



40 THINGS YOU CAN DO TO

IMPACT THE WORLD

RIGHT NOW





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A COMMAND WHICH CHANGED THE WORLD

Before leaving earth, after His resurrection, Jesus left His disciples an instruction to go and make disciples of all nations. It was a command which changed the world as those who heard Jesus' words, whether in person or through Scripture afterwards, began to bring the glorious gospel message to people across many tribes, tongues and nations.

The command still stands today. As followers of Christ, we are called to follow in the footsteps of those who have gone before, working to share the gospel to the ends of the earth. It is an enormous challenge, and if not for the presence of the Holy Spirit in our lives, an overwhelming one. Many of us will often wonder, 'How could I possibly help change the world for the glory of God?' You might be surprised to discover that it is easier than you think!

In this booklet you will find 40 things you can do to impact the world. Each can be started right now, whether in practical action or by beginning a process of concerted prayer, reflection and effort. Some of the activities will fan the flames of a passion for mission in your heart, whilst others are of a more practical nature. Our hope and prayer is that each will help you engage with global mission and enthusiastically pray for the world.

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Ways to get inspired



Ways to pray



Ways to provide practical support



Ways to learn



Ways to mobilise others



Ways to act

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Download the 'Unreached of the Day' app

The Joshua Project is a Christian research organisation offering a rich resource of information about the world's unreached people groups. Their app is a fantastic way to expand your vision and passion for unreached peoples. Each day, the "Unreached of the Day" app can notify you about a different people group with some basic information including maps and photos alongside a few prayer points.

Don't worry if smart phone apps are a bit alien to you, the same information can be found on the Joshua Project website, another great resource to help fuel your prayer life.

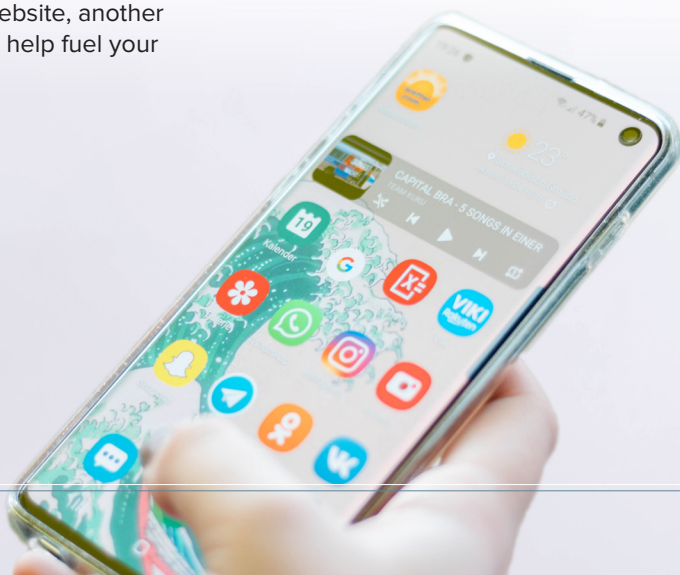
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Get inspired on social media

The average person spends over two hours a day on social media. Why not use some of that time to fuel your heart for mission? If you already have an interest in particular organisations, follow their accounts for regular updates. If not, why not invest some time researching organisations to decide which to follow. You can find a comprehensive list at www.globalconnections.org

You can follow AsiaLink on Facebook, Twitter or Instagram, along with our HistoryMakers accounts for young adults.





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Set an alarm

Many of us have notifications popping up on our phones as reminders to put out the recycling bins or some other task that we might otherwise forget. How about setting a daily reminder on your phone to pray at a particular time for a missionary or outreach project? Some people set their alarms for 10.02am, taking a lead from Luke 10:2 where Jesus taught his disciples to pray that the Lord of the harvest would send gospel workers into his harvest field. Pick a time that works best for you and form a daily habit in prayer.

Twin your Bible

Most of us will own at least one physical copy of the Bible, if not two, three or more! Meanwhile, many people around the world cannot access God's Word in their own language. You can change that by donating £3 to the AsiaLink Scripture fund, which provides Bibles right across Asia. If you choose to twin your Bible, we will send you a 'Bible Twinning' sticker to place inside your own copy. To twin your Bible, head to www.asialink.org/scripture. After you have donated, leave a comment saying "Twin my Bible"!

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Ask your church how you can help with mission

You might be surprised by the reply you get from your church leaders as you ask this question! Some will point you towards opportunities for short term overseas mission trips. Others may find a place for you on the mission team, helping to raise awareness of world mission among the wider congregation. One response that you possibly weren't expecting is, "mission begins at home". As Acts 1:8 illustrates, local evangelism and global mission must grow from the same heart to reach others with the gospel. The opportunities are endless, and if you demonstrate a servant heart your gifting will emerge and grow as you get stuck in!



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Try fasting

In his book 'A Hunger for God', John Piper writes, "Between the dangers of self-denial and self-indulgence is this path of pleasant pain called fasting." Fasting can be a great way of focussing our attention as we pray and express to God how serious we are in longing for Him to work.

Why not earmark a day where you can skip a meal or two and give that time over to prayer? Alongside fasting, another idea might be skipping social media or Netflix for a day and finding some extra time for prayer without the usual distractions.



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Encourage a missionary

You can play your part in the Great Commission by encouraging a missionary serving on the field. Perhaps you have an interest in a certain country or a burden for a particular people group. Do some research and find out about a missionary who is serving there, then make contact. They will be delighted to hear from you and will be only too happy to add you to their mailing list for updates and prayer news.

There may even be missionaries who have been sent out from your church. Why not think of ways to keep in touch with them? They will be pleased to hear news from home, such as what is going on in church or even small things like that fact that a new coffee shop has opened on the high street! If they have children, why not send a little gift for Christmas or a birthday? Just knowing that they are not forgotten will mean the world to them.

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Connect with foreign nationals nearby

There are lots of people from all over the world joining our communities. Some may be living and working just around the corner from you. Perhaps you could be deliberate in making regular use of the local corner shop run by an Iraqi Kurd or drinking coffee at a Portuguese café. Go regularly and get to know the people who work there. You never know, you may find a way into that local community and have opportunities to be a light to them.

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Host an Asian night

Encourage international awareness and enjoy fellowship around the table as you invite people to your home for an Asian meal. Choose a country, then cook a dish from that nation (or get a take-away!) After the meal, spend some time explaining the state of faith in that country and pray for the spread of the gospel there. Resources such as Operation World and the Open Doors website would be helpful for this, along with the up-to-date prayer information found at www.asialink.org/pray

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Go deeper into your acronyms!

Some people use the acronym 'ACTS' to help them pray, standing for Adoration, Confession, Thanksgiving and Supplication. Others use 'JOY', meaning Jesus, Others, Yourself. World mission is an important part of the Supplication in 'ACTS' and fits neatly into Others in 'JOY'. In group prayer, your example will also model to others the importance of praying for the nations.





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Create something inspirational

If you are creative, why not consider how to use your gift to encourage others and engage them in world mission. You could design a bookmark or postcard which prompts others to pray and distribute some at church, or create a graphic to share online. Your church might even be willing to hang a mission-related painting and let you to talk about it.

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Sacrifice something

Making a small sacrifice regularly can make a big difference. For example, since 327 million people in Asia live on less than £1.40 a day, one cup of coffee could be the equivalent of two people's daily income! Challenge yourself to skip one coffee per week, then put the money you would have spent into a designated coffee cup. Or try it with sandwiches, sweets or snacks! At the end of the month you can choose a project or organisation to donate to.

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Listen to interesting and inspiring podcasts

Subscribe to an inspiring podcast or two to get you fired up for mission on your commute or while you do the ironing! Here are a few worth checking out...

- The AsiaLink Podcast
- Barnabas Fund
- Unreached of the Day
- Mission Network News
- Voice (Release International)
- Into the Deep (ICC)
- VOM Radio
- The Missions Podcast
- A Third of Us
- The Serve Asia Podcast

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Commit to praying for a people group

Ask your church leaders to choose an unreached people group and commit to praying for them in services, prayer meetings or individually throughout the year. There are over 7,000 unreached people groups in the world, made up of over 3 billion individuals. Imagine if each of the 40,000 churches in the UK and Ireland committed to praying for these groups! Each of them could be prayed for by five different churches!

Find a people group to pray for at **www.joshuaproject.net**





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Support a national evangelist

The task of reaching every people group with the gospel remains immense. There are over 5,000 unreached people groups in Asia alone, comprising over 2 billion people who are yet to hear about Jesus for the first time. By regularly supporting a national evangelist, you can help somebody carry the gospel across the Mongolian plains, up into the foothills of the Himalayas or into remote jungle villages in South-East Asia - somebody who speaks the language and understands the culture!

Through training, finances and practical support, your support could resource and enable an evangelist to develop outreach projects, sharing the gospel in a way which is relevant to their audience. You can support one of AsiaLink's partner evangelists through our Asian Workers Fund with no minimum donation amount. Alternatively, you may wish to support a worker through another organisation or in another part of the world. Why not pray over this opportunity in the coming days and see what God lays on your heart!



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Adopt an international student

Mission begins right where you are today, and for many of us the world is on our doorstep! Are there people from other cultures studying in your community? Why not reach out with the hand of friendship? Invite them to meet your family, to have a coffee or to enjoy a meal. Once you get to know them, there might be other things they're keen to do and discover, and who knows what God might do with that friendship? Ask your church leaders if there might be people you could get alongside, or contact Friends International at www.friendsinternational.uk

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Make a commitment to give regularly

You may already set aside a portion of your income to give towards your local church. Could you find a little extra to direct specifically towards God's global purposes on a monthly basis? Regular giving through a direct debit or standing order helps missionary organisations plan ahead more creatively and effectively!



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Shop with purpose

Have you ever considered how changing your shopping habits could impact a life or the planet? Our 'stuff cycle' is part of a system which keeps an estimated 40 million people in slavery today - a greater number than ever before. Meanwhile, the clothes and objects we purchase often have harmful effects on the created world and do nothing to encourage our own faith or that of others. However, there are Christian creatives out there making a difference in each of these areas. Here are some examples of ethical and purposeful retailers to explore:

somethingmore

SOMETHING MORE: Ethically produced clothes which inspire believers to tell the world about Jesus.
www.thereissomethingmore.com

hosea

HOSEA: Empowering Christians and preaching the gospel through ethical clothing. 10% of profits go to a Christian charity.
www.hoseaclothing.com

Hope⁺Light

HOPE & LIGHT: Handmade jewellery which employs and empowers vulnerable women whilst offering them gospel hope.
www.hopeandlightshop.com



BLUE BEAR COFFEE CO.: A speciality coffee company which eradicates slavery from the supply chain and fights human trafficking.
www.bluebearcoffee.com



CHEERFULLY GIVEN: An online marketplace where over 130 designers and makers share the Lord Jesus through great design and contemporary craft.
www.cheerfullygiven.com

Amazon Smile and Give as You Live are also great ways to support mission as you shop, with a small percentage of your purchase going to your chosen organisation!

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Sponsor a child

Sponsoring a child is an exciting way to invest in a life and, indirectly, into a community. Poverty, conflict and the loss of parents leave many children in Asia with little hope for the future. However, for less than £1 per day you could enable a child to access food, education, clothing and medical care which they would otherwise go without. Through AsiaLink's child sponsorship programme, supporters receive updates on the child's progress including pictures and school reports, and have the privilege of knowing that the child has a loving home environment where the good news of God's love is shared on a daily basis. To find out more, visit **www.asialink.org/childspponsors** or give us a call (details on page 2).

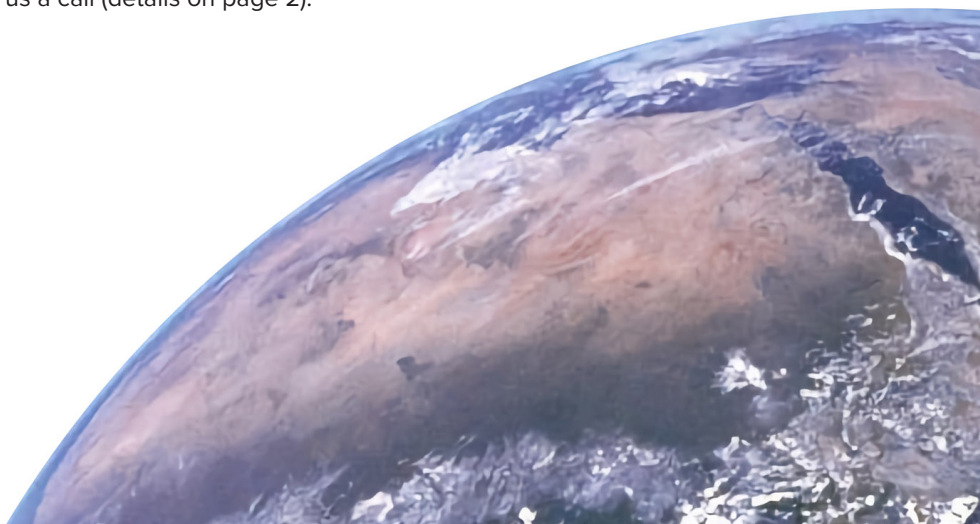
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Start a fundraiser

Take action and raise funds to support gospel ministry across the world! There are so many things you can do to raise funds and inspire others to give. Perhaps you could take on a sponsored walk, run or cycle? Or maybe hosting an event such as a worship evening or table quiz is more up your street. If you're a whizz in the kitchen, a bake sale always goes down a treat!

Whatever you do, get in touch with the organisation you want to raise funds for. They would love to give you tips and may even have resources to help.



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Minimise for mission

It has been suggested that we should have nothing in our houses that we do not know to be useful, or believe to be beautiful. Whether we agree with this premise or not, it is true that simplicity is a valuable spiritual discipline for focusing our lives around what really matters. Minimising what you own can help protect your heart from materialism and can also be used as a means of supporting mission. You could sell your excess items and commit to giving the profit towards a mission project. Traditional methods include garage or car boot sales, or you could sell items on websites such as eBay, Depop, Facebook Marketplace or Gumtree.

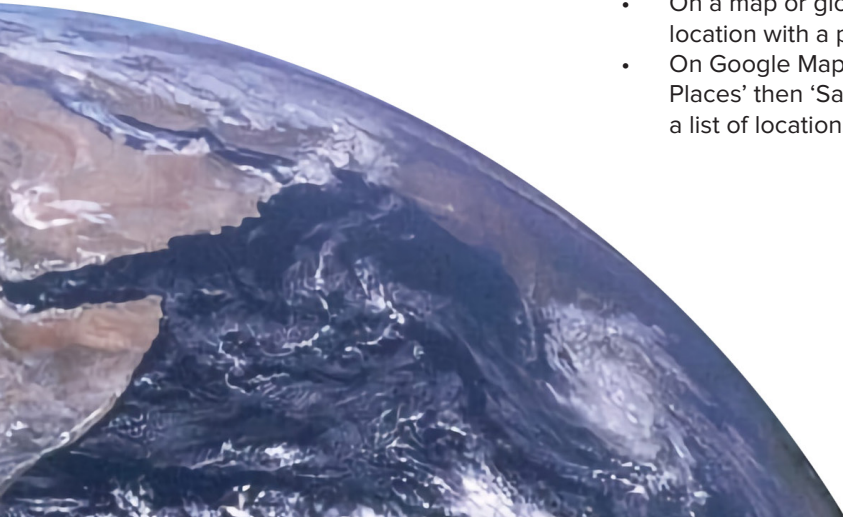
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Use a map to help you pray

Many people like to focus their prayers in a creative way. It can be helpful to visualise what you are praying for to connect your heart and mind, or to keep track of what you have prayed for to help order your thoughts. In praying for world mission, using a map can be a great way of doing this, whether it's physical or virtual! Here are a few ways to mark which cities, countries or continents you have prayed for, or want to pray for...

- Buy a scratch map and scratch off locations as your pray for them
- On a map or globe, cover the area with play dough
- On a map or globe, mark the location with a pin or sticker
- On Google Maps, go to 'My Places' then 'Saved', and create a list of locations



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Memorise Scripture

Perhaps it has been quite some time since you were intentional about learning Bible verse. Many of us will remember going to Sunday School or children's meetings and learning the memory verse. Often our motives weren't entirely pure as we would eagerly recite the verse with one eye on the sweets being offered for a prize! That said, memorising key verses can help us understand God's heart for the nations and fuel our passion for mission. No doubt, we can be stirred by mission reports and moved by seeing images of needy people across the world, but a deeper spiritual dynamic is at work when we hide God's Word in our hearts.

You could write the verse on a sticky note and leave it in a prominent place, or set the verse as a screensaver on your phone. You could post it on your social media or share it with a friend. You could even challenge each other to learn it together!

A few suggestions to get you started...

- Matthew 28:18-20
- Acts 1:8
- Psalm 67:1-2
- Revelation 7:9-10

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Start a mission prayer journal

If you have never kept a prayer journal before, you are missing out on an incredibly encouraging way to identify answered prayer. Why not begin recording how you pray for the world each day. As time passes, read back through. We trust that you will be richly encouraged as you discover how many prayers God has answered!



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Engage children with mission

Proverbs 22:6 encourages us to train up children in the way they should go, setting patterns which will last a lifetime. If we can get young ones enthused and excited about mission at an early age, they will recognise it as a vital component of the outworking of their faith as they grow into adulthood. If you teach a children's group, make sure to include world mission in your programme. And if you are a parent or grandparent there are some fantastic resources available to help your kids learn about mission at home, including those listed below!

BOOKS

Ten Boys Who Changed the World
Ten Girls Who Changed the World
Trailblazers biographies
Christian Heroes: Then & Now
A Taste of Asia

VIDEOS

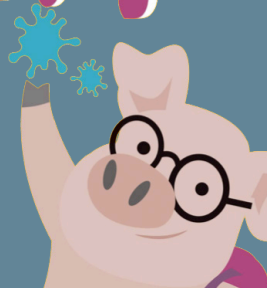
The Torchlighters series
www.torchlighters.org

TEACHING MATERIALS

Oink
www.asialink.org/kids

For more books and video resources
we recommend:
www.ICMbooksdirect.co.uk
www.10ofthose.com

Oink!



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Invite a speaker

Many organisations will have representatives who would love to visit your church and share stories of gospel work around the world. AsiaLink's passionate speakers will visit you anywhere in the UK, Ireland or even further afield. They each bring a high-quality multimedia presentation full of authentic, first-hand stories from their visits to Asia, where they have witnessed and joined God's work for themselves.

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Take a mission course

Do you feel that you would benefit from some training when it comes to understanding or engaging with mission? There are all sorts of options out there, from basic courses to full qualifications. To start with, you could try a course on sharing the gospel, preparing for a short-term mission trip or leading a mission team, all for free at www.bethanygu.edu/enrichment





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Operation World

Operation World is a book full of information, statistics and maps designed to highlight gospel needs in each of the world's countries. We'd highly recommend getting hold of a copy! It is a great resource to help you pray for places you may never have heard of. There are further resources available at **www.operationworld.org** and an app has also been developed to help you pray daily.

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Share online

Social media is a great place to encourage others towards mission. We can be salt and light in what we publish, share, and follow. Follow some engaging mission pages (see point 2!) then make a habit of sharing any posts you find helpful, challenging or inspiring, praying that others might also be blessed! You might also want to share your own reflections and ask questions to prompt discussion on mission!



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Give an alternative gift which helps the poor

Choosing meaningful gifts can be difficult. Often, people have everything they need and we end up getting them something they neither need nor want! Instead, why not give a life-changing gift to someone in need on their behalf? Jesus said that it is more blessed to give than receive (Acts 20:35), and so your gift becomes a blessing to you, to the end recipient and to your loved one, as they too become a giver.

Many people in Asia are in need of practical, day-to-day items. You can provide these much needed items as an alternative gift by visiting www.asialink.org/gifts

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Help somebody learn English

There might be somebody in your local community who would really value spending time with you as they seek to learn English. Alternatively, you could learn a new language in tandem with somebody who wants to learn English! Tandem is an online platform which helps you master a language by chatting with real people. You will learn about the culture in that country as you go, helping you pray for the people you meet and their fellow citizens. Find out more at www.tandem.net

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Get regular updates

Subscribe to receive regular information and inspiration straight to your door or inbox from a trusted mission organisation.

For example, at AsiaLink we publish a free, quarterly 'Impact Magazine', whilst our monthly 'Newsbite' email contains information for prayer and ways to get involved. Meanwhile, news updates and country-specific prayer guides can be found on our website, along with the latest stories from the mission field. You can sign up to any of these at

www.asialink.org/subscribe

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Watch mission videos

Video has the power to transport us somewhere completely different, immersing us in the sights and sounds of lands we have never visited and bringing us an authentic taste of the people and culture. There are many videos available on platforms such as YouTube and Vimeo, so why not see what various churches and organisations have produced?

AsiaLink has made a selection of videos available on Vimeo, including 'Tears of the Saints' which remains the world's most-watched mission video. Check it out at **www.vimeo.com/asialink**



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Pray for the world in your small group

Small groups offer a great opportunity to gather informally for Bible study and prayer. This setting can often encourage a real openness and deep spiritual fellowship as we pray not only for one another but also for the spread of the gospel at home and around the world. Whether it is a home group connected to your church or perhaps just a few of your friends meeting together over coffee, make sure to include world mission in your prayers! Why not take turns to research the needs of a particular country and share some prayer points with the group the next time you meet together?

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Make sure mission is in the church calendar

Ask your church leaders if a mission evening or mission weekend could become a part of your church's regular, scheduled activities. Some churches host 'World Vision' evenings once a month instead of small groups. On these evenings, church members gather to hear from and pray for a missionary or the work of a mission organisation. Some churches also host a weekend of events every six to twelve months, where they think more deeply about cross-cultural work and hear from those involved in it. Could you suggest or organise events like this for your church?





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Engage with other religions

If we long to reach every people group with the gospel, we must educate ourselves on their worldviews and belief systems. Get a group together and organise a day where you learn about another religion. For a day focused on Islam, invite a Christian speaker to compare and contrast Islam with Christian faith. Afterwards, you could arrange a tour of a local mosque to see how Muslims practice their faith before asking questions of your guide. Not only will you learn more about Islam, your discussion might also break down misconceptions that your Muslim neighbours have about Christians, Jesus and the gospel.

Finally, sit down over a curry or shawarmas to discuss what struck you throughout the day and pray for the Muslims in your community. In the following months, you could arrange similar days focusing on the Jewish, Sikh and Buddhist faiths, enabling you to better understand and reach out to these communities with the good news of Christ.



Read a book on mission

One of the most traditional and straightforward ways to engage both heart and head in mission is by reading a good book! There is no shortage of amazing books by Christian authors to help you engage your heart in mission, whether you want to learn about the theology behind it or be inspired by stories from those who are and have been involved in reaching the nations.

Below we've listed just a few suggestions to get you started, but your friends and church leaders may have other suggestions too!

UNDERSTANDING MISSION

Mission Matters - Tim Chester

The Mission of God's People - Chris Wright

Let the Nations Be Glad - John Piper

Something Needs to Change - David Platt

BIOGRAPHIES

A Chance to Die (Amy Carmichael)

A Man in Christ (Hudson Taylor)

Hudson Taylor's Spiritual Secret

Through Gates of Splendour (Elisabeth Elliot)

Give Me This Mountain (Helen Roseveare)

We Died Before We Came Here (Emily Foreman)

There's a Sheep in My Bathtub (Brian Hogan)

Not Forgotten (Kenneth Bae)

God's Smuggler (Brother Andrew)

INSPIRING READS

Radical - David Platt

Sacrifice - Simon Guillebaud

Enough - Helen Roseveare

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Host a watch party

Many of us regularly end up watching mindless TV shows and movies. Instead, why not grab some popcorn and blankets, gather a group together and watch something that will inform you about God's work across the world today? Watching a documentary or talk on global mission is a great way to learn about gospel needs and will help you direct your prayer and action wisely!

You can find links to a range of suggested watch party videos at **www.asialink.org/watchparty**, including documentaries on unreached people groups, famous missionaries, human trafficking and more.



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Apply to join a short-term team

Spending time on a short-term mission trip could help you determine how God is calling you to serve Him in the long term. It is an opportunity to broaden your horizons as you engage in person with people and places with a real need for Christ.

With hundreds of opportunities out there, we would suggest that you select prayerfully and wisely. Look for a trip which will work alongside the local church, since they are best placed to know the needs and opportunities in their community. AsiaLink teams visit a range of locations in Asia, with all-age teams and those specifically for young adults both taking place regularly.

In the past teams have carried Bibles into closed countries, worked among underprivileged children and served the underground church. Find out more at www.asialink.org/teams

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Consider going long-term

How do I find out what God wants me to do with my life? That question needs to be answered on two levels. First, it is important to understand that God's will is not a hidden mystery. The Bible clearly reveals God's purpose for our lives in that we are to live for His glory and make Him known. However, God also has a unique, tailor-made plan for each of our lives and for some people that will involve serving on missions.

Elsewhere in this booklet, we have highlighted the importance of supporting national Asian evangelists. However, it would be wrong to assume that long-term, cross-cultural mission is no longer needed. God still calls some people to leave the familiar comforts of home and serve Him in another part of the world.

If you have a passion to reach others with the gospel, if you are committed and involved in your local church and already serving God here at home; then you are the kind of person He can use overseas. Perhaps a sermon you've heard or something you've read has created an unusual stirring inside you that's hard to explain... a growing urge that God is calling you to take the next step in obedience to Him.

Speak to your church leadership or someone from the mission team. They may be able to offer some advice and will be happy to pray with you and for you as you explore how God is leading you. Global Connections is a helpful website where various mission agencies list opportunities to serve in a wide and diverse range of ministries and locations. Over time, as you prayerfully read the Bible and explore opportunities, God may confirm and clarify that sense of calling on your life.



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