

How Will a Project Impact Me?

What the pastors are saying:

"In 30 years of full-time service I have never seen God's outpouring like this."

"I have seen so many decisions for full-time ministry involvement."

"I have witnessed strengthened personal relationships with Christ, as well as a new love for and real faith in HIM!"

"This week has been filled with so many stories of people whose lives have been changed because of our team's willingness to follow God's Spirit and obey His call."

What the participants are saying:

"I never believed God could use me to lead this many people to Him!"

"I will never forget the faces of the people and how they changed after accepting Christ."

"The book of Acts just came alive as we saw God performing miracles and saving people everyday."

"Every Christian should do this. It is what being a Christian is all about."

Who Is International Commission?

International Commission is an evangelistic and discipleship ministry serving Baptist churches as an autonomous partner in church-based partnership evangelism projects. IC works in cooperation with Baptist Conventions around the world to encourage churches to share the redeeming love of Jesus Christ and to teach new believers how to grow and mature in Christ. This cooperative spirit involves Baptist leadership in the United States and countries throughout our world and missionaries on the field.

At the invitation of Baptist churches or conventions, IC enlists church teams, equips and prepares participants and members of host churches, prints materials, arranges travel, and coordinates the projects.

In June of 1995, the International Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention and International Commission entered into a covenant agreement *"of mutual support and strength as we work together to fulfill Christ's Great Commission."*

IC conducts several projects each year that are approved as volunteer mission projects of the IMB.

International Commission is incorporated in the state of Texas as a non-profit organization. Gifts to IC are considered tax deductible based on its 501(c-3) status with the IRS. Funding for this ministry is provided by contributions from ministry partners--individuals and churches.

Even though the staff and board are active members in Southern Baptist churches, IC is not a part of a Baptist convention or agency.

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Church-based Partnership Evangelism



Equipping and enabling believers worldwide to conduct church-based partnership evangelism projects to reach unbelievers and make disciples.

What Is a Project?

A Church to Church Project is...

- ▶ Baptist congregations from the overseas host country extending an invitation to International Commission (IC) to enlist Baptists from the USA to come to their country and help them do evangelism.
- ▶ having teams of people assigned to work with these churches and assist them with evangelistic outreach.

Preparation Provided

- ▶ IC provides training and preparation for both the US participants and host churches. This helps them understand the cultural differences, language barriers, and to realize how God can best use them.

A Church Team ...

- ▶ consists of a pastor or layman who is willing to preach and...
- ▶ 1-3 additional people.
- ▶ works side by side with the pastor and leadership of an assigned church in the host country.

What Is the Work?

The work of each project involves visitation, church services, and personal testimonies. Bilingual tools and interpreters are used to aid in communicating the Gospel during the project.

Visitation

- ▶ The team spends the mornings and afternoons making evangelistic visits. These visits may include homes, parks, factories, schools, or wherever the host church desires to go.

Evangelistic Services

- ▶ Most host churches will hold nightly evangelistic services.
- ▶ Team members are involved in the service by singing, sharing a testimony, or bringing an adult or children's sermon.

Personal Testimonies

- ▶ Each participant prepares their personal testimony which is translated into the language of the host country and printed into an evangelistic witnessing tract.
- ▶ This tract is issued to assist in sharing the Gospel and leading others to Christ.

What About the Cost?

Project Costs...

- ▶ vary from country to country and are listed in each project brochure.

God Will Provide

- ▶ God's plan may be for you to pay your own way, or it may be that your costs will be covered through contributions from family, friends or church.
- ▶ The most important thing to do is seek His will. If He wants you to go, He will provide your financial needs.

Project Costs Include...

- ▶ transportation, three meals a day and lodging.
- ▶ bilingual materials and preparation costs.

Please note the following:

Contributions made for a mission effort are tax-deductible.

Project work is hard. The language is different. The food and customs are different.

This is not a vacation.

It is a chance to be involved in God's work of spreading the Gospel.