

## MISSIONARY PREPARATION CHART: “A PATH FROM HERE TO THERE”

<u>CHARACTER</u>	<u>RELATIONSHIPS</u>
<p><b>Recommended Reading/Study:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Prepare a Bible study of each of the fruit of the Spirit (Gal. 5); then read <i>Spirit Fruit</i>, by John Drescher</b></li> <li>○ Prepare a Bible study of each quality required for elders and deacons (I Tim. 3; Titus 1)</li> <li>○ Do an in-depth study of each of the Beatitudes (Mat. 5)</li> <li>○ Memorize the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5-7)</li> <li>○ Do an in-depth study of Romans 6,7</li> <li>○ Do an in-depth study of the Person, work and gifts of the Holy Spirit, then read <i>The Spirit of Christ</i>, by Andrew Murray</li> </ul> <p><b>Recommended Activities:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Meet with three people who know you well, identify key areas of weakness and take steps to strengthen those areas</b></li> </ul> <p><i>Note: Bulleted items in bold type in each quadrant are recommended for first level priority (Track I); others are second priority (Track II).</i></p>	<p><b>Recommended Reading/Study:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b><i>Bonding and the Missionary Task</i>, Brewster/Brewster</b></li> <li>○ <b><i>The Peace Maker</i>, Ken Sande</b></li> <li>○ <b><i>Getting Along With People God's Way</i>, John Coblenz</b></li> <li>○ <i>Managing Conflict Creatively</i>, Donald Palmer</li> <li>○ <i>Cross-Cultural Conflict</i>, Duane Elmer</li> <li>○ <i>Psychology of Missionary Adjustment</i>, Marge Jones/E. Grant Jones</li> <li>○ <i>Face To Face</i>, Steve Wilkins</li> </ul> <p><b>Recommended Activities:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Find ways to increase your ability to make and be a good friend</b></li> <li>○ Discuss with your spouse/fiancé/special friend his or her degree of calling and openness to missions involvement</li> <li>○ Evaluate existing friendships and their impact on your vision for missions</li> <li>○ Take a Personality Profile and identify areas of strengths/ weaknesses</li> </ul>
<u>MINISTRY: TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE</u>	<u>SPIRITUAL LIFE AND GIFTS</u>
<p><b>Recommended Reading/Study:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b><i>The Insanity of Obedience</i>, Nik Ripken</b></li> <li>○ <b><i>T4T, A Discipleship Re-Revolution</i>, Smith/Kai</b></li> <li>○ <b><i>Planting Churches That Reproduce</i>, Joel Comiskey</b></li> <li>○ <b>Anabaptist History: read <i>The Anabaptist Vision</i>, Harold Bender; <i>The Reformers and Their Stepchildren</i>, Verduin; view Walter Beachy series</b></li> <li>○ <b><i>From Jerusalem to Irian Jaya</i>, Ruth Tucker</b></li> <li>○ <i>Let The Nations Be Glad</i>, John Piper</li> <li>○ <i>Introducing World Missions</i>, Moreau/Corwin/McGee</li> <li>○ <i>Encountering Missionary Life and Work</i>, Steffen/Douglas</li> <li>○ <i>Global Church Planting</i>, Craig Ott/Gene Wilson</li> <li>○ Resources describing how to reach target religion/people</li> <li>○ <i>Meetings That Work</i>, Alexander Strauch</li> <li>○ <i>Perspectives on the World Christian Movement</i> course</li> </ul> <p><b>Recommended Activities:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Select a mentor from church leadership team/mission committee and serve as apprentices of the leadership team as assigned</b></li> <li>○ <b>Evangelism in home community; lead one or more to accept Christ</b></li> <li>○ <b>Disciple one or more new believers</b></li> <li>○ <b>Teach Bible classes—children, youth and adults—with evaluation</b></li> <li>○ <b>Preach messages with evaluation</b></li> <li>○ <b>Participate in a church plant for 6 months</b></li> <li>○ Start/lead/participate in a small group</li> <li>○ Learn to lead business sessions of a committee</li> </ul>	<p><b>Recommended Reading/Study:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Missionary biography</b>, such as Hudson Taylor (or person who ministered in culture where you plan to minister)</li> <li>○ <i>Spiritual Warfare</i>, Timothy Warner</li> <li>○ <i>Spiritual Leadership</i>, J. Oswald Sanders</li> <li>○ <i>Prayer Power Unlimited</i>, J. Oswald Sanders</li> <li>○ Read one book on theology such as <i>A Faith For All Seasons</i>, Dorman or <i>Basic Theology</i>, Charles Ryrie</li> </ul> <p><b>Recommended Activities:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Develop a faithful/daily devotional life</b></li> <li>○ Intercessory prayer and fasting</li> <li>○ Recruit ___ prayer partners and send prayer requests regularly</li> <li>○ Develop a habit for Bible memorization</li> <li>○ Take a Spiritual Gifts test and identify gift/strengths/weaknesses</li> </ul>

### CULTURAL PREPARATION

#### Recommended Reading/Study:

- *From Foreign to Familiar*, Sarah Lanier
- *The Other Side of the Wall*, Gary Miller
- **Religion/Culture/Country Specific resources**
- *Cross-Cultural Connections*, Duane Elmer
- *Cross-Cultural Servanthood*, Duane Elmer
- *Discipling Nations, The Power of Truth to Transform Cultures*, Darrow Miller
- *When Helping Hurts*, Corbett/Fikkert
- *Survival Kit for Overseas Living*, Robert Kohls

#### Recommended Activities:

- **Begin the process of selecting a country/people group**
- **Write paper summarizing history/major beliefs of host culture/religion and summarize the similarities/differences with Christianity/western culture**
- Find/befriend a person/couple from target culture
- Befriend a missionary (preferably from target culture) and learn all you can from him/her about ministry, adaptation, etc.
- Visit house of worship of host culture/religion
- Short-term trip to target country/culture

### PROFESSION: TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE

#### Recommended Reading/Study:

- **Acquire a marketable skill/trade**
- Explore “business as missions” resources and options in target country
- TESOL: training in teaching English as a second language
- *Business For The Glory Of God*, Wayne Grudem

#### Recommended Activities:

- **Eliminate debts, learn basic bookkeeping**
- Develop a sustainable plan for entry into the target country
- Practical courses such as those offered at Equip International

### LINGUISTIC PREPARATION

#### Recommended Reading/Study:

- *Language Learning IS Communication—IS Ministry!*, Brewster/Brewster
- PILAT course at MTI, SIL or similar for how to learn language
- Review *Field Manual for the LACE Method of Language Learning*, Peter Pikkert or LAMP book (*Language Acquisition Made Practical*, Brewster/Brewster)

#### Recommended Activities:

- **Begin learning target language** by self-study resources or local college with practice by contacting speakers of the language.

### COUNSELING: TRAINING AND SKILLS

#### Recommended Reading/Study:

- *Instruments in the Redeemer’s Hand*, Paul Tripp
- *Happiness is a Choice*, Minirth/Meier
- *Honourably Wounded*, Marjory Foyle
- NANC events/CCEF events (counseling/discipleship training)

#### Recommended Activities/Workshops:

- Take personal evaluation tests administered by LIFE Ministries
- Singleness
- Marriage
- Parenting
- Financial
- Counseling
- Participate in counseling sessions (as observer/trainee/counselor)

