

Resources and References

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Serving as Senders: How to Care for Your Missionaries While They Are Preparing to Go, While They Are on the Field, When They Return Home by Neal Priolo, ©1991, Emmaus Road, International

Now, Discover Your Strengths by Marcus Buckingham and Donald O. Clifton, Ph.D. ©2001, Free Press. Access the StrengthsFinder profile with the ID code from your book at <http://www.strengthsfinder.com> (see Module 4)

On the Web

International Mission Board, SBC, On Mission Network at <http://imb.org>, then click on “Church Involvement.”

Adopt-A-People Clearinghouse at www.brigada.com

Caleb Project at www.calebproject.org

Bethany World Prayer Center at www.bethany.com

Window International Network at www.Christian-info.com

The International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church at www.persecutedchurch.org

World Pulse at www.gospelcom.net/bgc/emis/pulsepg.htm

The Christian and Missionary Alliance at www.cmalliance.org

Jericho Walls Prayer Network at <http://www.Nupsa.org.za>

Youth With a Mission: Prayer for the Nations at www.ywam.org/documents/PFCL/nations.html

People group information at www.peoplegroups.org

The Network for Strategic Missions at <http://www.strategic-network.org/>

Missionary teams at www.peopleteams.org

AD2000 and Beyond Movement at www.ad2000.org

Getting help

For more information on adopting an unreached people group and learning how to be an effective advocate, contact the Church Services Team of the IMB at:

PeopleLink

International Mission Board, SBC

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Richmond, VA 23230-0767, USA

Phone: (800) 999-3113

E-mail: peoplelink@imb.org

Web: <http://imb.org> then click on “People Groups”

Module 1

Discussion Questions

Know

1. What is the foundation for the concept of advocacy in missions?
2. What is an “unreached people group”?
3. What is “advocacy”?
4. Who can be advocates of an unreached people group?
5. Can a person/group advocate or adopt a people group or mission-field personnel without contact to that group or missionary? Why or why not?
6. What are four key characteristics of an effective advocate?
 - 1.)
 - 2.)
 - 3.)
 - 4.)
7. Name some suggested tasks of an advocate.

8. What are some effective advocacy materials to develop? What considerations should be given to different types of materials?

Be

Consider and discuss: Do you feel inspired to become an advocate for an unreached people group? Have you had a specific experience, as example of the businesswoman in Module 1, where you feel God has led you to advocate for an unreached people group? Do you desire to learn more about advocacy?

Do

Action: Ask God to reveal to you His plans for you or your church as advocates of an unreached people group and mission-field personnel. Commit to continue learning about becoming an advocate for an unreached people group. Record your intent in writing.

Module 2

Discussion Questions

Know

1. What is the first and most important building block of advocacy? Why is it so important?
2. Based on the stories of advocacy in Module 2, in what ways did prayers matter?

Module 3

Discussion Questions

3. In examining how Jesus prayed, which of those ways seems to be the most challenging to do concerning prayer for unreached people groups? What suggestions can you share to promote advocacy praying?

4. In what ways can you legitimately “spy out” the land of an unreached people group?

Be

Are you committed to become a prayer warrior for your unreached people group? Is anything holding you back from total commitment?

Do

1. Look again at Scripture verses of how Jesus prayed (Matt. 14:23; Luke 22:32; Mark 11:24; Mark 14:32). Are these ways you also pray? If not, how will you change?

2. If you did not pray the suggested prayer on page 17, stop and pray now.

3. Seek prayer resources for an unreached people group for whom you feel inspired to be an advocate.

Know

1. Who should begin communication with the mission field of an unreached people group—stateside advocates or mission field personnel? Why do you think this is important?

2. What three levels of relationships exist within an advocacy group? How should secure information be treated among these different relationships?

3. What is the “need-to-know” rule concerning communication with mission personnel?

4. What is an important analogy to remember concerning e-mails? E-mails are like _____ and can be read by _____.

5. What is important to remember about international telephone calls?

6. Who should determine the security level for communications to and from the mission field?

7. What did a pastor in a foreign country mean when he said, “Please pray, but only show the picture deep, not wide”?

Be

Are you personally committed to communication and security? Are you willing to develop a style of communication that follows the “need-to-know” rule?

Do

Read Romans 16. Note the many people with whom Paul communicates.

Read 2 Corinthians 1:8-11

Read Matthew 10:16

Read Proverbs 3:21-23

Research the communications security protocol for the unreached people group for whom you will advocate.

Write your communications commitment as part of an advocacy team for your unreached people group.

Module 4

Discussion Questions

Know

1. What is an advocacy network?
2. What are the benefits of an advocacy network?

3. List and briefly describe three qualities of a good advocacy network leader:

- 1.)
- 2.)
- 3.)

4. What is an advocacy team?

5. List four benefits of developing an advocacy team:

- 1.)
- 2.)
- 3.)
- 4.)

6. What are three ways to find other advocates of your unreached people group?

- 1.)
- 2.)
- 3.)

Be

Are you committed to partner with existing alliances and others who seek to share the gospel with your unreached people group?

Do

- Think about preparations for your advocacy network. How will you begin? Whom will you contact?
- Write a plan to connect with other advocates.
- Plan who from your advocacy team can commit to attend a missions conference. Contact your missions agency for the names of any other advocates among your unreached people group. Search the Internet for other advocates.

Module 5

Discussion Questions

Know

1. How does strategy relate to the missiological issues of reaching an adopted people group?
2. Who should lead in strategy development for an unreached people group?
3. How does dependency relate to the missiological issues of reaching an adopted people group?
4. What precautions must advocates take regarding financial support of new believers who face financial ruin to follow Jesus Christ?
5. What care should be taken in developing the nature of a new church among the unreached people group?
6. Why do you think an exit strategy is important once a church-planting movement begins among a people group?

Be

Are you committed to a healthy, culturally sensitive mission methodology? Do you understand the missiological issues discussed in this Module?

Do

- Apply sound mission principles to your vision for reaching your unreached people group.
- Develop good relationships with people of different cultures and ethnicity.

Module 6

Discussion Questions

Know

1. What is a vision trip?
2. Why is a vision trip important? Give biblical and practical reasons.
3. What are advantages of filming and sharing videos of your adopted unreached people group?
4. List other media outlets that are effective for casting the vision of your unreached people group. What are the uses and benefits of each?

Be

Are you committed to being a communicator of your vision for your unreached people group? What skills do you possess that can be used for vision casting? What communication skills are you interested in learning?

Do

- Plan how you can communicate your vision for your unreached people group.
- Prepare a presentation about your adopted group.

M o d u l e 7

Discussion Questions

Know

1. What should be the foundation for any plan to adopt an unreached people group?
2. What are five steps to begin adopting an unreached people group?
 - 1.)
 - 2.)
 - 3.)
 - 4.)
 - 5.)
3. Read Revelation 5:9. How does this Scripture define the purpose of advocating for an unreached people group?

4. How can you include other believers in praying for your unreached people group and all nations?

5. What is the blessing of advocating for an unreached people group?

Be

You can be an inspiration to others to develop an advocacy team. You can help involve others in sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ with your adopted unreached people group.

Do

Identify the gifts of your advocacy team to determine where they can excel on the team. Help each team member to function in reaching the unreached people group.

Get started!