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Director's View

by David Hupp, U.S. Director



LOOK AT THE PROMISES,
NOT AT THE PROBLEMS

In the Great Commission (Matthew 28:18-20), Jesus commands us to, "... go and make disciples of all nations,

baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit ..." He ends it with a promise, "And surely I will be with you always, to the very end of the age."

Aren't you glad that when the Lord gives us a task to do He also gives us a promise? Aren't you glad that He knows the problems ahead of time, and that both the command and the promise never change?

Early in my own walk with the Lord I don't remember giving much thought to the potential problems or questioning whether a direction in ministry would succeed or fail. In the Jesus movement

of the early 70's our youth gathering sang over and over, "If Jesus said it, I'll believe it, If Jesus said it, I'll believe it. That's good enough for me."

The Lord has been challenging my heart recently to return to some of the simplicity of those years. He has been challenging me personally and us corporately as Mission to Unreached Peoples to step out in faith and to trust His promises. His word to me and what I'm challenged to communicate to both our home and overseas staff is that this is not a time to count the potential problems, but a time to count and to lay hold of His promises.

The Luke 10 Challenge presented in this issue is an example of counting the promises rather than the problems. The Lord keeps this in front of me despite my repeated objections that "we're not ready for this - it's bigger than Mission to Unreached Peoples", and "not me, Lord, not now, maybe in a few years." I was looking at all the work and all the problems, at the finances and the personnel, and at the crazy presumption that Mission to Unreached Peoples could possi-

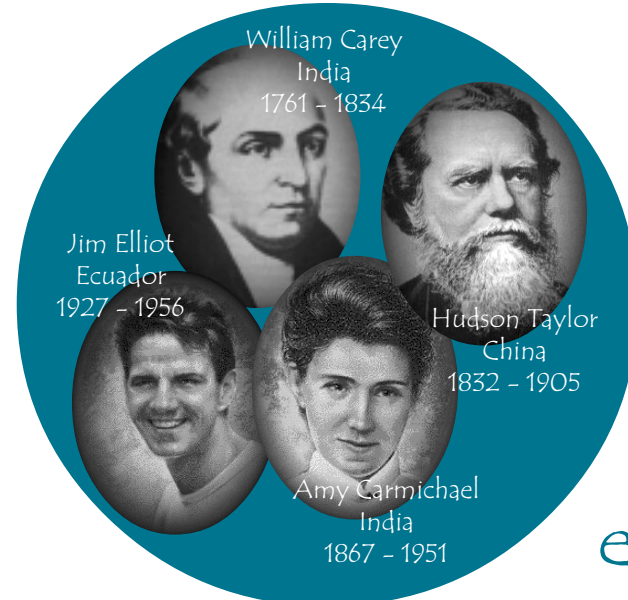
bly recruit and train 72 young people at a time.

It is this attitude of trusting God for His promises and provision that we are looking for in 72 "radical" young people for Christ. We need significant injections of a spirit within Mission to Unreached Peoples that demonstrates, regardless of our ages, our willingness to risk reputation, life and finances in simple belief that if Jesus said it, I believe it, and step out in obedient faith.

In the recently updated foundational values of Mission to Unreached Peoples we state, "We are passionate about God and His mission and are proactive in fulfilling the Great Commission..." Our passion is being tested in these days to see if we dare be proactive in the cause of the Great Commission.

So my challenge personally, to all of us at Mission to Unreached Peoples, and to you who read this: look at the promises, not at the problems. ♦

Throughout history, God
has used
ordinary
people
to do
extraordinary
things to reach the unreached.



The Luke 10 Challenge

Mission to Unreached Peoples (MUP) is looking for 72 young people who will consider the cause of unreached peoples to be worth both living for and dying for, and will follow in the pattern of Luke 10, 2 by 2.

WHO: 72 young people, ages 18-30 (singles, couples and families are welcome) who are willing to be used by God.

WHEN: A 30-day training program beginning June 15, 2001, followed by a five to seven month field assignment with experienced missionaries in teams of two in the pattern of Luke 10.

WHERE: Field assignments will be primarily in the 10/40 Window, on the frontlines of the Great Commission. Where would you like to go? (The 10/40 Window stretches across North Africa, the Middle East, and Asia, from 10 - 40 degrees north of the Equator.)

DEBRIEFING: The debriefings will be either mid-December in the US or mid-February, 2002 at our worldwide MUP conference in Thailand.

FURTHER INFORMATION: Call us for a brochure at 1-888-847-6950 or see our website at www.mup.org/luke10.htm ♦

Will
you
be
next?

"He is no fool who gives up what he cannot keep to gain what he cannot lose."

Jim Elliot

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To college age and twenties

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Is one of these for you?

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Looking at the promise instead of the problem.

THIS ISSUE

EVERYWHERE

- (1) **Evangelists & Church Planters** for Unreached Peoples

CAMBODIA

- (2) **Medical Personnel** for village clinic work & AIDS hospice
- (3) **Cross-cultural Youth Worker**
- (4) **Church Workers** of all types for ministry with Cambodian churches

INDIA

- (5) A health and evangelism project needs **Physical and Occupational Therapists** to equip nationals to minister to the disabled.

NEPAL

- (6) **Engineers & Managers**
- (7) **Medical Personnel**
- (8) **Teachers**

CHINA

- (9) **English Teachers and Teachers at International Schools.**
- (10) **Cross-cultural Church Planters** among tribals.
- (11) **Doctors, Nurses, Therapists.**
- (12) **Community Development Workers: Orphanage Workers, Agricultural Specialist, Small Business Developers.**

ASIA

- (13) **Certified Teachers** needed at international schools.
- (14) Field or North American-based **Member Care Personnel**
- (15) **Medical, Computer, & Business Professionals** in Central Asia

POLAND

- (16) **English Teachers** needed in public schools or for private tutoring.
- (17) **Youth Worker** for local churches.

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Mission INSIGHTS

A Short-Term Missions Revolution

by Keith Hook

Short-term missions (STM) has not only grown; it has multiplied exponentially. In the last 40 years, participation in U.S. short-term missions has grown from about 500 individuals to close to 500,000. People from all walks of life and all age groups are going to virtually every country of the world to work, to pray, to serve, to learn and to seek long-term direction for their lives. Why has there been such an increase? What is the value of short-term mission trips? What are the challenges and benefits? What things need to be kept in mind when thinking about and/or planning a short-term mission trip? In the next few paragraphs I'll give a few answers to these questions but even better, I'll direct you to a variety of resources that will help you discover these answers for yourself.

How does one plan an effective STM so that the time and resources expended are a blessing to all involved and not a curse?

Paul Borthwick, in an article published in Moody Magazine, says, "Short-term missions changed my life. Two weeks of service in a cross-cultural, economically poor village pushed me to re-evaluate my future and consider missions as a career. It challenged my materialism so that I came home and gave away a lot of my 'stuff'. I learned that God's people spoke other languages, had different colored skin, and worshiped fervently. God became 'Lord of the nations' rather than just god of my neighborhood."¹

Mission agencies are finding that STM are having a positive impact if planned properly. In a study published by STEM (Short Term Evangelical Missions) in 1999, it was discovered that those who participated in STEM's short-term mission program found their lives changed in a variety of ways:

1. A significant increase in time spent in mission-related prayer
2. A significant increase in mission-related financial giving
3. A significant shift toward greater openness to longer-term career service
4. Short-term was their #1 influence (out of 14) to serve long-term

But is this just a cultural phenomenon unique to our time in history, or is there a scriptural basis for STM? Borthwick, in the article mentioned above, says, "In the Bible, God used short-term, cross-cultural encounters to challenge and transform people's view of Himself." Check out the book of Jonah in the Old Testament. See also the story of the Samaritan woman in John 4, Peter's experience in Acts 10, and Paul's short-term visit to Thessalonica in Acts 17 as part of his 2nd missionary journey. In these and others I believe we find a Biblical basis for STM.

So how does one plan an effective STM so that the time and resources expended are a blessing to all involved and not a curse? Let me suggest eleven items for your consideration. Some of these are adapted from a STM leader's experience with Operation Mobilization.²

1. Much prayer before, during, & after
2. Read much - talk to & learn from others
3. Clear and thought out written purpose
4. Clear communication with those you will work with on the field
5. Mature, Godly leader
6. Preparation & training of the team
7. Servant/learner attitude before, during and after the trip
8. Partnership with long-term workers
9. Commitment to ongoing ministry
10. Honest communication of results
11. Meaningful debrief and followup

Now for some resources!

1. Search the internet using the words, "short-term missions". Lots of good information can be found there.
2. Get a copy of the 2001 edition of "Into All the World". You can order a free copy from www.aboutmissions.com/. You'll also find lots of other great info at this sight and in the magazine.
3. Invest in some books. At the aboutmissions website just mentioned, you will find descriptions of 15 books dealing with STM. Have a great STM. ♦
1. www.moodymagazine.com/shortterm.htm
2. www.samford.edu/groups/global/ewcmreport/articles/ew02406.htm

Short-Term Opportunities for 2001

Poland

Ministry: Participate in a 10-day summer evangelistic English Camp with Polish teenagers and young adults (ages 14 - 22).

Schedule: Each day is filled with morning English lessons, relays, crafts and fun. Evenings are devoted to evangelistic Bible studies, singing and small group discussions. After the Camp, there will be a 2-3 day sightseeing trip (perhaps Krakow/Auschwitz/Prague).

Group Size: Up to four people

Dates: July 6 - 23

Costs: Approx. \$2100 (including Airfare)

Go for it! Get Involved! Take a risk!

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Our Mission

Our mission is to obey the Great Commission of Jesus Christ by investing our lives, gifts, resources, and vocational skills in God's work throughout Asia and Europe.



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China

Two China short-term opportunities in 2001.

WHERE: Guizhou Province

Ministry:

1. Provide a quality China missions experience that will motivate and equip you for ongoing involvement to serve the Chinese church.

2. Bless China through personal evangelism, encouragement and intercession.

3. Prayer walks and outreach to the minority and unreached peoples of Guizhou Province.

Schedule: Three days training and orientation in Korea, ten days at ministry site, two days wrap-up with sightseeing and debriefing in Beijing.

Dates: June 12 - June 29

Costs: Approx. \$2699. Price includes round-trip airfare from U.S. point of origin including routing from U.S. gateway city to Seoul, Korea/Beijing, China and on to Guizhou.

WHERE: Changsha, Hunan Province and optional touring and prayer walk in Guizhou Province.

Ministry: Experience cross-cultural ministry and learn about China's people, culture and history. Be an English teacher (no experience necessary) for a 2-week summer English camp for adults, working directly with small groups of students. The third week you will tour Guizhou Province by bus or train, traveling through the countryside visiting and praying for minority villages and gaining an understanding for their spiritual condition.

Schedule: Approximately July 21 to August 11 (The third week is optional).

Cost: Approx. \$2300 (includes Airfare)

India

Ministry: Participate with "Equip India", our ministry to aid India's disabled with tools for miraculous physical and spiritual transformation. Several types of trips are available. Please call us to discuss details.

Observing team: 2-4 people, 1-2 weeks anytime, no program but participate in ongoing activities such as weekly outreach in a leprosy hospital, Bible studies for disabled youth and youth rallies.

April: Two week Discipleship Training Camp for disabled village youth (age 16 & up).

October: Three day Youth Camp for village youth (age 12 & up) who know little of Christ.

Turkey

Ministry: Experience missionary life in Istanbul, Turkey. This opportunity will test your cross-cultural adaptability and develop your vision for the unreached of the world, especially Muslims. You will be exposed to a variety of ministry opportunities, interact daily with Muslim friends as well as learn about the rich, vibrant historical and Biblical background of modern Turkey.

Schedule: This program will offer significant flexibility in activity, tailored to meet individual and group needs. It is not physically strenuous, but will be challenging spiritually, emotionally and relationally. It is assumed that all participants will be self-starters with a servant attitude in ministry.

Group Size: 10 to 20 in a group

Dates: Approximately June 25 - August 2

Costs: About \$2950 (including airfare - East Coast departure)

Mercy Ministries

Ministry: Offering short-term mission outreaches designed for laypeople to show God's love and mercy in practical ways "... unto the least of these ..." (Matt. 25). Special focus on disaster relief and refugee ministry. Most trips are for two weeks. Teams leave at various times with 4 - 12 people in each group.

March 30 - April 13 (Kosovo) Evangelistic and humanitarian efforts in partnership with local believers, to show God's love and mercy to needy, hurting and discouraged people.

Other Mercy Ministry trips will be scheduled throughout the year to Cambodia, Russia, Central Asia, and more. Ministry opportunities include orphanages, construction teams, relief, child evangelism, medical clinics and others. For current trips see <http://www.mup.org/Matt25MercyMin/Matt25Oppor.htm>
Costs: Approximately \$2100-2500

Personalized Trips

Don't see a trip that fits your schedule or needs? Are you interested in serving long-term someday, but would like some on-site experience first? Talk to us about a personalized trip to these and other countries such as Japan, Taiwan, Cambodia, Russia, Nepal and Thailand.