

## MOBILISING - MENTORING - TRAINING

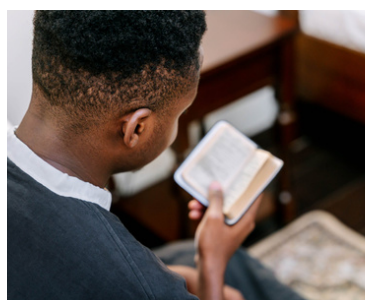
### ***This Edition: Changing the Narrative***

**'Missions, Missionary, Cross-Cultural Missions'** - Immediately a picture comes to one's mind when any of these terms are read or heard. The actual picture depends on one's understanding of the world, the gospel and how humanity fits into all of this. The terms can be frowned on, misunderstood or labelled irrelevant. However, for others the terms can paint the picture of an admirable task, a worthwhile pursuit and a privilege.



The Great Commission in Matthew 28 is well known. It gives instructions to make disciples of all nations and it comes with a promise that this task will be achieved in partnership with God. Many Christians would say they believe in the Great Commission, but sadly many have no idea what it means. Those who do believe in it would also likely tell you that everyone has a role to play. If this is the case, then why so few Christians (and churches) actively participate in taking the gospel to the least reached peoples?

***"I see so few of our churches risking everything for the mission! We have retreated."* (David Platt)**



These words seem to ring true. We have retreated from the assignment. The harvest is so great but the labourers are still so few. Is it because cross-cultural missions is no longer relevant? Far from it! Is it because there is a shortage of skilled workers? No, there are plenty of well trained educated people with the much needed skills. The problem might be found in the fact that there is misunderstanding and a shallow narrative been told and believed of cross-cultural missions being irrelevant and no longer necessary.

*It is estimated that of the 7.75 billion people alive in the world today, 3.23 billion of them live in unreached people groups with little or no access to the Gospel of Jesus Christ. According to Joshua Project, there are approximately 17,446 unique people groups in the world with 7,400+ of them considered unreached (over 41% of the world's population!). The vast majority (85%) of these least reached groups exist in the 10/40 window and less than 10% of missionary work is done among these people. (For more information visit the [Joshua Project](#).)*

This information clearly shows that the job is not done! Now more than ever the Great Commission should not be treated as just a great suggestion. The narrative of cross cultural missions needs to be retold:

**The world needs You, the world need Us!**

*"With the mammoth needs of a world without Christ in front of us and the glory of Christ in us; we face two options. We can retreat from this mission into a land of religious formalism and wasted opportunity or we can risk everything to fulfill the divine purpose for which we have been created. And I say let's risk it all for those who have not heard". (David Platt)*

**"DECLARE HIS GLORY AMONG  
THE NATIONS, HIS MARVELOUS  
DEEDS AMONG ALL PEOPLES."  
1 CHRONICLES 16:24**

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## The message:

It is quite common to be at missions awareness event and to hear the following ways of being involved:

**Pray:** Every world christian should find themselves praying.

**Give:** Everyone can give resources, gifts, talents, and abilities for God's Glory.

**Send:** Senders become the support network for the cross-cultural worker.

**Go:** God has and is calling people to GO both locally and globally.

**Welcome:** God brings the nations before us, this provides opportunities.

This is a great way to communicate opportunities, but it's not enough! To go deeper the presentation needs to be changed so that people get **new revelation** that their skills and abilities are needed.

For example: **'Did you know that God can use your skills, experience and qualifications in cross cultural missions?'**

The following are real examples of how to serve in cross-cultural missions. Before reading this list, take a moment to pray: **"Here is my life God. These are my skills and my passions. Use me!"**



| AREA OF MINISTRY:     | EXAMPLE:   |
|-----------------------|--|
| EDUCATION             | General teaching, English teaching, Mission schools, Early childhood   |
| MEDICAL               | Medical Missions (Land and Sea)  |
| SPIRITUAL MINISTRY    | Bible teaching, Pastoring, Discipleship, Prayer, Evangelism ( <i>Youth &amp; Campus Ministry</i> ), Students in Missions                 |
| LEAST PRIVILEGED      | Orphanages, Street kids  |
| ADMINISTRATION        | Organising, Bookkeeping, Team administration, Accountant   |
| PRACTICAL             | Cooking & Health classes, Sewing/textiles, Building and maintenance, Hospitality.  |
| BUSINESS AS MISSIONS  | Micro enterprises, Research consultant, Farm & Agriculture, Irrigation & water development projects. Entrepreneurs and Small businesses. |
| ARTS/SPORTS           | Arts, sports, dance, music as a means to share the Gospel.   |
| HUMANITARIAN MINISTRY | Addressing felt needs and improving quality of life with a spiritual emphasis.   |
| MEDIA AND TECH        | Using media, and current digital technologies to minister the Gospel, Graphic design, Medical IT, Trainers, Communication officers.      |
| DEVELOPMENT           | Mentoring, Membercare, Training.   |
| CHURCH PLANTING       | Establishing an organized body of believers in a new location.   |
| VOLUNTEER             | Volunteering in multiple areas of ministry.  |



With different ways of being involved, there is potential to make lasting impacts. There is no true and complete list of "types of missionary work", because God is willing to use any and every job for His glory. It's just a question as to whether we allow Him to use us. **Are we willing?**

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You can read more about the nations of the world by visiting:

- **Joshua Project:** <https://joshuaproject.net>
- **Operation World:** <https://operationworld.org>
- **Prayercast:** <https://prayercast.com>

### PLEASE PRAY FOR ACTS13:

Slowly there has been a progression of understanding about missions. Now there are some people who are truly wanting to know how they can serve cross culturally. The process of understanding, committing, and going, takes time. We believe that this is the time to challenge some of these couples that have being in the process for a while. Pray that the Lord works with these couples so that they take steps to move towards a firm commitment to serve.