

Blessing the Nations Among Us

Following are suggested steps for fruitful outreach and church planting among the diaspora* peoples God has brought to live in your city.

Prayer

Ask God for:

- **Guidance** in discovering the peoples of your city
- **Insight** into which people He would have you to reach with the gospel
- **Connections** with others who are engaging this people somewhere else
- **Awakened hearts**, willingness to prepare for outreach and love for your particular people group.
- **A strong prayer covering** from the rest of the congregation
- **A godly outreach** and church-planting team with a synergistic blend of giftings
- **Open hearts** among your people group, that they would be drawn to Christ and that an indigenous church would be planted among them



Study

- **Ethnic Harvest's articles** and **book** links will provide good study material on cross-cultural outreach and church planting.
- **Crossing Cultures** will help you learn to effectively reach out and communicate cross-culturally.
- **Exploring the Land** by Caleb Encounters equips you with the skills and background to do relationship-based sociological exploration, and can also provide a foundation for coordinating your own research projects and/or teams.
- **Ethnic America Network** holds a major national ethnic summit in a different city each year; has involved over sixty evangelical denominations and agencies; focuses on reaching diaspora communities in America with the gospel of Jesus Christ and promotes reconciliation and unity among diverse people groups.
- **City Vision** (Minneapolis/St. Paul) provides an excellent citywide model for what can be done to research, mobilize, train and network for cross-cultural outreach within a city.
- **ACMI** (Association of Christians Ministering Among Internationals) is an "umbrella" organization and source of assistance for individuals, churches and ministries who are ministering among or exploring ministry among the hundreds of thousands of international students attending our schools each year. [Click here](#) to find an international student minister at a school near you.

* Greek for "dispersion"; the movement, migration, or scattering of people leaving their country of origin to live in a new land.

Research

- **RESEARCH: Peoplegroups.info** is a database and helps center for discovering peoples in your city by zip code using data from the US Census. This site is also the beginning of **a national database for reporting and networking** with researchers and outreach/ church-planting ministries in your community. **Click here for some helpful FAQs** ... but be patient, this site has been slow to download.
- **RESEARCH: Global Missiology's Diaspora pages** will link you to many resources and prominent immigrant people-group information links.

Tool Up

- **OUTREACH TOOLS: Cross-Cultural Outreach Tools**
This page will link you to Bibles, Literature and other media in various languages.
- **OUTREACH TOOL: Alpha for ESOL**
Alpha for ESOL (English Speakers of Other Languages) provides an easy way to discuss some of the most asked questions of life and faith. The course is in English but made more accessible in format and vocabulary. The course consists of a meal, a talk on a topic like prayer, or healing, and time to discuss your thoughts with your fellow guests every 10-15 minutes.

Mobilize the Church

- **Caleb Encounter's Advocacy Training** equips you to advocate for your people group. (Currently unavailable)
- **Connect your members** with vision-casting and vision-building literature, training opportunities and outreach tools (Essentially, after studying yourself, use the best articles, books and outreach tools to pass on to others).

Engage

- **By the grace of God**, and combining persistent prayer, diligent training, team building and research, God will eventually bring together the key factors and connections you need to engage in fruitful outreach and church planting.

Report & Network

- **Peoplegroups.info** ideally is set up to report on your work in progress, allowing other churches to discover your work and vice versa, so that potential networking/partnerships and synergy can take place for the benefit of the people you are reaching.

Above all

- **Keep praying with vigilance and watchfulness** for the enemy will never cease to look for ways to derail or halt your progress.
- **Click here** for helpful articles, books and training on prayer.

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