

DEVELOPMENT OUTLINE
PHILOSOPHY OF INTERNATIONAL MINISTRY®
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1. EMBRACE THE VISION FOR INTERNATIONAL MINISTRY

- a. **Pray** for clarity of understanding, renewed spiritual resolve, church-wide perseverance
- b. **Educate** yourselves regarding Biblical teaching on the Great Commission
- c. **Embrace** the Biblical teaching on the mission of the church to evangelize the world
- d. **Educate** yourselves regarding the myriad methodologies of and challenges to International Ministry
- e. **Develop** an informed vision for the International Ministry of your church
- f. **Evaluate** your current involvements and future considerations
- g. **Establish** your church's principles and priorities for International Ministry—Focused, Purposeful, Strategic
- h. **Pursue** communication and dialogue with international ministry organizations you favor
- i. **Establish** your vision among your leadership, then throughout your church
- j. **Articulate** your vision
 - i. Teach
 - ii. Incorporate
 - iii. Reinforce
- k. **Initiate** graciously but intentionally the necessary changes in your current international ministry after making every effort to educate your leaders, the church family, your international workers (Be mindful of how changes effect those overseas)

2. CULTIVATE THE CHURCH'S INVOLVEMENT IN INTERNATIONAL MINISTRIES

- a. **Educate** the church
- b. **Stimulate**
 - i. Learning – about the IM workers and their work, people, place, etc.
 - ii. Communicating – with the IM workers and to the church
- c. **Participate**
 - i. Praying – intelligently, specifically, and persistently
 - ii. Giving – church budget/individually
 - iii. Short Term
 1. Focused
 2. Purposeful
 3. Strategic

3. DEVELOP PERSONNEL TO SERVE IN INTERNATIONAL MINISTRIES

- a. **Begin** with church leaders who will oversee the development and establishment of your church's international ministry
 - i. They must understand and embrace your church's theological and philosophical commitments
 - ii. They must be churchmen with a passion for the church's responsibilities and role in the Great Commission
 - iii. They must be shepherds who understand the unique challenges to international ministry workers
- b. **Ability** to identify potential candidates for international ministry
 - i. Expose – To speakers, workers, and work that will challenge
 - ii. Educate – In current needs and opportunities; demographics, history and current status of the church and mission activities of countries/peoples under consideration, contemporary theological and methodological trends
 - iii. Equip – For effectiveness in theology, ministry/leadership experience and skills, Culture and Language Acquisition
- c. **S-Teams** (Pro-Active Ministry Teams)
 - i. Sending – Leadership shepherding through sending process and continuing when on field
 - ii. Supporting – Financial commitment
 - iii. Sustaining – Prayer, correspondence, encouragements, short-term teams, etc.