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INTRODUCTION

ANGLICAN FRONTIER MISSION'S VISION STATEMENT

In joyful obedience to the Lord's Great Commission (Matthew 28:19-20), Anglican Frontier Missions is dedicated to the planting of indigenous churches among the 1.5 billion least evangelized people groups of the world.

They have not yet had the opportunity to accept Jesus Christ as their Savior because they live in remote countries, which are often legally closed to missionaries and have a low percentage of Christians. These remote countries, in North Africa, the Middle East and Asia are called World A.

REAL PEOPLE SEEKING A REAL FAITH

Who are these 1.5 billion people? Picture the population of the United States multiplied by 8.

They are the 6 million **Tibetans**, living either in their homeland, now part of the People's Republic of China, or as refugees and immigrants throughout the world.

Dolma lives in a remote and harsh area of China. Although she is only 24 years old, poverty and inaccessible health care led to the recent deaths of her brother, husband and baby. Her parents are suffering from health problems. The entire family is destitute since they have sold their entire livelihood (yaks and sheep) to pay medical bills. With fragile hope, Dolma walked through icy rivers to enroll in an income generating craft course taught by Christians. She was drawn by the possibility of an improved quality of life but also by the light and hope within the Christians.

They are the 1 million **Ghao Xong Miao of China**, enjoying a rich artistic heritage in the midst of their impoverished rural area.

Tian Tian takes delight in designing and sewing the intricate designs of her people and then selling them through AFM missionaries. Even more, Tian Tian loves hearing the stories about the God of creation and his son. She broods about whether this god could save her... her husband beats her frequently and she lives in grim acceptance of the hopelessness of her life.



They are the 3.5 million **Arabs who are Libyans**. Centuries of conquest and oppression along with recent oil riches have shaped them.

Mubarrak's brother has just returned from studies in Europe talking about the magnificent cathedrals of the Christian faith and several loving Christians whom he had met. Mubarrak was curious about this Jesus, but could find no one to tell him more. He searched for a Christian in Libya, finding a United Nations staff who said he was a Christian, but was unable to explain what he believed... Once Mubarrak thought that he met a Libyan who was a Christian, but he seemed afraid to talk with him. It could be the secret police that made him hesitant. Mubarrak ultimately decided that he should just relax and enjoy his free time before marriage. He aimed to get all the "goodies" he could as his country spent their oil wealth and served the growing group of tourists.

THE BIBLICAL FOUNDATION FOR MISSIONS TO WORLD A

God's missionary message

The universal offer of God's unique mercy, salvation, reconciliation, deliverance through Jesus Christ

The counter-work of His Kingdom against evil, poverty, and structures of sin

The Name of God above all other names, the deposing of all false gods



The Expectation of God for the Church

- Luke 24:45, 46 To reach out to all nations, each and every nation (Mt. 28:19)
- Isaiah 58 and 61 To reach out to the whole person
- Joshua 6:7-9 The Jealousy of God for His name
- Genesis 12:1-3 God's "window display" to the world (I Peter 2:9; Eph. 1:5,6)
- Acts 1:8 To go to "the ends of the earth" along with reaching out to local community and one's own nation

THE PEOPLE AND THE WORD - HOW DOES AFM WORK?

Overview:

- We send full time missionaries called “Strategy Coordinators” to the 25 largest and least evangelized nations in the world.
- We send those with specialized ministries, which will enhance church planting.
- We assist Provinces of the Anglican Communion in their church planting among the unreached.
- We rely on research, cooperation and innovative approaches to church planting.
- We provide prayer and practical assistance to the strategy coordinators through dedicated prayer and advocating volunteers

We research with open eyes and hearts so that we will understand the people, their faith, and culture.

We are creative about the resources that are available to reach each people group. God has given ample resources in His world-wide Body of Christ. They include such things as Philippine nannies in Muslim states, Catholic archives in New Jersey, translators from South Korea, Baptist agriculturalists from Texas, and Anglican evangelists from Singapore.

We work from a **comprehensive strategy** drawn from the analysis of research and the resources of the world-wide Body of Christ. We focus on planting a church among the entire people group that will become self-governing, self-supporting, and reproducing. The key elements of any approach will always include prayer, the Bible in their own language, literature for training and discipling, and many Christians who can come into the country for assistance for development and support.

The challenge is the coordination and delivery of all these resources and opportunities in a way that will enhance the growth of the Church. This networking and advocacy become the main work of the missionary. The strategy coordinator works with others to create a “virtual team” of Christians serving full-time and part-time who live in many different countries and communicate primarily by email.

STRATEGY COORDINATORS AND VOLUNTEER ADVOCATES REACH OUT

The least evangelized live thousands of miles from the US and in their culture and language, they seem unreachable. They seem to be on a distant shore with no way to connect to them. We need a “bridge”. In order to have a bridge, we need bridge builders who will use their talents in diverse ways to construct a broad, strong, beautiful bridge over which Jesus will cross into their culture.

We invite you to be a Bridge- builder with Anglican Frontier Missions and its strategy coordinators. Regardless of your age, your busy life, or your health, you can play a role in reaching a people group for Christ.

HOW YOU CAN TO BECOME A BRIDGE- BUILDER

OVERVIEW

You can serve:

- as a volunteer
- from your home in North America
- a few hours a week
- focusing on one people group that has not heard of Jesus and does not have churches in their midst.

We invite you to consider becoming a Bridge-builder, the registration form is listed on the Table of Contents page.

Your role – individualized to your gifts, interests, and the needs of the people group’s team of volunteers and missionaries. People of all ages can make a contribution.



Ideally, you will develop your church’s interest in participating and you can play a key role in linking them with the people group and increasing their involvement year by year. (See Appendix A for the details). If this is slow to develop, you, individually, or as a couple/family can serve as a Bridge-builder. In this case, we encourage you to involve your church as much as possible and seek the prayer support of your clergy and missions/outreach committee.

You will be part of a “virtual team” of part-time volunteers, short-term helpers (such as teachers or doctors) and full-time missionaries. This is possible because of email, phones, occasional meetings, and the relative ease of travel these days.

We encourage you to commit at least one – two years to this ministry and work together toward the goal of a strong, reproducing, Bible-based church in your people group

This is a prayerful, servant role in Christ, collaborating with other believers across denomination and cultural lines.

You will be serving God, so the enemy of our souls will attempt to stop or harm you. Scripture about the parable of the seed and sower - Luke 8:11- 12, “Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. The ones along the path are those who have heard; then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, that they may not believe and be saved.”

The people groups on AFM’s list have been living outside of God’s light for centuries and the devil seeks to pluck the Word from their hearts. He is determined that they will not meet our Savior Jesus, but rather continue to worship false gods.

Thankfully, as the Bible tells us, we need not fear Satan. In James 4:7-8 we read, “Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.” We do need to put on the full armor of God (Ephesians 6:10-18). We need to also have two - three Christian family/friends regularly praying for us (Matthew 18:19-20, “Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I in the midst of them.”

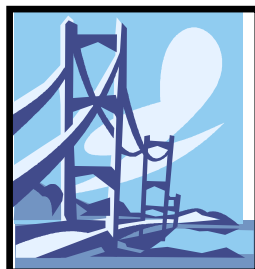
CHOOSING A PEOPLE GROUP

With prayer, it is easy to choose a people group from AFM’s list (see the next page) because all of them need your prayer, love, and help.

Follow these simple guidelines:

1. Ask God to guide you as you read the list
2. For those who “catch your eye”, go to www.joshuaproject.org and the AFM website, www.afm-us.org and read the information with Jesus’ perspective.
3. For those who “catch your heart”, think about your church’s missions’ interests, foreign exchange students you have known, your travels, your family and friends’ connections, and prayerfully choose one. They all need your help, so God will work through you no matter which group you choose.
4. After you have chosen one, dedicate yourself through prayer to these million plus people who are suffering many trials without the light of Christ.
5. Pray and ponder God’s invitation to be involved and your current life circumstances. Dedicate yourself to a specific time period to serve as a Bridge-builder. We recommend at least two years.
6. Immediately, tell 2-3 close family/friends about your commitment and ask them if they would commit to pray for you regularly in this world-changing ministry.

At this point, you will not fully understand how you will fulfill this ministry, but you are offering your unique gifts and interests to be used by God for these people.



**ANGLICAN FRONTIER MISSIONS - 2007
THE LARGEST AND LEAST EVANGELIZED PEOPLE GROUPS
OF THE WORLD**

CHAD – Shuwa *

CHINA

Amdo *

Hani *

Miao *

Tujia

Yunnanese Shan (Dai) *

Western Yi

INDIA

Bagri

Banjarese

Garhwali

Rajasthani Maurwari

INDONESIA – Achenese,
Komerling/Lamponger

IRAN

Bakhtiari

Luri

Qashqa'i

LIBYA - Libyan Arabs

MAURITANIA - White Moors
(Tajakant)

MOROCCO - Central Shilha (and
Algeria), Moors

PAKISTAN - Western Baloch

SOMALIA - Somali (Maaye)

SUDAN - Beja *

TURKMENISTAN - Turkmen

TURKEY - Crimean Tatars, Dimili Kurds
(Zaza)

YEMEN - Yemeni Arabs *



*Ministered to by AFM missionaries

POSSIBLE BRIDGE-BUILDER TASKS

As you proceed, we encourage you to prayerfully consider the following ways that you could serve. We have described the work of other actual Bridge-Builders, highlighting the specific tasks which they fulfilled. The names of the individuals are pseudonyms, except for the Tibetan ministry example. That is the brief testimony of AFM staff, Cathy Hendrickson and her husband, The Rev. Tom Hendrickson.

*Lily was concerned to hear about the 1.2 million Bagri people in India who had never heard about Jesus. She offered to help the AFM staff **by gathering current information** on the Bagri. By using the web, she found a great deal of useful material that AFM used for educational pieces to encourage people to pray enthusiastically for the Bagri.*

*Tom and Cathy were busy with work, commuting, and ministries at church, but they were deeply touched to learn that the 6 million Tibetans had never heard of Jesus and had no church within many miles of their villages and nomadic tents. They decided to focus on one people group, the Amdo Tibetans. Using one hour an evening, some weekend time, and some vacation time, Tom and Cathy **learned about Tibetans, gave short talks about them and their religion, gathered prayer partners, recruited new missionaries, and helped organize and run a North American partnership** that works together on behalf of Tibetans. After 11 years as part-time Bridge-builders, Tom and Cathy give glory to God for the growing number of Tibetans who are choosing Jesus.*



*As a physician and full-time homemaker with three active kids, Terry and Lori had their hands full in the home, church, and work. They realized that the X people did not have a witness in their culture. They chose to focus on the X people and they **researched and prepared a prayer booklet which they distributed** to many friends and family. Through this booklet, the number of individuals praying regularly for the X increased substantially. Over time, reports came back from X land that they were becoming Christians.*

*Don was a full-time pastor in a medium sized church. He was concerned about the Z people and how they would hear about Jesus. He did some research and connected by email with some of the missionaries among the Z. He asked, "How can I help you share the Gospel?" The missionaries replied that they were ready to produce the Jesus Film in the Z language, but that every language-specific Jesus film takes \$25,000 to produce. **Don trusted in God and offered to raise the funds.** Through prayer and asking some friends to help him, they spread the word to many people. Within 5 months, \$25,000 was raised. Since the film's completion, the missionaries have carried it to remote villages, using battery operated CD players. Over time, more and more Z people are hearing that Jesus, out of his deep love, came to earth to save sinners, including the Z.*

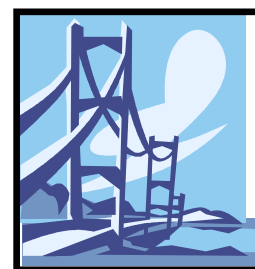
*Mark and Christy were a young engaged couple in college. In praying about God's next step for them after college and their wedding, the Lord revealed to them that Muslim people were dying without understanding Jesus' love, salvation, and power. While doing their errands one Saturday, they kept meeting Muslim shopkeepers, garage owners, and seeing Muslim homemakers on their errands. Mark and Christy realized that they could **reach out in friendship to their Muslim neighbors**. They took weekend training on cross-cultural friendship evangelism, asked a few people to pray for them regularly, and with their own prayers, launched out one Saturday to start building friendships. One year later, they reflected on how much joy and thought-provoking experiences they had had in their growing friendship with Salim and his family. Everyone had learned more about each other's faith. They noticed that Salim admired the peace and love in their marriage. Mark and Christy trusted that God would give them the words every time to talk about a life with Jesus.*

*St. John's junior high youth group wanted to get more deeply involved with missions. After some fact-finding, they decided to focus on the Turkmen people of Turkmenistan. Trusting in God, they realized that their education and life experiences had prepared them, with their leader, to accomplish some useful tasks for the missionaries among the Turkmen. With the help of AFM staff, they received ideas of Turkmen ministries which they could assist. They **researched** the jewelry and food of Turkmenistan, prepared these items, and held a big cultural dinner at which they sold the jewelry. **The raised funds went to assist a Christian water ministry** in a Turkmen community. While the teens understand that their contribution is small, they are touched by the missionary's expression of the **encouragement** he is receiving from the focused young people. Now, the youth group is praying about the next project to assist the missionary. The teens really enjoy **praying** for the specific Turkmen villagers who finally had a well in their village.*

These anecdotes display the various skills and methods that a Bridge-builder can deploy. How will the Lord use you, your experience, connections and faith?

GETTING ORGANIZED

**We all have our own style of working
Get ready to be used by God for your people group**



A few guidelines:

1. Begin this phase with prayer for God's perfect guidance
2. Considering your current responsibilities, set a target for the average number of hours per week that you will dedicate to your people and your Bridge-builder working schedule. We recommend at least 3-5 hours per week. Be sure to include a percentage of the time for prayer and learning about the people and their religion via books and the web.

3. Choose your work space, find your office supplies, buy one binder/notebook to use for notes as you pray and for meetings, etc.
4. Decide if you will use your current email address or set up another address just for this ministry. You may find it easier to manage with a new Bridge-builder email address.
5. Organize a few initial electronic folders in the “My Documents” of your computer to place the information and projects for your people group. Identify some storage/file space for paper and supplies.
6. Organize the way that you will record names, phone numbers, email addresses and relevant information for each person you find.
7. Decide, with your initial prayer partners, how you will communicate steadily with them. Keep them informed with brief emails.
8. Once you have selected your way of serving, you will need to identify the expenses and consider how you will fund them. Since you are serving the Lord, pray for God to provide for these future expenses. Inform your Christian friends and families of your new ministry and its expenses and they may choose to participate with finances and prayers.

ORIENTING YOURSELF



**In every work session, include prayer.
This is God’s work and you are his servant.**

1. Go to the web and the library and learn as much as possible about your people group:
2. Use search engines like Google to search for information. Read and pray
3. Go to www.joshuaproject.org, www.afm-us.org, www.worldmap.org, www.ethne.net and click on the recommended links. When you find other Christian groups focusing on this people group, send them an email indicating that you want to get involved.
4. Then you go to the sites in # 1 and 2, follow every link to its website and make a note of them so you can return to them for further study.
5. As you conduct orientation research, these questions can get you started:
 - What needs does this uncover? One example is a shortage of clean water. What particular health needs?

- How much education do they have access to? Do women have access?
- What people are welcome there and who are not? Clergy? Farmers?
- What about the resources related to church planting? Do they have radio programs?
- Is the Bible in a dialect they understand?

NEW BRIDGE-BUILDER – PART OF THE “VIRTUAL TEAM”

When we think about all the people focused on one people group, we see a “virtual team” of individuals who live all over the world, communicate by email and, when necessary, by phone and face to face when possible. The Virtual Team members are not in the same church meeting room or the same office, but they aim to work together from their various locations. The team members all have their faith in Christ and dedication to their chosen people group. The team members have the following roles:

Full-time Strategy Coordinator missionaries – with AFM or another agency, keeping the big picture, collaborating with many others to identify and implement God’s perfect strategy. Each is a full-time missionary who researches, collaborates, locates resources, and maintains a broad view of the work on behalf of the specific people. They recruit, train, and encourage indigenous or neighboring Christians to do evangelism and church planting. They coordinate/interface with the Virtual Team members (Bridge-builders, prayer partners, etc.) Their ministry is supported by faith-based donations from other Christians. Strategy coordinators may live in or near the people group’s country or be based in another country.



Full-time missionaries serving as teachers, church planters, other professionals, living as close to the people as possible. They may include an AFM full-time special missionary who develops and participates in a business or social/health service that demonstrates love to the people group and enables Christians to live in the people group’s country. The business person may be operating a business that has a “home office” in the people group’s country or in another country. Initially, they raise support from other Christians, and then may shift over to partial support by the business.

Part-time Bridge-builder – volunteer, part-time ministry based in own home country (short term trips as appropriate). In consultation with the AFM staff, the Bridge-builder chooses activities according to God’s call and his/her interests and siftings: mobilize prayer, research, gather resources, recruit other team members, participate in national partnership meetings, and/or participate in AFM networking opportunities. One of the Bridge-builders may offer to coordinate

AFM's informal network for each people group. They serve the total effort, assisting with requests from the full-time missionaries (strategy coordinators or special missionaries).

Part-time, Prayer Partner – a part-time volunteer, registered with AFM as committed to praying for the people group, interacting with the people group's partnership, serving the AFM missionaries (strategy coordinators and special missionaries)



Part-time, World Servant – a volunteer who participates in a business or social/health service project on a short-term basis. For example, an American physician may serve the people group for two weeks in an overseas health clinic.



CONNECTING WITH THE VIRTUAL TEAM

When Bridge-builders reach out to the members of the Virtual Team with humility, a desire to learn and serve, and faith, they are usually heartily welcomed to participate in the people group ministry.

Since most of the least evangelized peoples live in countries that do not allow missionaries, Christians are legally working in those countries via their businesses or professions. They will often be very careful in their emails and phone conversations. Those of us in the US need to respect their caution and write carefully to the missionaries. See Appendix B for security guidelines.

How does one find these somewhat hidden strategy coordinators and special missionaries?

1. When orienting yourself and finding websites for your people group, use the email space via their "Contact us". Humbly offer to help them and wait for a reply. They may request a church reference or a phone conversation.
2. If various attempts to connect with the Virtual Team seem to fail, contact AFM (info@afm-us.org) for assistance.
3. Some of the people groups have North American partnerships that meet annually to which believers who are enthusiastic about actively serving are invited. You will find that attending these several day events will greatly increase your friendly relationships with the Virtual Team and your effectiveness as a Bridge-builder. Partnership events are moderately priced.



BRIDGE-BUILDER TRAINING BY AFM

Periodically, AFM will provide a weekend of training for Bridge-builders, which will be publicized to all who have registered with AFM as a Bridge-builder.

The training is interactive and practical, covering in more detail the topics in this Bridge-builder's notebook. Prayer, worship, fellowship, laughter, sharing one's own experiences, and encouragement will be key elements.



MOBILIZING PRAYER



Faithfully praying and encouraging others to pray is the most vital role that a Bridge-builder can play. You can accomplish this.

1. The Virtual Team may already have prayer materials which you can obtain and prayerfully distribute to believers among your family, church, and friends.
2. AFM has electronic prayer cards for the AFM people groups. At your request, we will send the electronic file to you for your printing (via home color printer or a professional outlet like Kinko's).
3. Using the information that you have gained and photos from the web (Google Images, type in your people group's name), you can produce your own prayer card, 30 day prayer booklet, etc.
4. Keep a list of those who have enthusiastically accepted your prayer materials, with email addresses, so that you can periodically send them brief updates for their praise and prayers.

RESEARCHING

After you have done your orientation research, if you have decided to do more in-depth research, you will find ample resources available to you. First, ask the Virtual Team's strategy coordinator or other missionaries for topics which they would like researched.

As always, start every time of ministry with prayer.

When you're ready to start researching, review all the related websites that you discovered in the Orientation stage. Return to the ones relevant to your specific research topic and dig in. Keep your findings in one of your electronic and/or paper files.

It's important to go beyond the web. Go to the largest library in your area and make an appointment with the reference librarian, explaining your project and seeking his/her guidance. (Remember Security Guidelines and explain your cultural and philanthropic motivations, without stressing your Christian mission's interest).

Contact any other members of the Virtual Team who can be safely emailed or phoned and ask for their leads on your research topic.

Follow every web, library, personal lead to the end point in your attempt to gain the relevant information for the requesting strategy coordinator.

Prepare and submit the final document with clear information and the sources of the information. Ask the strategy coordinators for the secure destination of the gathered research.

IDENTIFYING AND LOCATING RESOURCES

The Virtual Team leaders may ask you to look for resources such as evangelistic materials in the people's language or a Christian organization that would send medical professionals for a short-term medical outreach.

For example, if you are researching post-natal health:

Go to Google on the Internet and type in post-natal health care, and then do a search within a search for the people group's country. When you find a specific agency or person, get the e-mail address or phone number or address and follow-up. This may not be easy, but once you have made a contact, that contact will lead to another and then to three others. Soon you will add two more names to your contact list. Put your imagination in high gear around a topic of need or a resource that has an interest! How can that person possibly lend assistance?



What other condition does this need reveal? Bad nutrition? Then there is another need to research. How could this assistance be useful in showing to the people the Gospel of Jesus Christ?

These resources usually need assessing:

- Radio local sources for all of these resources
- Scripture in print
- Non-local sources
- Cassettes
- Anglican sources
- Jesus film
- Non-Anglican sources
- Other denominations present
- Agriculture assistance
- Schools and teachers
- Transportation
- Leadership training
- Distribution of materials
- Prayer networks and a broadcaster of needs
- Health care

SERVING THE VIRTUAL TEAM

Since you have offered to help the full-time missionaries from the beginning of your Bridge-builder ministry, you will find them asking periodically for your assistance. By God's grace, you will aim to fulfill your assignment in a timely way. Always ask the person for clear expectations and the requested target completion date.

Each assignment can vary. The missionaries will provide guidance in how to proceed.



RECRUITING LONG AND SHORT TERM VIRTUAL TEAM MEMBERS



Having enough faithful, capable people involved with the people group is essential. If you feel led to assist with recruiting, ask the Virtual Team to inform you of their need for long term missionaries and short-term world servants. Ask for written qualifications, time requirements, assignments and dates, and the exact name/number/email for the person receiving applicants. Discuss with the full-time missionaries their ideas for recruiting.

Prepare recruiting materials, with your name and contact information, to use along with existing prayer and other materials. Prepare a talk on your people group, the ministry

among them, and prayerfully invite your audience to pray about the need to serve these people in the specific assignments.

Be sure to write down the name and contact information for people who were interested in the people. They may become more actively involved, be prayer partners, or know someone who can fill the position.

With the Holy Spirit's help, we present information about our people group to various congregations, Bible studies, youth groups, etc. We trust that God will call people according to his wisdom. We pray that people will hear and respond to God's voice.

NETWORKING WITH OTHERS FOR A GOAL

As your Bridge-building continues, you will be blessed to meet many individuals who are involved with the people group some role. With a smile, clear group and ministry and a ready Team grow. However, be in the least evangelized governments' laws and missionaries will be cautious humbly, be patient, and build may have only one contact to your contact will keep you connected.



and others who would like to play statement about your people pen, you will see the Virtual patient. It is very difficult to work countries because of the harshness. Consequently, some about talking with you. Serve trust over time. Ultimately, you the overseas part of the team and

How does this work? It is a Holy Spirit-guided joyful enterprise. Let's follow a month in the Bridge-building of James and Marie Smith and their two children (Jack, age 12, Ava, age 10), who have been ministering for one year on behalf of the Luri people of Iran:

Oct. 1 – James had emailed George, the Luri strategy coordinator, based in the US, asking for a new assignment. George replies that the Luri Virtual Team needs to increase the number of US churches that are involved in Luri ministry. He asks James' family to take on this challenge. Over dinner, the family prays and agrees to try to do this.

Oct. 3 – After dinner, the Smith family has a short discussion on how they will fulfill this task; everyone has ideas, which Jack writes down. Ava is excited and starts on her part. She makes a list of all her friends and the churches they attend and gives it to her parents.

October 4 – James and Marie make a list of their missions-minded family and friends who attend a church other than their own. They gather the names and phone numbers.

October 6 – James, Marie, and their kids search the ministry cabinet for materials to use for an "information kit" to send to interested contacts. James prepares a brief letter to go in the kit which lists ways that the contact friend and their church can become involved.

October 8 – James and Marie, with input from their kids, develop a "2 minute phone talk" to describe with their contacts their goals in reaching out to their churches. (Note: most churches

are concerned that missionaries are seeking money and they feel financially limited. We put the emphasis upon prayer and helping in a variety of ways. As new churches get involved with a people group, we can trust God to guide them to help in diverse ways, which may include financial support for missionaries and their projects)

October 9th – Jack makes a list of his friends and their churches and turns it in to his parents. Jack “shoots up a prayer” that his friends’ churches will want to get involved.

October 10th through 25th – By phone and email, James and Marie contact most of the people on their lists. They keep brief notes of the next steps for each of their contacts, for example: “Call Andrew Philips on Oct. 24th regarding his talk with the mission chairman”. Gradually, the contacts get back to the Smith family. They need to re-email some friends who had not yet replied.

Oct. 13th and 20th – the family put on some great music and, together, stuffed information kits for 30 minutes.

October 29th – a weekend day, the Smith family has a 30 minute meeting, starting with prayer, in which they look at all the responses to date. They encourage each other that they have fulfilled their goal of increasing other Christians’ interest in the Luri, while being realistic that some churches are already involved with other people groups. They look at their results:

- *20 information kits, with prayer materials mailed out*
- *9 contacted individuals enthusiastically agreed to pray for the Luri*
- *4 contacts agreed to talk with their mission chairperson about the Luri*
- *3 local churches invited the Smiths to address some group at their church*

The Smiths discussed what the next steps would be on this project and closed with a prayer of thanks to God.

JOINING US-BASED PEOPLE GROUP PARTNERSHIPS

As mentioned previously, some individuals have organized North American-based partnerships of Christians from various denominations, ethnic and cultural backgrounds who all have committed to focus on a specific people group.

These partnerships exist to serve the missionaries and evangelists who are more directly on the field. Usually, the full-time missionaries will make inspiring and practical reports and seek the help and participation of the part-time members (Bridge-builders and dedicated prayer partners). Partnerships usually have at least one person who serves as a coordinator/communicator to facilitate meeting planning and attendance.



One partnership has the following mission statement:

“The Mission of our network is to prayerfully identify and mobilize the resources of the body of Christ by bringing together people, churches, and organizations in order to establish reproducing, Christ-centered, indigenous churches within reach of all X peoples.”



Fruitful partnership meetings are not “just meetings”, they are times of prayer, encouragement, and learning, loving fellowship, and strategizing together under God’s anointing. Effective partnerships develop prayer materials, provide training for possible new missionaries, research questions troubling missionaries, and locate resources.

A very helpful role that a Bridge-builder can play is to be active in their partnership meetings and help coordinate the partnership by communicating with members by email, building a website, and answering questions from interested Christians. Alternatively, you may recruit another Christian to assist with coordinating the partnership.

PARTICIPATING IN EFFECTIVE SHORT-TERM TRIPS

As a Bridge-builder becomes actively involved, the full-time missionaries may invite him/her to join in a short-term trip to the people group’s country. Before signing up for a short term trip, check this:

1. Did the full-time missionary invite you or did people in the US think it was a good idea to go visit? It is preferable to go at the invitation of the very busy missionary.
2. What tasks does the missionary want you and your team to perform?
3. How many team members are needed?
4. Team member qualifications?
5. When will the trip occur? Be sure to allow three-six months for team group preparation. Pray, learn, and prepare together to aim to make a fruitful contribution to the people group ministry.



Short term trips are an expensive use of time and money – prepare well so that they are not a burden to the missionaries and a waste of valuable resources.

BE A BRIDGE-BUILDER!

REGISTRATION FORM

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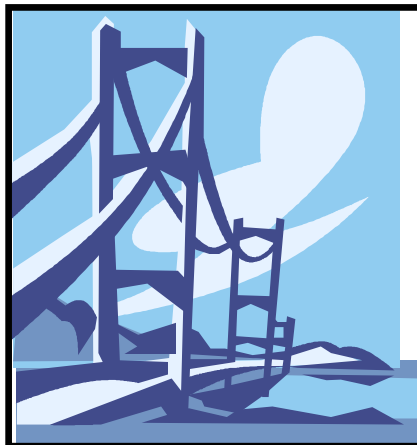
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CHURCH TELEPHONE NUMBER

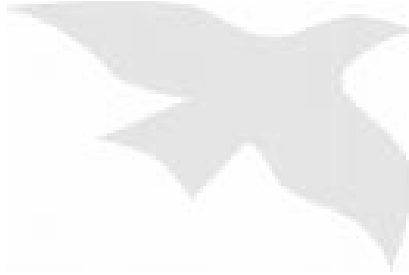
I HAVE CHOSEN THIS PEOPLE GROUP

I HAVE COMMITTED TO THIS TIME FRAME

TODAY'S DATE



YOUR CHURCH FOCUSING AND SERVING ONE PEOPLE GROUP



AFM encourages a congregation to focus on one of the least evangelized people groups and work in diverse ways with the Virtual Team so that the group hears the Gospel and has a strong, reproducing church in their midst. AFM calls such churches “partner churches”.

The preceding section, Bridge-builders, describes ways of serving. When a congregation together chooses a people group, then members of the congregation ultimately can fulfill these roles:

Part-time Bridge-Builder– volunteer, part-time ministry in the US (short term trips as appropriate). In consultation with the AFM staff, the Bridge-Builder chooses activities according to God’s call and his/her interests and siftings: mobilize prayer, research, gather resources, recruit other team members, participate in national partnership meetings, and participate in AFM networking opportunities. One of the Bridge-Builders may offer to coordinate AFM’s informal network for each people group. They serve the total effort, assisting with requests from the AFM missionaries (strategy coordinators or special missionaries).

Part-time, Prayer Partner – a part-time volunteer, registered with AFM as committed to praying for the people group, interacting with the people group’s partnership, serving the AFM missionaries (strategy coordinators and special missionaries)

Part-time, World Servant – a volunteer who participates in a business or social/health service project on a short-term basis. For example, an American physician may serve the people group for two weeks in an overseas health clinic.

Full-time, Strategy Coordinator Missionaries – with AFM or another agency, keeping the big picture, collaborating with many others to identify and implement God’s perfect strategy. Each is a full-time missionary who researches, collaborates, locates resources, and maintains a broad view of the work on behalf of the specific people. They recruit, train, and encourage indigenous or neighboring Christians to do evangelism and church planting. They coordinate/interface with the Virtual Team members (Bridge-builders, prayer partners, etc.) Their ministry is supported by faith-based donations from other Christians. Strategy coordinators may live in or near the people group’s country or be based in another country.

Full-time missionaries serving as teachers, church planters, other professionals, living as close to the people as possible. They may include an AFM full-time special missionary who develops and participates in a business or social/health service that demonstrates love to the people group and enables Christians to live in the people group's country. The business person may be operating a business that has a "home office" in the people group's country or in another country. Initially, they raise support from other Christians, and then shift over to partial support by the business.

How to Manage a Congregation's Focus on One People Group

The members who have the initial idea and enthusiasm for this ministry need to pray steadfastly throughout every one of these steps:

1. Get informed: Contact Anglican Frontier Missions for guidance in becoming a partner church (804-355-8468, cathy@afm-us.org)
2. Pray for the church leadership and obtain their support
3. Pray and talk with several members of your church about having a partnership with an unreached people group
4. With AFM's assistance, select the specific unreached people group
5. Contact Anglican Frontier Missions (AFM) for guidance on the details which includes prayer, communication with other believers who are focusing on this people group, missionaries, and assisting in locating resources.
6. Form a partnership committee to guide the church on the next steps
7. Educate and involve the church (AFM has prepared materials). Seek parishioners who will dedicate themselves to play one of the part-time roles (above) and those who are praying about God's call to full-time missionary service.
8. Notify AFM and formally begin the partnership
9. Regularly involve the entire church in the prayer, communication, and assistance with the people group partnership
10. Celebrate the positive steps that take place among your people group and the outreach to them
11. Patiently pray and serve your people group within your partnership and in collaboration with other believers. Trust the Lord to work, in his time, among the people
12. Praise God in all circumstances



These steps are described in more detail in Appendix A

YOUR CHURCH FOCUSING ON ONE PEOPLE GROUP

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EMAIL

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MAILING ADDRESS

CONTACT PERSON'S NAME

EMAIL

PHONE

MAILING ADDRESS

WE HAVE CHOSEN THIS PEOPLE GROUP

WE HAVE COMMITTED TO THIS TIME FRAME

TODAY'S DATE

APPENDIX A

HOW YOUR CHURCH CAN STRATEGICALLY IMPACT THE UNREACHED.

Partnership with AFM and the missionaries serving a specific people group is a commitment made by a church or fellowship group to see the establishment of a strong church among an unreached people group.

People Group (or people): A significantly large ethnic or sociological grouping of individuals who perceive themselves to have a common affinity with one another. For evangelistic purposes, it is the largest group within which the gospel can spread as a church planting movement without encountering barriers of understanding or acceptance.

Unreached People: a people group which has no indigenous community of believing Christians with adequate numbers and resources to finish evangelizing their community without further outside/cross-cultural assistance.

The Question: Which of the unreached people groups of the world that is to stand before the Lamb (see Rev 5:9) is God asking your church to focus upon? The following information has been designed to assist local churches in knowing the basic aspects of a healthy and sustained unreached people group focus and partnership.

SEVEN BASIC ASPECTS OF A PARTNERSHIP

I. Get Informed

Partnership usually begins with local congregations gaining an understanding of unreached peoples and a vision to reach the world through focusing on them as "people groups."

How:

- take the *Perspectives on the World Christian Movement* course
- read John Piper's *Let the Nations Be Glad*

From this people-group understanding of missions, often an individual who becomes acquainted with the partnership strategy believes his church or fellowship should seriously consider and investigate involvement. This may be a "lay" person, mission committee member, pastor, or other missions-minded person. Usually this person, who has a burden for the unreached and the excitement to pursue a partnership within his church, becomes the promoter and the key individual for the success of the program.

The advocate, along with the church, would begin by:

1. Praying for God's direction concerning how he wants you and your church to be involved.
2. Gaining a general understanding of, and a personal commitment to, frontier missions and the unreached peoples.

3. Becoming informed about the strategy to partner with AFM and the people group's Virtual Team

II. Involve Church Leadership

Communicate with the church leadership and secure their involvement. In most churches this would be the mission committee, the elder or deacon board, and the pastor. There are tools to help in this process.

III. Contact Mission Agencies

Contact AFM requesting information about the people on their "25 largest, least evangelized people groups list. Information is available on agencies that are part of the related Adopt-A-People Program (AAP) in print from the USCWM Mobilization office or on the web at: www.uscwm.org. A successful partnership will also involve relationships with all other missionary personnel on the field. The earlier more missionaries and mission agencies are involved in the partnership, the smoother it will go.

IV. Select the People Group

Select the people group that you believe God wants you to focus upon. This should entail:

1. Extensive prayer as to which unreached people God would choose for your group.
2. Look for the natural bridges that exist in your congregation to a particular people or area of the world. What already exists in your congregation which might be a natural connection for your partnership? Some factors to consider are:
 - a) Missionaries that the church already supports or may support
 - b) The vision or burden of the pastor
 - c) Denominational loyalties
 - d) The mission agencies the church already has relations with
 - e) People of other nationalities that God has brought to live in the vicinity of the church
 - f) The country or people-group interests that already exist in the church
 - g) Where the church has already gone on short term mission trips
3. Seek counsel:
 - a) Of the pastoral staff and leaders of the congregation.

b) Of a church that has a successful program. Talk with a church that has already done a partnership.

c) Security: What are the security problems related to communication, traveling to, or beginning a church in the group?

4. Select a group for your church to partner with; giving full consideration to the opinions of the leadership and to the natural bridges that may exist to the group. In making this decision, there needs to be a real unity in the church with a resulting feeling that, "Yes, this is the group upon whom God wants us to focus."

V. Notify the Mission Agency and Formally Register

When the decision is made concerning which group God wants the church to focus upon, notify your mission agency of the decision and in cooperation with the mission agency set a time to have a formal dedication ceremony at the church. Include the signing of a covenant between the mission agency and the church. The covenant should be posted in a public place as a reminder. Also notify the Adopt-A-People Clearinghouse and Joshua Project of your commitment.

VI. Serve the People Group

A. Basics - Things essential to an ongoing AAP Program.

1. Appoint a person as the people-group advocate who will become the point person for the people-group ministry in the church. A people-group committee should also be formed which would work with the people-group advocate.

2. Establish a regular prayer fellowship for the group. Regular prayer meetings should be scheduled for your people group. This could be led by the people-group advocate as the person who will have current information on what is happening in the group. (Experience has revealed that the most effective prayer groups are those that exist as "frontier mission's fellowships", which typically meet weekly or monthly for prayer, praise, mutual accountability, and study and giving.)

3. Involve and inform the congregation regularly at every possible level with what is happening in the group.

4. Network with others who relate to your people group

a. Join or initiate a network of other churches or groups which may have also selected your group.

b. Join with the larger cluster group partnership which includes your people group. (There may be field or evangelism partnerships or home resource partnerships which coordinate with work on the field or at home.)

c. Network with mission agencies.

d. Begin relationships with the workers in the field.

5. Become informed about the chosen people group. Become an expert on everything that relates to the people. This would include: religion, culture, history and the country or countries the group is located in. Grow in the knowledge of missionaries, churches, relief agencies, and schools that are involved with or in the area of the group.

B. Advanced Steps - Things that could be done if resources or interest were available.

1. Recruit other churches to focus on this people group and to partner with you.

2. Send church members on short-term mission trips to minister to your people group.

3. Look for and discover members of this people group in the United States--or in your country, if you live outside the United States--and reach out to them.

4. Send the churches own permanent missionaries to this group.

5. Assist in seeing specific projects begun through the mission agencies and missionaries on the field. Among these might be: Bible translation, the JESUS Film being translated into the language or dialect of your people, regular Bible teaching broadcasts in the dialect of your people.

6. Raise funds to support missionaries on the field and for their special projects.

7. Involve the members of the church. The more the members are involved, the more it will impact them and make a difference in their lives. This should be all groups of the church, especially the children, both in their homes and in the church classes.

VII. Results

A. If people group focus is working effectively in your church, you will see the following:

1. An informed and motivated congregation.

2. Increased prayer for the ministry of your church and for your people group.

3. Increased financial giving overall.

4. People raised up as missionaries from your congregation.

B. The people group is reached. Rejoice in victory!

Through the commitment of your church and the work of the Holy Spirit, there will be established a growing, spiritually healthy church movement in your chosen people group. It will be a self-supporting, self-directing, self-propagating church sending its own missionaries to still other peoples.

APPENDIX B

WORKING WITH LEAST EVANGELIZED PEOPLE GROUPS SECURITY GUIDELINES

All members of people group Virtual Teams will diligently seek to follow the security guidelines outlined in this document and any others that are necessary to protect God's work among the people group. It is important to commit to honor the security guidelines of each member of the Virtual Team. The following will be basic principles, but members of the Virtual Team may request even more careful treatment. We will respect those requests.

Rationale:

“Those reaching out to the least evangelized peoples in North Africa, the Middle East and Asia work in hostile environments where matters of security and confidentiality are of utmost importance. It is important to recognize the sensitive nature of the work. There are strongly resistant forces including political and cultural barriers, religious opposition, and fierce spiritual warfare, which make it essential to guard communication as much as possible by employing proper security and confidentiality measures from the outset. The following guidelines are intended to prevent you from unknowingly jeopardizing evangelism efforts among these people groups. There is no place for extreme fear and paranoia; yet caution and care must be taken to protect the work.” (Brigada)

HIGHEST SECURITY

Information that, in the hands of the wrong people, would endanger lives and ministries.

Examples (but not limited to):

- Names or locations of indigenous believers (Sometimes even a brief description or the name of a town can be enough to identify someone.)
- Names of field workers (missionaries), Locations, Addresses, E-mail addresses, etc.
- Identity of organizations working quietly in the field
- Entry strategies
- Sensitive travel/meeting schedules

Guidelines

1. High security information will only be shared with people who ***need to know***, for a legitimate ministry reason and, if at all possible, only with permission of the concerned party. Only to be shared in non-sensitive, private contexts and never through mass media even in open access countries.
2. Members of the Virtual Team who have responsibility and/or permission to correspond with workers will be responsible to keep the information in a secure fashion.
3. Never to be communicated through public media (e-mail, fax, phone, mail, etc.) to restricted access countries unless appropriate security steps are taken, e.g. – hand-carried letter. Even then, assume that letters can be intercepted.

Media

Not in E-mail, newsletters, bulletin boards, fax, phone, open groups, mass media, public places
May be OK privately with trusted person who ***needs to know***.
May need to disguise (nickname, pseudonym) even when used appropriately.

MEDIUM SECURITY

Information that, in the hands of the wrong people, could make life more difficult for workers and ministries.

Examples (but not limited to):

- Political statements
- Negative religious statements
- Terminology with political overtones (e.g. – “spying out the land”)

Guidelines

1. Never to be communicated through public media (e-mail, fax, phone, mail, etc.) to restricted access countries. (okay with appropriate security steps **if absolutely necessary**. Generally there is no reason for this.)
2. May be communicated in open access countries for appropriate reasons (not in the context of missions), and only in complete anonymity (no association with mission agencies, workers, nationals, locations, or strategies.)

Media

Okay through private media in open-access countries (e.g. – phone, mail, etc.)

Should not be communicated through semi-private media like e-mail.

Okay for public media with anonymity and appropriate reasons.

LOW SECURITY

Information that, in the hands of the wrong people, probably would not make life more difficult for workers and ministries.

Examples (but not limited to):

- **General** prayer requests for the people group
- Historical missions information.
- Information about the people group’s receptivity to the gospel, etc.

Guidelines

1. Never to be communicated through public media (e-mail, fax, phone, mail, etc.) to restricted access countries. (Okay with appropriate security steps.)
2. May be freely communicated in open access countries, but not in the context or names of people or organizations when their security guidelines would be put at risk.

Media

Okay through private media in open-access countries (e.g. – phone, mail, etc.)

May be communicated through semi-private media like e-mail with appropriate security steps.

Okay for public media with anonymity and appropriate reasons.

Guidelines for specific media

E-mail

Never e-mail confidential (any high or medium security and even some low security) information to restricted access countries without security measures like encryption, and even then, do not do so without checking with recipient first using innocuous language (encryption

may also draw attention). Always use blind copy when e-mail addresses are related to secure matters.

When using e-mail in the open access countries, take precautions for e-mail scanning. Use an initial when referring to your people group. For example, T for Tibet, etc. Do not use names of field workers – initials **may** be okay when not used with locations. Restrict communication to low security information. Remember that abbreviations are only to avoid e-mail scanning devices. They will not fool anyone that opens your email.

Consider screening any e-mail with an experienced communicator before sending it overseas.

Phone

Never talk of confidential (any high or medium security and even some low security) information when phoning to or within restricted access countries. Phones are often tapped.

Okay for communication (low security) in the open access countries. Remember that cellular phones and cordless phones are less secure than regular phones.

Fax

Never FAX confidential (any high or medium security and even some low security) information to restricted access countries. Do not use religious letterheads.

Okay for communication (low security) within open access countries if it is known that destination machine is private.

Mail

In restricted access areas, don't mention: full names, Christian terminology, position titles, financial support, politics, or religion. Do not mail any high or medium security and even some low security information. Assume any mail will be opened and read.

Okay for communication (low security) within open access countries. Use words like, "For personal prayer only, not for publication, distribution or posting" when writing in newsletters. Consider shredding sensitive documents.

Public Speaking

Okay for communication of low security information within open access countries with appropriate audiences.