

NEXT STEPS

WHAT TO DO AFTER ADOPTING A UPG

A FOLLOW-UP RESOURCE TO AIMS ITSM TRAINING

Congratulations! You have completed the AIMS ITSM Training. Now it's time to put this training to work. Below is a strategy checklist to outline your "Next Steps" in reaching your Unreached People Group(s).

The AIMS team is always here to answer questions, offer coaching, pray through solutions, and partner with you as you move forward in strategic missions.

Place a checkmark in the box as you complete each task:

- Complete all ITSM Modules 1-9 Strategy Exercises.
 - Identify the UPG(s) God is giving you vision and access to target.
 - Research the UPG(s) on www.joshuaproject.net.

- Based upon the results from "Discover Your Role in Missions" (Module 4 Strategy Exercise), develop partnership teams of Goers, Senders, and Intercessors around your UPG focus.

- Establish communication with AIMS to ensure that you are registered in the LIGHT3500 database as an AIMS Partner Coordinator, Field Worker, Partner Ministry, or Adopting Partner.
 - An AIMS Partner Coordinator must be identified for each UPG Adoption.
 - In each UPG adoption, a Field Worker (Missionary) must be identified and trained to go to the UPG.

- Share the vision of the UPG adoption with your local church or churches within your region.

- Mobilize strategic prayer for your UPG.

- Send someone to conduct field research about your UPG.
 - Where do they live?
 - What is their religion?
 - How can you access them?
 - Is there any history of Christianity with this people group?
 - What language do they speak?
 - What are their beliefs about Jesus?
 - What are their lives like? What do they eat? What types of jobs do they have?
 - Identify any obstacles to evangelism and discipleship that may exist.
 - Ask God for His vision about how to overcome these obstacles. You may refer to the Student and Presenter's notes of Module 3 - *State of the World*, Module 4 - *Personalizing the Great Commission*, and Module 5 - *Goers and Senders*.
 - Which type of obstacles exist: Spiritual, Socio-Political, Logistical, or Cultural?
 - What resources, ideas, or vision do you have to overcome these obstacles?

- Find a “person of peace” within your UPG.
 - Ask the “person of peace” about their people group, culture, customs, and religion. This person is a gateway into this UPG.
- Write your strategy to reach the UPG.
 - State specific goals based on what you have learned through field research and what God has spoken to you.
 - Each goal should have a timeline. (When will the goal be completed?)
 - The results of each goal should be observable and measurable. (for example: one church within 3 months, 200 salvations within 6 months, etc...)
- Deploy short-term evangelism teams who have an understanding of the culture, religion, and obstacles of the UPG.
 - Ensure that the evangelism teams are ready to preach the gospel, minister by the power of the Holy Spirit, and are culturally adept. Refer to Module 5 - *Goers and Senders* to prepare the team.
 - Establish prayer teams who will pray as the short-term teams are deployed.
- Identify a long-term indigenous leader from within the UPG who will work with the short-term teams to evangelize and plant churches.
 - Short-term teams may result in the initial launch of home groups that can grow into church plants.
- Cooperate with the field worker (Missionary) or the long-term indigenous leader from within the UPG who has been established among this group:
 - to plant churches and
 - disciple indigenous leaders
 - with a vision to **multiply** and plant more churches.
- Assist the church-planting effort through ongoing prayer, short-term mission team support, humanitarian or holistic support, and sending other long-term church planters to cooperate.
- Cooperate with indigenous leaders who have been disciplined until they are able to establish a multiplying movement on their own.

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