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*Director's View*

by David Hupp, U.S. Director



**IS MUP A CHURCH-PLANTING AGENCY?**

I will frequently ask new Mission to Unreached Peoples missionary candidates if we are

a "Church Planting Agency." In fact, we've been asking ourselves the same question in recent years. Part of the reason for the question is our strong value and emphasis that "we are called to honor all ministries and functions equally." We do not recognize a dichotomy between sacred and secular, and many of our workers do minister in restricted access countries using vocational ministry platforms.

In recognizing the integration of sacred and secular ministries, there has probably been a tendency by us and by those who are considering Mission to Unreached Peoples to overlook the church planting aspect of our ministries. As we look around and see how God has directed us in recent years, and as we take a close look at the missionaries and ministries that make up this ministry, we are finding that "church planting" is indeed both a central value and a current reality in our outreaches. Beginning in this issue of the *Unreached Peoples' Advocate*, we will be taking a closer look in upcoming issues at church planting in Mission to Unreached Peoples. I think you'll agree as you read the articles that the answer to the question of whether MUP is a church planting agency is a resounding, "Yes, we certainly are."

One of our mission foundational values that is at the top of the list puts our commitment this way:

We are focused primarily on reaching unreached people groups for Christ and committed to establishing His church among all peoples.

Evangelizing, Discipling and Planting Churches through word and deed is both our vision and also a current reality in Mission to Unreached Peoples. Our desire is to be God's instruments to evangelize, make disciples and plant churches to meet the spiritual, as well as physical needs of individuals. The reality is that Mission to Unreached Peoples missionaries are indeed on the front lines and the cutting edge of current church planting efforts around the world.

**The Biblical Basis for Church Planting**

by Keith Hook

Beginning with this issue of the Advocate and in upcoming issues you will find some thoughts and stories on church planting efforts going on through the work of people connected with Mission to Unreached Peoples. Our director speaks to this on page four. In this issue I believe it is important for us to consider the Biblical Basis for Church Planting. We live in a world and culture that more and more wants to do its own thing but as Christians we are called to walk in obedience to the truth of God's Word, the Bible. All that we do should be evaluated by that truth. We need to be like the Bereans in Acts 17:11 who "examined the Scriptures every day to see if what Paul said was true." So here are some thoughts for you to reflect on, share with others, and then act upon.

**Jesus said that He would build His church.**

Matthew 16:18 (...on this rock I will build My church...)

**The church grew rapidly in response to God's work through people.**

Acts 2:47 (...the Lord added to their number daily those...being saved.)

Acts 14:21( They preached the good news in that city and won a large number of disciples.)

Acts 16:5 (...the churches...grew daily in numbers.)

Acts 18:5 (...grew daily in numbers.)

Acts 19:20 (In this way the word of the Lord spread widely and grew in power.)

**A large number of churches were started in houses.**

Acts 5:42 (...from house to house...)

Acts 8:3 (Saul began to destroy the church. Going from house to house...)

Acts 12:12 (...the house of Mary...where many people had gathered...)

1 Corinthians 16:19 (...the church that meets at their house.)

**All people groups will be reached.**

Matthew 14:3, 14 (...and this gospel shall be preached to all peoples.)

Revelation 5:9 (...you purchased men for God from every tribe...)

Revelation 7:9 (...a multitude that no one could count, from every nation...)

**Persecution helped to spread the gospel and is part of the church's life.**

Acts 8:1 (...On that day a great persecution broke out against the church at Jerusalem...)

Acts 8:4 ( Those who had been scattered preached the word wherever they went.)

Acts 14:22 ( We must go through many hardships to enter the kingdom of God...)

**Each church is to have local leaders.**

Acts 14:23 (Paul and Barnabas appointed elders for them in each church ...)

2 Timothy 2:2 (...entrust to reliable men...)

Titus 1:5 (...appoint elders in every town...)

**Prayer is to be a major factor.**

Psalms 2:8 (...ask of me and I will give you the ends of the earth.)

Luke 5:16 (...Jesus often went off to a lonely place and prayed.)

Luke 6:12 (...Jesus...spent the night praying to God...)

Luke 18:1 (...at all times they ought to pray and not to lose heart.)

"Learning is change. If you haven't changed, you haven't learned. Just because you can put it on paper or because you can recite it doesn't mean it's yours. It's not yours until you change."

Howard Hendricks

Don't let your learning be only knowledge; let your learning lead to action."

Jim Roan

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THIS ISSUE

Here are some of the openings and opportunities with *Mission to Unreached Peoples*:

**EVERYWHERE**

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

**CAMBODIA**

(2) *Medical Personnel* for village clinic work & AIDS hospice  
 (3) *Church Workers* of all types for ministry with Cambodian churches

**INDIA**

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

**NEPAL**

(5) *Engineers & Managers*  
 (6) *Medical Personnel*  
 (7) *Teachers*

**CHINA**

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

**ASIA**

(12) *Certified Teachers* needed at international schools  
 (13) *Field or North American-based Member Care Personnel*

**POLAND**

(14) *English Teachers* needed in public schools or for private tutoring  
 (15) *Youth Worker* for local churches

**TURKEY & CENTRAL ASIA**

(16) *Evangelists, Disciplemakers, & Church Planters*  
 (17) *Team Facilitators*  
 (18) *Teachers(ESL), Medical Workers, Engineers & Business Professionals*  
 (19) *Students of various types*

**NORTH AMERICA**

(20) *Recruiters/Placement Representatives*  
 (21) *Webmaster*

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# Mission INSIGHTS

## Distinctives of Mission to Unreached Peoples by Amy Eng

Just as every individual is unique, so too is every organization, including mission agencies. Although many similarities exist, each also has elements that together make it distinctive and unique. Following are five elements of Mission to Unreached Peoples that will help you get a better idea of who we are and what we do:

### 1. Focus on Unreached People Groups

We focus on the unreached peoples of the world who have not heard the gospel of Jesus Christ, specifically those who live in the 10/40 window in Asia, Europe and beyond.

### 2. Evangelizing, Discipling and Planting Churches through Word and Deed

Our desire is to be God's instruments to evangelize, make disciples and plant churches to meet the spiritual, as well as the

physical needs of individuals. We gain access to the unreached through traditional means or other avenues including teaching, community or business development, and healthcare.

### 3. Broadly Interdenominational

We encompass believers across the wide evangelical and charismatic spectrum who share the same goal of reaching the unreached peoples of the world.

### 4. Flexible and Personal Approach

We take a personal and flexible approach in our training and placement, support, and financial policies to enable you to use your God given skills and experience to serve as you have been uniquely called.

### 5. Committed to Pastoral Care for our Members

We value you! When you serve with us, our member care staff will strive to ensure your success and well-being by caring for your spiritual and emotional health on the field through member care visits and counseling as needed.

## Something to Think About and Consider

Several years ago a questionnaire was given to people in their eighties and nineties asking the question, "If you could live your life over again, what would you do differently?" Three answers surfaced consistently. Here they are for your consideration and action:

1. *They would reflect more about life and its meaning.*
2. *They would relate more to others.*
3. *They would take more risks.*

**So go for it!!! Get Involved!!! Take a risk!!!**

# Short-Term Opportunities for 2002

## Japan

**Ministry:** This trip is a vision exploration trip for the individual who is led to Japan. The participant of this trip will be a teachable, self-starter who will not require supervision, but is desiring to seek out ministry opportunities or has a particular vision for this country.

The host missionary would provide guidance and supervision to the individual.

**Cost:** \$2600 (approximately two week trip) West Coast departure

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We would like to hear from you. If you desire more information about MUP or any articles, please contact the editor at the address above.

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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.*



## China

**Ministry:** Provide a quality China missions experience that will motivate and equip you for ongoing involvement to serve the Chinese church. Bless China via personal evangelism, encouragement and intercession. There will be prayer walks and outreach to Chinese minority and unreached peoples of the Guizhou Province.

**Schedule:** Three days training and orientation in Korea, 10 days at ministry site, two days wrap-up and debriefing in Beijing.

**Dates:** June 4 - 21

**Costs:** \$2800. (anticipated) 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.

**Ministry:** Experience cross-cultural ministry and learn about China's people, culture and history. Be an English teacher (no experience necessary) for 2-week summer English camp, working directly with small groups of students. There may be an additional third week where 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:** Late Summer

**Cost:** West Coast departure: Two week \$1850 (anticipated) ; Three wks: \$2150 (anticipated)

## Russia

**Ministry:** An opportunity to work directly with kids in an orphanage and also minister to kids at schools. Other opportunities include working in maternal health care, home health visits, and public health education, and prayer ministry.

**Group Size:** 5

**Dates:** June and August

**Cost:** Two weeks from East Coast: \$2400 (anticipated)

## Turkey

**Ministry:** You will have the opportunity to "test the waters" and understand what role of world missions might be for you in the future. You will be trained and taught about missiology, language and culture learning, missionary personal friendship evangelism and relationship building with Muslim Turkish people who have not encountered Christians before. You need to be willing to move out of your comfort zone and be flexible. Be prepared for emotional and culturally strenuous conditions.

**Group Size:** 15

**Dates & Costs:** East Coast departure: June 27-July 17 (\$2500); June 27-August 6 (\$2950)

## India

**Ministry:** Participate with Equip INDIA, our ministry to aid India's disabled with tools for miraculous transformation into a life of independence and advancement. This ministry is a testament to the Lord through evangelism, empowerment, education, and nurturing. Please call us to discuss details for this trip.

Team (2-4) people 1-2 weeks, (anytime) no program, but will participate in ongoing activities, such as weekly outreach in a Leprosy Hospital, Bible studies for disabled youth and monthly youth rallies.

**Cost:** \$1900-2500 based on length of stay. West Coast departure.

**Ministry:** Teams will minister in remote villages by preaching and teaching in village churches, encouraging the nationals, visiting and ministering in local hospitals like Mercy Homes (orphanages), distributing food to the destitute and teaching in the host ministry Bible school.

**Group Size:** 7

**Dates:** October 8 - 24

**Cost:** \$2150 West Coast departure