

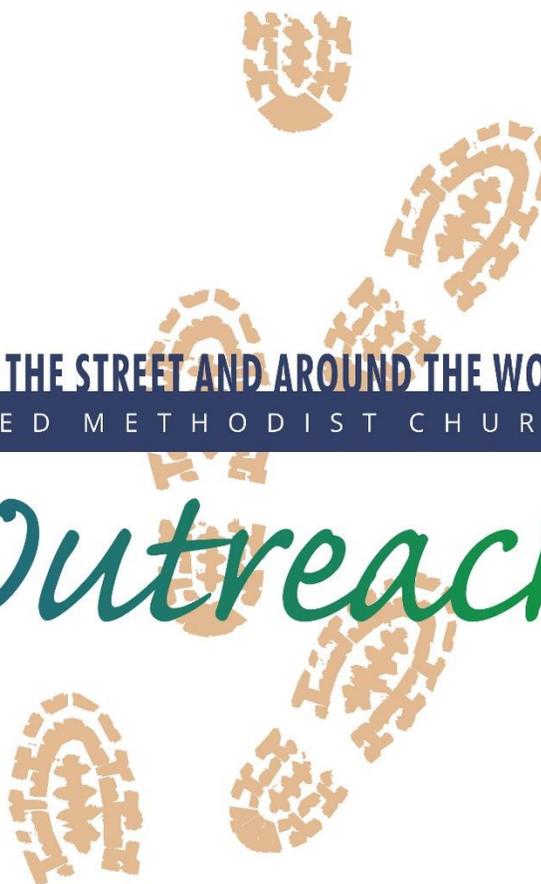
Guide for Developing/Revising a Global Outreach Plan



ACROSS THE STREET AND AROUND THE WORLD!

S M Y R N A F I R S T U N I T E D M E T H O D I S T C H U R C H

Global Outreach



Glossary

Overview

Task 1: Form the Lead Team/Global Outreach Team (GO)/Missions Team

Task 2: Identify Your Where/Jerusalem/Judea/Samaria/Ends of the Earth

Task 3: Form the Acts 1:8 Teams as needed

Clarifying Notes on Tasks 4 through 6

Task 4A: Identify Who to Reach in Your Jerusalem

Task 4B: Identify Who to Reach in Your Judea

Task 4C: Identify Who to Reach in Your Samaria

Task 4D: Identify Who to Reach in Your Ends of the Earth

Task 5A: Identify How to Reach Those in Your Jerusalem

Task 5B: Identify How to Reach Those in Your Judea

Task 5C: Identify How to Reach Those in Your Samaria

Task 5D: Identify How to Reach Those in Your Ends of the Earth

Task 6A: Identify With Whom to Partner in Your Jerusalem

Task 6B: Identify With Whom to Partner in Your Judea

Task 6C: Identify With Whom to Partner in Your Samaria

Task 6D: Identify With Whom to Partner in Your Ends of the Earth

Chart: Levels of Partnership

Task 7: Determine Additional Special Teams and Team Coordinators as needed

Special Team Functions: Short-Term Missions Support

Special Team Functions: Missions Communications Team

Task 8: Develop/Review/Update a Missions Policy (see attached)

Glossary

The definitions of all the words and phrases in this glossary are in the context of a Global Outreach Plan based on an Acts 1:8 strategies.

Acts 1:8 Strategy	A method for global outreach that ensures that a church is reaching its community, region, nation, and the world in a balanced and strategic way.
Acts 1:8 Team	One of several teams that make up the Global Outreach team that focuses on a specific area of outreach such as Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, or Ends of the Earth (or their equivalent).
Balance	An approach to missions that ensures global outreach is carried out by the local church in their community, their country and around the world.
Ends of the Earth	A geographic area that does not meet the criteria of Jerusalem, Judea, or Samaria. Generally, those places in the world from which we are separated by barriers of distance, language, and culture.
Global	Geographically all encompassing. Global ministry for a church would include next door AND around the world.
Global Outreach Plan	A missional outreach strategy that applies the model found in Acts 1:8 to a local church— Jerusalem AND Judea AND Samaria AND the Ends of the Earth (your community AND your area AND the place that is near geographically but distant culturally AND the rest of the world).
Gospel	The message concerning Christ, the kingdom of God, and salvation and the overt proclamation of that message.
Lead Team	A team that provides overarching strategic direction to the other teams.
Needs-based approach to outreach	This approach to outreach identifies specific physical and/or emotional needs that can serve as the basis for compassionate ministry that in

turn provides the opportunity to meet spiritual needs through Jesus Christ.

Partnership

A working relationship with one or more individuals, groups, or organizations for the purpose of expanding the kingdom of God.

People Group

A people group is an ethno-linguistic group with a common self-identity that is shared by the various members. Simply put, they call Us— US and Them— THEM.

Planning Group

A team that is assembled to begin the initial stages of the Global Outreach Plan development process. As the Lead Team is formed and activated, members of the Planning Group will either be assigned other roles on the GO Team or be released from serving.

Primary Implementer

The individual, group, agency, or church that will take the lead in a specific outreach. For example, in an outreach of the church related to Bible translation, the translation team would be primary implementers.

Population Segment

A segment of the general population having a distinctiveness such that it can be identified for strategic outreach. *Examples: skateboarders, bikers, prostitutes, homeless, the super-rich, etc.*

Samaria

A geographic area within your Jerusalem/Judea that presents specific barriers and difficulties for your church. John 4:9b indicates, "...for the Jews had no dealings with the Samaritans." Your Samaria may be a prison, the inner city, a particular socio-economic area, etc.

Special Team

A team other than an Acts 1:8 Team that is established to support specific needs or functions related to the local church's global outreach efforts. The number of special teams is usually determined by the size of the church. Examples of special teams are Prayer Team, Global Impact Celebration Team, Short-Term Missions Team, Communications Team, etc.

Strategic The act of being deliberate, calculated or intentional. Especially, targeting specific people group or population segment for the purpose of sharing the gospel.

Clarifying Notes on Tasks 4 through 6

Note: *The Acts 1:8 Team Leader should explain the following to each of their teams prior to beginning the work on Tasks 4 through 6.*

Tasks 4, 5, and 6 are presented in a sequential order for clarity. In actual practice, the order is somewhat more complex than that. For example, the flow as presented may go like this:

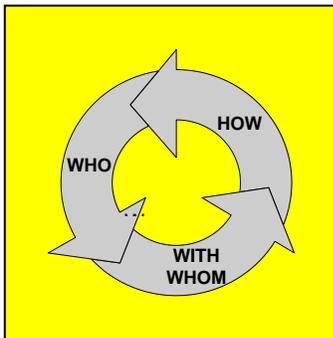
- Within your defined Where, you identify a people group or population segment (Who) you feel God is leading you to reach. You then determine the method (How) you will use to reach them. Finally, you will determine if there is a partner or partners (With Whom) you can work with to more effectively reach them. The order is Where – Who – How –With Whom.

However, the flow could go like this:

- A missionary (With Whom) visits your church and the church is moved by their work (How) and you decide to support them with prayer and finances as they seek to reach the people (Who) to whom they minister. The order is Where – With Whom – How – Who.

Or like this:

- Your community and church are blessed with a significant number of people in a certain profession. You feel led to use this skill and knowledge (How) to address the needs of a people group (Who) that have a specific need for this help. You then look for a partner(s) (With Whom) that can assist you in applying the skill and knowledge in outreach. The order is Where – How – Who –With Whom.



So whether the catalyst for a selected outreach is Who or How or With Whom, all will need to be described on

Worksheet 2 for the plan for that outreach to be complete.

The point is that the Holy Spirit can use a variety of means to guide an Acts 1:8 team, and therefore a church, in identifying *where, who, how, and with whom* it should engage in outreach. Teams should avail themselves of current events, visiting missionaries, mission agencies, Christian periodicals, and other sources to gain knowledge of the needs of the world. In all cases, the entire process should be bathed in prayer so that the will of God may be discerned and the outreach fits the character and context of the local church.

Support Creep

One of the major issues many mission teams face is that of support creep. Over the years as team members have come and gone missionaries and organizations get added to a church's support list. After a while, the original connection gets broken but churches feel bad about removing an individual or organization. So how should a church deal with such an issue?

Send a letter indicating that they are revising the way they will interact with their mission partners in the future. This will require that all existing mission partners complete an application for support so your relationship can be documented. In many cases you will find that some of those you currently support will opt out by not submitting an application.

1. You may also find that the nature of some ministries have changed to the extent that you no longer feel led to support them. In some cases the current ministry will not align with what you feel God is calling you to do as a church. Of course others will align and you will continue your relationship.

Note: Be sure you give ample time for completing the application. Foreign missionaries may have a difficult time getting both snail mail and even email due to where they are in the world and the type of ministry in which they are engaged. Also, be very clear in what you are trying to accomplish. Even your most solid partners could misinterpret your intentions.

2. Do not enter any partnerships without having a termination date. Churches should agree to support an individual or organization for a specific period of time. At the end of that time, you will have an opportunity to extend the partnership for another period or terminate the relationship. In reality, this approach is beneficial for both the church and your missionaries and organizations.

3. Ensure that your Missions Policy indicates clearly the expectations of the partnership from the perspective of both the church and the individual or organization. However, keep in mind that missionaries do not exist to serve the needs or the whims of a local church. That would not be a healthy partnership and it runs counter to God's call on their lives for their specific ministry.

The above will avoid support creep and ensure that your support is in alignment with your Global Outreach Plan and Masson's Policy.

Levels of Partnerships

CONNECTING (Low Intensity)	COOPERATING (Mild Intensity)	COORDINATING (Medium Intensity)	COLLABORATING (High Intensity)
<u>Commitment</u> Some vision to work together	<u>Commitment</u> Some project involvement	<u>Commitment</u> Commitment to joint projects	<u>Commitment</u> High commitment of time, people and funds
<u>Prayer</u>	<u>Prayer</u>	<u>Prayer</u>	<u>Prayer</u>
<u>Giving</u> Special offerings and 1-time gifts	<u>Giving</u> Ongoing support; project-specific support	<u>Giving</u> Greater ongoing and project-specific support	<u>Giving</u> Major ongoing support; major long-term project funding
	<u>Participation</u> Stand-alone short-term teams	<u>Participation</u> Multiple short-term teams for medium-to long-term projects	<u>Participation</u> Regular short-term teams for long-term strategic projects
	<u>Planning</u> Planning for teams	<u>Planning</u> Joint project planning	<u>Planning</u> Joint strategic planning
		<u>Decision-Making</u> Some joint project-related decision-making	<u>Decision-Making</u> Understood process for collaborative decision-making

Special Team Functions: Short-Term Missions Support Team (as needed)

Introduction Leaders of short-term mission teams have a host of duties to perform in preparing their team for ministry in a cross-cultural setting. Such preparation includes but is not limited to bonding as a team, developing the team dynamics to include teamwork, humility, and servanthood, developing cultural awareness, and preparing for ministry.

Churches that send out multiple teams find it is often helpful to have a special team that supports all the short-term missions teams that are being sent out. This frees the team leaders to focus on their team and the ministry aspect of the mission. The Short-Term missions Support team focuses on the logistics of the teams.

Primary functions

The primary functions of the Short-Term Missions Support team are:

- **Secure travel documents**
 - Provide current information on obtaining passports
 - Check existing passports for expiration date requirements
 - Make copies of passports for team members
 - Secure visas for team members
- **Arrange the travel**
 - Find and purchase the tickets based on fares and schedule
 - Provide up to date information on baggage requirements and handling thereof
 - Stay abreast of news and activities that may affect travel
 - Arrange for in-country transportation and transfers
- **Obtain insurance and other legal documents**
 - Provide insurance for medical emergencies, evacuations, and accidental death
 - Secure team member's signature on liability release, if appropriate
 - Provide any required forms for children or teens traveling out of country (parental permissions)
 - Provide information on immunization requirements
 -

Continued on next page

Special Team Functions: Short-Term Missions Support Team, Continued

Error! Use the Home tab to apply Block Label to the text that you want to appear here.
(continued)

- **Arrange for necessary lodging and meals**
 - Develop a lodging plan and book hotels, when and if necessary
 - Provide details if lodging in national's homes and suggest small gifts for hosts
 - Provide information on safe drinking water, electrical current, laundry, safekeeping of valuables
 - Develop a feeding plan for the team

- **Provide for communications needs**
 - Provide copies of important numbers both in host country and at home
 - Provide international dialing codes
 - Consider satellite phone if in highly remote area

- **Arrange for commissioning prior to departure**
 - Set time and service(s) in which commissioning will occur
 - Work with worship leader/planner for time on schedule, if part of a regular service
 - Plan the elements of the commissioning (Scripture reading, project briefing, prayer, laying on of hands, etc.)
 - Publicize commissioning service, if stand-alone service

Worksheet 1 – Describe Your Where

Provide a description of the Acts 1:8 geographic areas listed below:

1. Jerusalem:

2. Judea:

3. Samaria:

4. Ends of the Earth:

Worksheet 2: Plan Description

Section A:

The geographic area you are addressing:

Jerusalem

Judea

Samaria

Ends of the Earth

Section B:

The people group(s) you plan to focus outreach efforts on (be specific as possible):

Section C:

The outreach method(s) you plan to use:

Section D:

The potential partners for your outreach;

Level: Low Mild Medium High

Time:

Funding: \$ for

Worksheet 3: Existing Missions Ministry Grid

	Jerusalem Local	Judea National	Samaria Local/National	Ends of the Earth International
WHERE?				
WHO?				
HOW?				
WHO WITH?				

