

Bringing The World To Your Church

Handout

Questions to take back to your church leaders and missions action group for a few creative brainstorming sessions of your own.

Message: What is it we want to say about mission and its place in the church programme?

- *Mission matters. Mission is NOT an optional extra. Mission is exciting! Mission is an antidote to defeatism and despair. Mission is obedience to the command of God.*

Interest: How can we make mission events and information interesting and accessible?

- *Imaginative input into the church's regular activities. Special events with these 3 ingredients: Fun, Food and Facts.*

Support: Who? What? How? Our church's present and future practical involvement.

- *Choose and focus on one or two of the following: mission partner; sending organisation; relief agency; country; people group; project.*

Sending: Is this part of our mission strategy? How do we present the challenge?

- *Present this regularly in Bible study, preaching and teaching as well as at special 'mission' events.*

Intercession: How can we integrate informed prayer for mission into our church's prayer life?

- *Use the points of connection with global news that people already have to fuel regular and informed prayer at home and in creative, active group prayer sessions.*

Owning: How can we help everyone in our church feel they are part of mission?

- *This is what helps keep the ball rolling. Everyone should be involved. Everyone should want to be involved. Everyone can be involved. How will be different for each unique group of Christians.*

Never give up: God doesn't give up on us, so we have no right to give up on anyone else.

- *Effective support-raising takes lots of time and energy. Am I ready to make a PACT with God that mission support will be my first priority in **P**rayers, **A**ction, **C**ommitment and **T**ime?*

Remember, whenever the going gets tough, God *can* where we feel we can't. He will honour faithfulness in prayer and service.

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Further information sources:

[Many more are listed in the chapter listings and directory in my book *. Updates, corrections and additions are detailed on its web pages**]

BOOKS

****Bringing the World to Your Church*** by Joy Piper: [WEC Publications 2001]

Encouraging World Mission by Bryan Knell: [Administry *How-to Guide* Vol. 2: No. 9. Details from Administry or Global Connections].

Global Action: A Personal Discipleship Manual for the World Christian edited by Chris Wright: [OM Publishing: 1997]

Out of the Comfort Zone by George Verwer: [OM Publishing: 2001]

The Church is Bigger than you Think by Patrick Johnstone [Christian Focus: 1998]

21st Century edition of Operation World by Patrick Johnstone and Jason Mandryk: [Paternoster/WEC: 2001]

Window on the World by Daphne Spraggett with Jill Johnstone: [Paternoster/WEC: 2001]

WEB SITES

Bringing the World to Your Church: <http://bpiper.webspace.fish.co.uk/home.htm>

OSCAR: www.oscar.org.uk
[UK Information Service for World Mission: One Stop Centre for Advice and Resources]

Global Connections: www.globalconnections.co.uk

UK Christian Handbook online: www.ukchristianhandbook.org.uk

Links from organisations' web sites e.g. WEC International site.

Email me with your suggestions, comments, experiences or questions concerning raising support for and interest in world mission:

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