (Profiles of minorities in Asia)

P.O. Box 17
Chang Klan P.O.
Chiang Mai 50101 Thailand
Email: amo@xc.org
Web: www.antioch.com.sg/mission/asianmo/

Caleb Project (Many resources including prayer profiles and guides)

10 W. Dry Creek Circle
Littleton, CO 80120
Phone: [1] (303) 730-4170
Fax: [1] (303) 730-4177
Email: info@cproject.com
Web: www.calebproject.org

Window International Network (Formerly the Christian Information Network) (Prayer Resources, Women's Resources and 10/40 Window Consultation)

PO Box 7287
Colorado Springs, CO 80907
Office: [1](719)522-1040
Fax: [1](719)277-7148
E-mail: win@win1040.com

Global Prayer Digest

1605 Elizabeth St.
Pasadena, CA 91104
Phone: [1] (626) 398-2241
Email: keith.carey@wciu.edu
Web: www.global-prayer-digest.org
For an email subscription, send an email message
to: [subscribe-brigada-pubs-
globalprayerdiges@xc.org](mailto:subscribe-brigada-pubs-globalprayerdiges@xc.org)

Sentinal Group

Mr. George Otis Jr.
P.O. Box 6334
Lynnwood, WA 98036
Phone: [1] (425) 672-2989
Fax: [1] (425) 672-3028
Email: info@sentinalgroup.org
Web: www.sentinalgroup.org

US Center for World Mission (Resources)

1605 Elizabeth St.
Pasadena, CA 91104
Phone: [1] (626) 797-1111
Email: contact@uscwm.org
Web: www.uscwm.org

World Christian News and Books

P.O. Box 26479
Colorado Springs, CO 80936
Phone: [1] (719) 380-0507
Fax: [1] (719) 380-0936
Email: wcnews@aol.com
Web: www.ywam.org/books/

World Prayer Center

11005 State Hwy 83, Suite 119
Colorado Springs, CO 80921
Phone: [1] (719) 262-9922
Fax: [1] (719) 262-9920
Email: info@wpccs.org
Web: www.wpccs.org

Prayer sites on the web or email:

Bethany Prayer Profiles - www.bethany.com/profiles/home.html

Nance Profiles from Caleb Project - www.calebproject.org/upgpray.htm

Brigada Advance - www.brigada.org/advance/index.html

PrayerPower - www.prayerispower.org

Praying Through The Window Information:

1995 Window Watchman II - www.horizonint.com/cin/html/windowwatchman.html

1997 Praying Through the Window III Book - www.calebproject.org/ptw3/index.htm

1997 Praying Through the Window IV CIN Calendar - www.horizonint.com/cin/html/calendars.html

1997 Praying Through the Window III Bethany Calendar -

www.bethany.com/profiles/a_code/cal.html

See also [Articles<> & Books](#) listed as references.



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Praying Through the Window

In 1992, Dr. C. Peter Wagner, coordinator of the AD2000 United Prayer Track, called for a million intercessors to pray for effective evangelism in the 62 countries of the [10/40 Window](#). This effort, *Praying Through the Window I*, moved more than 20 million intercessors, from 105 nations to pray for the 10/40 Window countries during the month of October 1993. Teams from 32 nations actually visited the 10/40 Window countries to pray on site in what are called Prayer Journeys.

The spiritual response within the Window was immediate. Countries from West to East reported signs of greater freedom for the Gospel. Key national leaders experienced dreams and visions of Christ. Demonic powers were weakened. Although greatly encouraged by the growth of God's kingdom in the 10/40 Window, intercessors were sobered by the continuing needs. This prompted a second global prayer effort, [Praying Through the Window II](#), which brought 36.7 million believers to pray for 100 "Gateway Cities" in the 10/40 Window in October 1995. Over 150,000 churches and ministries joined in praying for the Gateway Cities. There were also a reported 607 prayer journeys that originated from 48 different nations.

The year of October 1, 1996 to October 31, 1997, was designated by the AD2000 United Prayer Track as *Praying Through the Window III*.

Praying Through The Window IV is the last such initiative of the millennium, scheduled for October 1999. Titled "Light The Window," it returns to a focus on the nations of The 10/40 Window, while incorporating the strategic prayer information of the other efforts. A 31-day prayer calendar for Praying Through The Window IV identifies the countries in *The 10/40 Window* listed for prayer each day. Intercessors wanting more detail will find it in a book-length prayer guide. For each nation, the guide focuses on strategic towns and cities anchoring larger geographical areas of *The 10/40 Window* nations. The book will also list unreached people groups living within each of these areas.

Once again, prayer journeyers will fan out into cities and towns in each nation of *The 10/40 Window* to pray on site during this effort. The Christian Information Network will again serve to register home-based intercessors, prayer journey teams, and receive reports after the teams return home.

Michael Little, president of the Christian Broadcasting Network, returns as chairperson of the latest Praying Through The Window committee. Joining him as co-chairperson is Vonette Bright of Campus Crusade for Christ. Other key leaders include Luis Bush, international director of the AD2000 & Beyond Movement, Dick Eastman (Every Home for Christ), Ben Jennings (Campus Crusade International Prayer Office), Fred Markert and Floyd McClung of Youth With A Mission, Beverly Pegues (Christian Information Network), John Robb (World Vision), Stephen Strang (Strang Communications), C. Peter Wagner (AD2000 United Prayer Track), and Doris Wagner (Global Harvest Ministries).



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Peter Wagner commented, "I believe that the principalities over The 10/40 Window are weakening daily, and that the 1999 blow against them will knock down the gates of hell so that there will be a church for every people and the Gospel for every person by the end of 2000!"

A feature of each Praying Through the Window has been the prayer journeys to the 10/40 window. Read through the documents on prayer journeys in this site and then explore the Christian Information Network site to learn more about this exciting possibility.

To learn more about Praying Through the Window or to register a prayer journey team, visit [Christian<> Information Network's](#) site.



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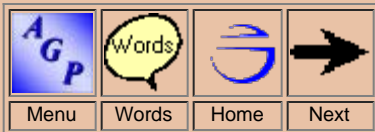
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Key Concepts

Adoption Experience: Radiant Church

Don Steiger, is pastor of Radiant Church in Colorado Springs, an Assemblies of God congregation of 1400 people. Don's initial synopsis of adoptions was that they "**brought fresh life to the congregation.**"

The adoption idea was first conceived by a lay person in the congregation, but quickly gained the support of the pastor. The congregation looked for a people to adopt in which the Assemblies denomination worked and chose a particular Muslim group (name withheld for security). The church also adopted the 5,000 Chinese living in Belize because of a particular church member's interest and contacts there. The two groups, one accessible and one in a "closed" country, presented two different challenges. For the Chinese group, in addition to prayer and mission support, short term teams which were sent, were welcome and effective.

The commitment to the "closed" group has largely been in funding missionaries and in informed prayer--but not in any haphazard way. A guest speaker, the denominational director of that field, challenged the people to set prayer goals. From the 800 adults attending his presentation, 13,000 hours of prayer were committed. Members turned in a monthly prayer log of hours prayed. A prayer task force was developed that would keep the vision alive. The church hosted cultural meals, missionaries from the region, monthly prayer in the Sunday service, and a seminar on the culture. Radiant has also been one of the founding members of the network for this people.

The church's budget has not suffered from the adoption. Quite to the contrary, **all types of giving have increased.** In the first year of adoption, 1994, *mission-designated giving rose 26%*, from \$250,000 to \$324,000 and has continued to rise since. Giving to the *general* church budget *simultaneously increased by 14%*. "*We see God blessing us because of the adoption,*" Steiger said. "We didn't cut anything or quit supporting any missionaries. *This has only strengthened us.*"

Presented at the Mission America Joshua Project Consultation, Colorado Springs, CO, May 1997.



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Research



Research: An Overview

Why Gather Information?

Research is useful at several stages in the adoption process. It provides the basis for selection, for encouraging prayer, and for becoming familiar with the people. Library and Internet research is readily available for most groups. Some groups conduct on-site research. A trip provides a level of understanding unavailable any other way - the faces, sounds, smells, and touch of the people, as well as learning first hand from them.

Research forms the basis for the prayer profile, a summary of information and a short vignette of the people with prayer needs highlighted. You can find out if one already exists for a particular people by visiting [Information <> Sources](#) in this program or by visiting the [Bethany <> Prayer Profile](#) web site to see if a profile exists for your people.

Where do I find existing information?

Several organizations may already have researched the people in which you are interested. For assistance in knowing how to find information about unreached peoples on the Internet and in the library, see [How <> to Locate Existing Information](#). For information sources, see [Unreached <> People Information Sources](#).

How do I conduct on-site research?

The Caleb Project and the AD2000 and Beyond Movement have prepared a training manual, [Life Changing <> Encounters](#), specifically to aid short term Joshua Project 2000 research teams. Another Caleb Project book, [Exploring <> the Land](#), is a more extensive tool for research preparation. You may order either book from them (see agency list).



An onsite research trip should not be attempted without guidance from an experienced mission agency. Contact your denominational mission and other agency before planning your research trip to see how they can assist your team.

Sharing information about a people is a basic function of both networking and advocacy. Before taking a research journey, talk to other churches who have adopted your people to see how cooperation can enhance your on-site research experience.



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Adoption Follow Up Actions: Checklist

Please Note: *The suggested steps below are offered as a guide, but may not match your church's structure or way of decision-making. There are several ways to implement an adoption within a church. This is one suggested process which we have tried to make as generic as possible. It is our hope that you will be able to adapt the suggested steps to fit your situation.*

Follow up action

- Notify the congregation at worship services what is happening with your people
- Determine how to implement your adoption (Prayer, Research, Advocacy, Networking, Partnership, Sending)
- Continually bring the selected unreached people before the congregation through Sunday School, sermons, special prayer vigils etc.
- Set up an ongoing educational process about unreached peoples in general and the selected people
- Regularly pray for your people as a congregation



[ADOPTION REGISTRATION](#), using the People Commitment Registration Form (*Located at the Joshua Project II website.*)

[Please register](#) your adoption using the <> People Commitment Registration Form (*Located at the Joshua Project II website.*) so that we can keep track of which people have not yet been adopted. We will also use your information to help link churches who have adopted the same people, or others involved within the group. Be assured that the information you share with us will not be used for solicitation of funds or sold to any fundraising organization.



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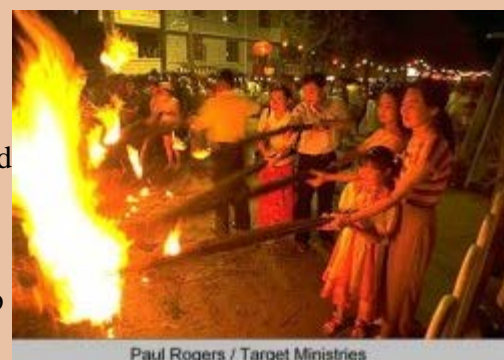
Selecting a People

What factors will influence the selection of a particular people?

Decision-making factors may be grouped in three general categories: counsel, existing links, and statistics. Your committee will first want to discuss and decide which factors are most pertinent to your decision. As you pray and gather information based on your criteria, focus will gradually narrow to the choice God has for you.

Counsel

You may choose to seek counsel at the outset, to steer you through your information gathering and selection phase or even to simply assign an unreached people to your group which needs adopting.



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- **Adoption Counseling<> Services:** There are agencies who will help you through the adoption process personally. This can be a big help to answer the questions that this program may not answer. The program contains a list of [adoption<> counselors](#) that is comprised of two sections. 1. Those counselors associated with mission support organizations that will provide counseling to anyone. 2. Those from missionary sending agencies general counsel in relationship to peoples with whom they work.
- **Church Leadership Burden:** Does your pastor or church leaders have a concern for any of the variables on this list? In one church, the pastor's brother was working among an unreached people, so the church chose that people for adoption. The enthusiasm of a pastor for a particular people goes a long way in building the enthusiasm level of the whole church.
- **Mission Agencies:** We *strongly recommend* that you contact mission agencies for advice in selecting a people. The [Resource](#) section of this program lists adoption counselors, missions support organizations and missionary sending agencies, most of whom can assist in this area.

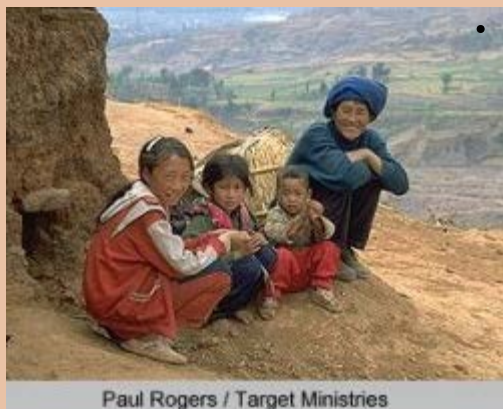
Existing Links

- **Familiarity:** It may be wise to choose a people already related to your mission program, or to choose one specifically because you have had no previous involvement in the region--in order to broaden the scope of your mission outreach.
- **Language Link:** Identify what special language resources are within your congregation. Such abilities could be especially valuable on a prayer or research journey. One church chose a particular people because they speak Mandarin Chinese, which several of the church-supported missionaries also speak. The hope was that the missionaries could assist, at crucial junctures, in speaking to this people on behalf of the church.
- **Denominational Link:** Some denominations are eager to provide names of unreached peoples where they

are working, where there are indigenous churches nearby, or which they have targeted for mission outreach. Contact your denominational mission board to see what information is available.

- **Local Links:** There may be a local group or church of immigrants from a particular people, or an individual immigrant in your area who might work with you. Such a group could offer meaningful local ministry opportunities to your church.
- **Networks/Partnerships:** Perhaps you have links to a congregation in another culture and can partner with them. An enriching dynamic occurs when churches of different cultures can partner to reach an unreached people. Both churches adopt the same unreached people and thereby develop a closer relationship with each other as well as facilitating a more effective adoption. Or you may already have a relationship with a church within your own culture that has adopted an unreached people. You could partner with them. There are agencies who may be able to assist you in finding other contacts. See [Locating <> Potential Networks or Members](#).
- **Near-Culture Missionaries:** Another link can be working through a partnership agency to sponsor a missionary from a culture different than yours to work in an unreached one. Many times this is more efficient, not only financially, but in effectiveness. Similarities in culture and language may accelerate the missionary's orientation and increase his understanding of the new culture. It is wise to consider the implications of a partnership between your congregation and a national church body, national mission agency or national worker.
- **Missionary Links:** Your church, as it promotes the concept of adopting a people, can build upon relationships with missionaries/tentmakers which your congregation currently supports who are working among an unreached people. If your church does not have any individuals working with an unreached people, perhaps one of the agencies with which your missionaries are connected have ministries to unreached peoples.
- **Business/Vocational Links:** There may also be natural business or educational ties to an unreached people. For example, if someone in your church is employed by an oil company, that person may be able to help secure jobs for qualified personnel in the Middle East among an unreached people. Medical personnel, English teachers, and engineers are often wanted by overseas companies. If your church is already involved locally with teaching English as a second language, members might choose a people where English teachers are in high demand. Some churches have assessed their members' skills, talents, and interests to determine how they might best serve a people. One church identified its largest resources in the areas of computer technology, medicine, construction, airline pilots and teachers, and chose a group which would welcome help in those areas.

Statistics



- **Spiritual Need:** Does your church want to go where almost no one has gone before? The hundreds of cooperating agencies and churches making up the AD2000 and Beyond Movement are together asking you to consider choosing a people from the [Joshua <> Project 2000 list](#). This is not meant to imply that other peoples are not unreached, but, that researchers have agreed that the Joshua Project 2000 peoples are the largest ethnolinguistic peoples having the least access to the gospel. A subset of that list is the regularly updated [Untargeted List](#), <> comprising Joshua Project 2000 peoples among whom we have no reported commitment for church planting.

- **Church Adoptions:** Does your fellowship want to consider a people that no one else has yet adopted, or does it want one which others have adopted in order to network with them? In reality, it is unlikely that your church will remain as the only congregation to adopt your chosen people. A church which is among the first to adopt a people may initiate a network for that people as other churches become involved.

- **Size:** How large or small a people do you wish to adopt? Some are only several thousand in number while others are several million. All the peoples on the Joshua Project 2000 list each number more than 10,000 in population.
- **Religion:** Is there a certain religion or sect within a religion that your church wants to target? In the Muslim world, you could adopt Sunni Muslims, Shiite Muslims or a people who practice folk Islam. Your church may choose either a broad or a specific religious category.
- **Location:** Is geography significant? You may prefer a people living near missionaries already associated with your church or denomination. If you intend to send a prayer or research team in the future, this could be an advantage.
- **Accessibility:** Does your church want to send prayer journey teams, research teams, or church planting teams? Many countries restrict missionaries from entering their borders (for example, India, China, or Yemen), but may allow Christians to enter as business professionals (i.e. tentmaking missionaries). One of the major reasons peoples *are* unreached is because they are inaccessible to traditional ways of presenting the gospel.
- **Livelihood:** Does your congregation have a special affinity for farmers, herdsmen, or fishermen?
- **Demographics:** Do you want to adopt an urban, rural, or nomadic people? The nomadic Mobororo people in Central African Republic herdsmen have no church or a gospel witness. This could present some peculiar challenges for a missionary, who might have to adopt a nomadic lifestyle in order to reach them.
- **Nearby Ministry Opportunities:** Your congregation may want to adopt a people with immigrants living nearby so that it can minister both in the United States and elsewhere simultaneously. In San Diego, California, for example, there are over 5,000 Kurds. A church in San Diego might adopt the Kurds both in Iraq, and San Diego, so that they can be involved both locally and globally.
- **Resources:** It is a considerable task to keep your congregation informed and praying for an unreached people. You may want to adopt a people for which literature about the people is readily available. Your denomination, the [Adopt-A-People Clearinghouse](#), [U.S. Adopt-A-People Campaign](#), [AD2000/Joshua Project](#), [2000 Unreached Peoples Information](#), and others might have some resources for you to adapt for your congregation.
- **Miscellaneous factors:** Your church may be motivated to work with the poor, or with refugees (i.e. Somalis living in Kenya). One church, for example, chose a group that had refugees in Western Europe, where it could minister freely, since the native country was closed to traditional missions. Would your congregation choose a people that appears receptive to the gospel? Should it focus on a people within a "sister-city" to your community?

There is no end to the number of questions which your church could ask itself in the selection and adoption process. We hope that the issues raised here will help your church zero in on some critical elements of its decision-making.

Thanks to Bruce Camp and the US Center for World Mission for sharing much of the information which formed the basis of this section. Used by permission. Material first appeared in ADOPTION: A Practical Guide to Successfully Adopting an Unreached People Group. To order the complete manual, please contact:

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Beginning an Adoption: Checklist

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1. Initiating the Process

- Pray with others about adopting unreached people.
- Identify an advocate/champion for the adoption process - contact US Center for World Mission ([USCWM](#)) Adopt-a-People Campaign for their [advocate<> kit](#).
- [Contact Christian Information<> Network](#) (CIN) for guidelines on how to pray over people selection. Request an "adoption packet".
- Educate the Missions Committee - consider offering the [Perspectives<> Course](#) or a [Vision<> for the Nations](#) Sunday school class(Contact: [USCWM](#)).
- Gather resources to get help on how to adopt a people-contact: [Adoption<> Counselors](#).
- Develop goals with a timeline for each step.

2. Engaging the Leadership

- Present to the missions committee and/or the pastor and elders/leaders the desired concept and process to adopt a people. Tools listed above may help present the vision. [Adoption<> Videos](#) also may be motivational.
- Get missions committee approval to adopt a people.
- Select an Adoption Advocate who has passion and vision for unreached peoples and adoption, and some connection to church leadership.
- Educate the pastor and elders/leaders by hosting or promoting in your area, the in-depth [Perspectives<> Course](#) or the [Vision<> for the Nations](#) Sunday school course.

3. Establishing the Adoption Team and Process

- Select and recruit an adoption leadership team (committee).
- Begin regular prayer and planning meetings of the adoption team (committee).
- Pursue an overall vision and guidance as necessary. See [Adoption<> Counselors](#).
- If your church is part of a denomination or works with a specific mission agency, contact them for help to select a people and suggestions with the adoption process.
- Write a mission statement for the adoption project (a crucial exercise).

4. Preliminary Research

- Develop a survey to find out congregation's views on unreached peoples.
- Review the variables in [Selecting<> a People](#).
- Discuss and establish the criteria and process for people selection.
- Explore existing research on prospective adoptive people. See [Conducting<> Research: Menu](#).
- Look at the [AD2000/Joshua<> Project 2000 Unreached Peoples Information](#).
- Have the Adoption Team meet to hear reports on preliminary studies.
- Have the Adoption Team pray continuously over prospective peoples.

5. Integrating the Adoption Strategy into the Philosophy of the Church.

- Prepare a plan for the congregation's involvement as a whole with the adoption.
- Enlist the pastor's help in presenting the vision of unreached peoples and adoption to the congregation.
- Educate the congregation on unreached peoples and the Great Commission mandate.
- Show videos to the congregation on unreached people vision. See [Video/Film<> Information](#).
- Offer the [Perspectives<> Course](#) or [Vision<> for the Nations](#) Sunday School Class. Contact [USCWM](#).
- Create and compile profiles and other materials of your candidate peoples for presentation to the congregation-- use the information from your preliminary research.
- Present the people group adoption plan and a short list of prospective peoples to the congregation during your missions conference.
- Announce adoption activities at worship services.
- Invite the congregation to pray over the list of prospective peoples for one month for guidance in making a choice.

6. Final Decision

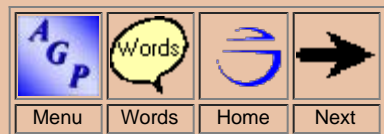
- If appropriate, plan a pre-search trip(s) to the potential peoples, in coordination with a knowledgeable agency.
- Present a list of ministry needs of the peoples under consideration to the congregation.
- Make people profiles available to the congregation.
- Collect and organize the congregation's thoughts, ideas, and insights.
- Have the adoption committee pray over the responses to reach a consensus on a people.
- Have the adoption committee prepare and distribute material, including determining factors, to the congregation on the people recommended for adoption.
- Submit the recommendation to the pastor and church leaders.
- Have the church, pastor and leaders pray over the recommended people.
- Have the church leadership approve the people and present to the congregation.
- Have the congregation and governing bodies approve the people selection.
- Conduct an adoption commitment ceremony. See [Sample<> Certificate of Adoption](#).



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