

Adopting an Unreached People Group: A Plan for YWAM Bases

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Part I. Welcome and Introduction

Worldwide the move is on. Mission agencies and church denominations are moving to finish the task. The task is reaching those who will not hear the Good News of Jesus Christ unless something is done. We call these remaining ethnic peoples the “unreached.”

Unreached People Group: *A people group within which there is no indigenous community of believing Christians with adequate numbers and resources to evangelize this people group without requiring outside (cross-cultural) assistance.*

One of the hottest strategies to see this task completed is called “Adopt-A-People”. Youth With A Mission (YWAM) is participating with the global Christian community in this dynamic strategy.

YWAM International has adopted hundreds of unreached people groups all of which are located in strategic omega zones. “Adopting” means that your location selects a specific unreached people group for praying, giving and sending.

Part II. The Adoption and Preparation

1. Prayer can help you decide. First of all, as we teach in YWAM, hear God. Meet together at your location; perhaps a particular group or geographical area will spring up in prayer and intercession at your base.

2. Strategically evaluate available resources on the unreached. Use lists such the “Top 168 Least Evangelized Mega-peoples” list (see appendix A). Other factors which can influence which group you adopt may be their religion, their accessibility and location, their spiritual or physical neediness, or their receptivity. Also, you would be really fortunate to adopt a group which already has a “Strategy Coordinator” (sometimes called an Advocate or Non-Resident Missionary), which is a person dedicated full-time to seeing a particular people group become reached (See appendix B).

3. Natural Links should be considered. Consider a people group already connected to your base or country (like YWAM in Juarez, Mexico, adopting in Nepal because one of their base leaders moved to Nepal and married a base director...or YWAM-Haiti adopting a group from their ancestral home, Benin). Consider language links, business or educational ties, or immigration connections.

4. Get Help in Selecting. Perhaps you know an area of the world you are interested in; contact YWAM Frontier Mission Regional centers located in that area for recommendations. Their addresses are online at www.ywamfm.com

5. Register Your Adoption with your own YWAM Frontier Mission Regional center (addresses online at www.ywamfm.com) and the International Frontier Missions Coordinating Office (ico@oval.com). They will ensure that it is registered with the international Adopt-A-People movements. Doing this can facilitate the formation of partnerships with others who share your vision for this Unreached People.

6. Officially include this adoption commitment in your base vision. Hold a ceremony to commemorate the adoption. Have a nice certificate made, framed and hung in a prominent place at the base center (see appendix C for a sample certificate). Part of the ceremony could be having the leadership, or everyone, sign the certificate and have communion. Host a celebration! Perhaps ethnic music, decorations, costumes, or food from your adopted people could be used.

B. Organizing Prayer, Research and Enthusiasm at your Base

1. Find available resources on your adopted people group. Many resources are only as far away as your nearest library or computer terminal (see appendix D for research resources).

2. Create new resources that may be used to promote awareness. Using information that you have gathered, make informative and inspiring resources for others. Impart information as well as motivation to

help in the effort of reaching your people. Some ideas are: 30-day prayer guides, bookmarks to hand out, pictures for the base walls, or the sponsoring of a promotional video.

3. Generating on-going awareness. Incorporate your adopted group into weekly intercession times. Have specific people responsible for bringing current research or news to the staff. You could form a team to write a drama for a staff meeting and to use in churches as well. Have a dinner using food and customs from your adopted group. Host a movie night, showing appropriate videos about the country where your people are from.

4. Focus every base-run school on your adopted ethnic group. Make these people the major prayer focus and possible outreach location for your students. Use “Praying for the Lost” by Joy Dawson and other prayer resources to pray strategically (copy in appendix E).

C. Engaging Your Adopted Group

1. Get advice from knowledgeable others. Contact YWAM geographical leadership over the area where your people group lives to advise them of your plans and receive their counsel. Contact and strategize with the nearest YWAM Frontier Mission Center to your adopted people group (see www.ywamfm.com). These YWAMers are there to help with entry strategies and necessary training (i.e., language schools, SOFMs, etc.). Do the same with other mission agencies that you find out about that are also targeting or working among your people group. Consider networking or partnership strategies. The International Coordinating Office for Frontier Missions (ico@oval.com) is a great place to find out who else may be targeting your adopted group.

2. Investigate methods of entry that are culturally appropriate for your people...business, education, mercy ministry, etc. Find out about visa requirements and restrictions, necessary immunizations and travel.

3. Go on a journey to do prayer and research. If needed, consider the possibility of sending an advance team from your base to spy out the land and prepare for your future teams. This should include the base leadership. They could establish relationships with any existing mission efforts, pray and hear from God “on-site,” consider field pastoral options, film promotional video and photographs, visit potential cities for starting a work, meet with local officials if appropriate to your strategy, etc.

4. Possibly send a Short Term Outreach from your base, if this is feasible. This should be done wisely and in consideration of long-term goals. Many areas are open to teams coming in and others simply are not.

5. Broaden your team, get others to help. Ask churches to adopt with you. Possibly develop an “advocate” kit or presentation kit about your people group and your vision to reach them. This could be used by staff to speak to others about joining with your base in this quest or sent to base supporters who would like to help in raising prayer, finances, and workers to go to this ethnic group.

6. Call for Workers for your Group and expect the best of your staff to go!! Recruit specifically for your people group at churches and conferences. Make and distribute promotional materials specific to this vision. Include this vision in all other base promotional materials. Begin to form a team.

7. Decide on a church planting strategy for YOUR team. What will be your first entry strategy to your group? Consider the ministries that your base already has going and how these might be used. For example, if your location already runs a Primary Health Care School, perhaps this could be used in entry to your adopted people group. Go to YWAM church planting coaches for assistance and resources: www.cpcoaches.com

8. Send to appropriate training your potential church planting team members. In YWAM, through the University of the Nations, we offer many helpful schools like the School of Frontier Missions, schools of community development, primary health care, etc. Make training specific to what is needed for your entry strategy.

Part III. Launching Your Team.

- 1. Write a vision statement** for this new work with the team members and the base leadership. Perhaps write up a “strategy paper,” detailing your entry plans for entering your group. Also set an evaluation date to review this strategy some time in the future.
- 2. Ensure that team members have adequate support.** Each team member will need prayer, pastoral and financial support. Your base could help by making up prayer cards for the team members, calling their home churches, writing letters on their behalf, printing up coupon books and envelopes for their supporters, etc.
- 3. Help team members** with other particularities if possible. Things like information about health/life insurance, helping them with taxes, dealing with the liquidating of possessions, procuring needed goods and shipping them, writing a will, power of attorney, etc., are all useful.
- 4. Host a commissioning service** for your team, including the entire base staff, friends and family members. This service could be solemn and formal or festive and joyous. Pray over your team, anoint them and send them out with a special offering.

[Although it is the ideal, in YWAM we often do not form entire teams and then send them. We often send individuals to join an existing work. Your base may desire to send an individual onto the field to perhaps join another team in your target group or country. This individual can be gaining experience and language until such time as others can join with him/her to pioneer in a new area. This will also give momentum for others to go. If you think it appropriate, perhaps a pioneer couple could go ahead and serve as a beachhead for sending future team members while beginning to set up your entry strategy.]

[At this point the FIELD team sent out from your base would begin using the “YWAM Church Planting Phases” document to guide their on-field steps; see www.cpcaches.com]

Part IV. Participating with your Field Team from the Sending Base

A. Intercession and Spiritual Warfare

- 1. Assign a staff member or team** to continue to think creatively on how to keep this people group before your base staff for intercession and warfare.
- 2. Obtain current prayer requests** from the field team (personal and people group related). Include these in base prayer times and encourage staff to pray individually for them.
- 3. Call special times of prayer** focus or fasting for your pioneer work (i.e., a night of intercession, prayer chains, promote a specific month of prayer, etc.)
- 4. Develop a prayer profile or prayer guide** to print and distribute that clarifies the prayer needs and blessings, as well as the strongholds
- 5. Raise up a group of Prayer Partners** outside of your base. Contact other prayer networks and get them interested in praying as well. (see appendix F) Send out your prayer guides of the people group and prayer cards of the team members.

B. Pastoral Care for Team members

See appendix G for care helps and other resources mentioned in this section.

- 1. Send a pastoral/counseling person to visit** the team annually. Maybe even the same person could be sent each year, to establish relationships.
- 2. Encourage the home churches to participate** in the pastoral care of their members. Send their pastor and/or missions committee a copy of the book Serving as Senders by Neil Pirolo.
- 3. Send personal gifts.**

4. Encourage the team through communications. Set up a rotating schedule of letter writing among the home base staff. Give your field team a surprise phone call. Send emails. Remember, and acknowledge on time, birthdays and holidays. Fax them. Use Ham radio. Send cassette or video messages. Add photos, drawings, cartoons, etc.

5. Minister long-distance with good books, message or worship cassettes, or videos. Remember that they don't have a church there to receive from until they plant it! Perhaps a Bible Correspondence course would help in their spiritual growth.

6. Help work out team members' personal business problems that come up. Things like sending their newsletters, processing support checks and receipts, helping to work out their children's schooling, etc., can be a great relief.

7. Prepare for team members' return home. Read the book Re-Entry by Peter Jordan. Consider debriefing time with lots of listening, logistical helps (i.e., airport pick up, place to stay, car to use, money needs, etc.), counseling, prepare a welcoming home party, etc.

Consult the member care links listed on the www.Ethne.org website for further ideas and resources.

C. Materials and Tools...Raising the Pesos, Dollars or Yen

1. Procure equipment the team could use for evangelism and administration. Consider things like a fax machine, computer, team vehicle, video projector, cassette tape duplicator, etc.

2. Get available evangelism tools targeting your adopted people group for your church planting team (Bibles, tracts, Christian literature in the people group's language; the JESUS movie or other evangelistic videos, Bible portions or messages on cassette, etc.). Consult Create International's Indigitech site for contextually relevant materials to use in evangelism (www.Indigitech.net).

3. Sponsor the production of evangelism tools if they are not already available. Consult Create International (www.createinternational.com) as to how you might help to develop media tools to help.

4. Sponsor radio or television tools to reach your group.

5. Raise money to do the above mentioned projects. Whole books could be printed on this! There are faith pledges, special dinners, selling things (like books, baked goods, etc.), services (like car washes, yard work, etc.), ETC.

D. Learning About and Promoting the Vision

1. Appoint a "Frontier Advocate" or committee. They not only keep the base pursuing the vision, but look for ways to bridge the gap between this people group and other Kingdom resources (i.e. community development teams, financial donors, Bible Translators, etc.). They can also work on solving field problems. They can continue to do research and present information to staff.

2. Host (in house) a "Perspectives" course or attend one. This course has revolutionized world missions. (Visit www.perspectives.org for a list of courses on offer in your area.)

3. Invite outside speakers who are knowledgeable on the country, religion, culture, arts, etc., of your adopted group to speak at a staff, community, or church meeting as well as your training schools. These people may or may not be Christians. Use new information for prayer and strategy planning.

4. Read letters from the field team out loud to home base staff.

5. Set up a people group display (use costumes, pictures, maps, artifacts, etc.) for the base or bring to local churches.

6. Wear things that arouse interest in your group. Make T-shirts or buttons that say something like "We adopted! Ask me about it." These items could be added to an "advocate kit."

7. Include information in newsletters that are sent out from your base.

8. Host an open awareness meeting on your adoption project, inviting local Christians. This works best if you have an attracting element, like entertainment, a concert or special food.

9. For additional ideas refer back to Part II, Section B: "Organizing Prayer, Research and Enthusiasm at your Base."

E. Goal Setting and Evaluation

1. Help the pioneer team to set short term and long term goals. Copy YWAM geographical leadership over the field and sending areas.

2. Encourage the field team to cooperate with geographic structures in their field. Encourage your field team to attend any YWAM conferences in their geographic location.

3. Set up a periodic reporting system to give the field team accountability. Copy this report to YWAM geographical leadership in the area and region where the field team is located. Also, this could be sent to the team members' home churches.

4. Set up a specific evaluation time to review progress, goals, strategies and problems. Regroup and redefine authority structure. Allow the field team to make decisions that affect them, give counsel.

5. Weep and Rejoice! Comfort and encourage your team when they do not see results. Share and rejoice in the accomplishments of your field team when they do. Praise the Lord for fruit that remains!

Appendices

Appendix A: Strategic Unreached People Groups Lists

Appendix B: To find out if a people group has a Strategy Coordinator and Partnership strategies

Appendix C: Example of an Adoption Certificate

Appendix D: Where to find information on people groups

Appendix E: “Praying for the Lost” by Joy Dawson

Appendix F: Contact Information for various Prayer Networks

Appendix G: Member Care Resources

Appendix A: There are many good lists available of unreached people groups. The following list is included because it is the shortest list of the most strategic groups. For the Joshua Project list, see their website, for the Southern Baptist list, write to them. These addresses are listed in Appendix F.

Top 168 Least Evangelized Megapeoples

AFGHANISTAN

Afghani Tajik (Tadzhik)
Hazara (Berberi)
Pathan (Pukhtun, Afghani)
Southern Uzbek

ALGERIA

Central Shilha (Beraber)
Greater Kabyle (Western)
Hamyan Bedouin
Shawiya (Chaouia)
Tajakant Bedouin

AZERBAIJAN

Azerbaijani (Azeri Turk)

BANGLADESH

Bihari
Sylhetti Bengali

CAMBODIA

Central Khmer (Cambodian)

CAMEROON

Adamawa Fulani (Fula)

CHAD

Shuwa (Chad Arab,
Baggara)

CHINA

Bai (Baizi, Whites)
Central Tibetan (Hsifan)
Chinese Mongolian (Mongol)
Han Chinese (Hainanese)
Han Chinese (Hunanese)
Han Chinese (Jinyu)
Han Chinese (Kan)
Hani (Uni, Ouni)
Hui (Dungan, Tunya, Huizui)
Kazakh
Khamba (Khams Bhotia)
Li (Paoting)
Northern Tung (Dong, Kam)
Northern Yi (I, Lolo)
Northern Zhuang (Chwang)
Puyi (Bouyei, Pu-I)
Southern Zhuang
Tho (Tai Tho)
Tujia (Tuchia)
Uighur (Kashgar)
Yao (Highland Yao, Man)
Yunnanese Shan (Dai)

EGYPT

Arabized Berber
Bedouin
Halebi Gypsy (Nawari)

ETHIOPIA

Somali

GUINEA

Fula Jalon (Futa Dyalon)
Southern Maninka

INDIA

Awadhi (Baiswari, Bagheli)
Bagri (Bahgri, Bagari)
Bangri (Deswali, Hariani)
Berar Marathi (Brahmani)
Bhojpuri Bihari (Deswali)
Braj Bhakha (Antarbedi)
Central Bhil
Chhattisgarhi (Khatahi)
Deccani
Dogri (Hindi Dogri)
Eastern Bhil (Vil)
Garhwali (Central Pahari)
Garhwali (Pahari Gashwali)
Ho
Jat (Jati, Bangri)
Kanauji (Western Hindi)
Kashmiri (Keshur)
Khandeshi
Konkanese

Kortha Bihari
Kumaoni (Central Pahari)

INDIA (continued)

Magadhi Bihari (Maghori)
Maitili (Maithili, Tharu)
Malvi (Ujjaini, Malavi)
Mina
Mirpur Punjabi
Nagpuri Bihari (Sadri)
Nimadi (Nimari)
Rajasthani (Bikaneri)
Rajasthani (Marwari)
Rajasthani (Mewari)
Southern Bhil
Tulu (Tullu, Thulu, Tal)
Wagdi (Wagheri, Vaged)

INDONESIA

Achehnese (Aceh, Atjeh)
Balinese
Banjarese (Banjar Malay)
Buginese (Bugis)
Gorontalese (Wau, Watia)
Lampungese (Lamponger)
Low Malay Creole
Madurese
Makassarese (Macassar)
Malay (Coast Malay)
Minangkabau (Padang)
Rejang
Riau (Malay)
Sasak (Lombok)

IRAN

Afghan Persian (Kaboli)
Azerbaijani (Turk)
Bakhtiari
Gilaki
Iranian Kurd
Luri (Lori, Feyli)
Mazanderani (Tabri)
Southern Kurd (Carduchi)
Turkmen (Turkomani)
Zott Gypsy (Nawar)

IRAQ

Azerbaijani (Azeri Turk)
Bedouin
Iraqi Kurd
Northern Kurd (Kermanji)
Southern Kurd (Sorani)

JAPAN

Eta

KAZAKHSTAN

Kazakh

KIRGIZSTAN

Kirghiz

LIBYA

Cyrenaican Arab
Tripolitanian Arab

MALI

Fula Macina (Niafunke)

MONGOLIA

Khalkha Mongol

MOROCCO

Arabized Berber
Central Shilha (Berraber)
Jebala (Rif)
Moroccan Arab
Northern Shilha (Riffian)
Southern Shilha (Shleuh)
White Moor (Bidan)

MYANMAR

Arakanese (Maghi, Mogh)
Burmese Shan (Thai Yai)
Mon (Talaing, Mun)
Yangbye (Yangye)

NEPAL

Bhojpuri Bihari
Maitili (Tirahutia)

NIGER

Zerma (Dyerma)

NIGERIA

Haabe Fulani (Town Fulani)
Sokoto Fulani
Western Fulani (Bororo)
Yerwa Kanuri (Beriberi)

PAKISTAN

Afghani Tajik (Tadzhik)
Brahui (Kur Galli, Kalat)
Central Pathan
Eastern Baluch
Northern Hindko (Hindki)
Sindhi
Southern Baluch
Southern Hindko
Southern Pathan
Western Baluch
Western Pathan (Afghani)
Western Punjabi (Lahnda)

PHILIPPINES

Low Malay Creole
Magindanaw (Ilanum)
Maranao (Lanao, Ranao)

SENEGAL

Fulakunda (Fula Cunda)
Wolof

SOMALILAND

Somali

SRI LANKA

Ceylon Moor

SYRIA

Bedouin Arab
Western Kurd (Kermanji)

TAJIKISTAN

Northern Uzbek
Tajik (Tadzhik)

THAILAND

Northern Khmer (Cambodian)
Pattani Malay (Thai Islam)
Southern Tai (Pak Thai)

TUNISIA

Sahel Bedouin

TURKEY

Crimean Tatar
Dimili Kurd (Southern Zaza)
Northern Kurd (Kermanji)
Turkish Kurd

TURKMENISTAN

Turkmen (Trukhmeny)

UZBEKISTAN

Northern Uzbek
Tajik (Tadzhik)

VIET NAM

Muong (Thang, Wang)
Tho (Tai Tho, Tay)

YEMEN

Yemeni Arab

Appendix B: Strategic Coordinators and Partnership Agencies:

To find out if a particular people group already has a known **Strategic Coordinator** or **Partnership** write to:

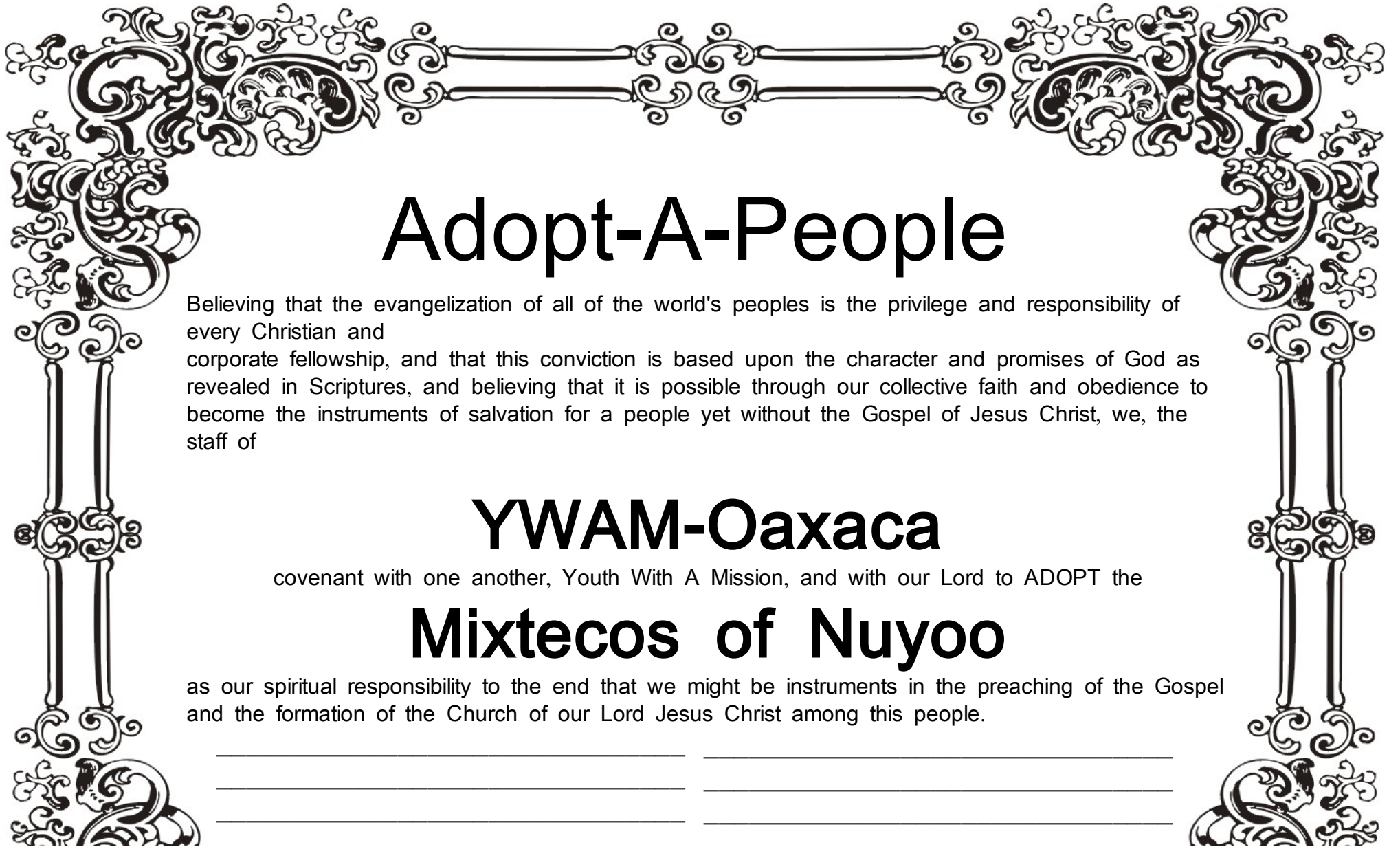
Global Adopt-A-People Network (GAAPNet), 909 North Pratt St., Crown Point, IN 46307
Phone: (219) 663-7729 Email: gaapnet@cs.com Website: www.gaapnet.org

Interdev Partnership Associates, P.O. Box 1331, Edmonds, WA 98020
Phone: (206) 972-1662 Fax: (425) 778-3456 Email: aaraujo@ipassociates.org
Website: www.ipassociates.org/contact.htm

Within YWAM, for information or training in this area, contact: Karine Kohli, Peoples of the Earth, CP 42, Lausanne 22 1000, Switzerland. Email: peuplesdelaterre@bluewin.ch

Appendix C: Example of an Adoption Certificate:

See next page.



Adopt-A-People

Believing that the evangelization of all of the world's peoples is the privilege and responsibility of every Christian and corporate fellowship, and that this conviction is based upon the character and promises of God as revealed in Scriptures, and believing that it is possible through our collective faith and obedience to become the instruments of salvation for a people yet without the Gospel of Jesus Christ, we, the staff of

YWAM-Oaxaca

covenant with one another, Youth With A Mission, and with our Lord to ADOPT the

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as our spiritual responsibility to the end that we might be instruments in the preaching of the Gospel and the formation of the Church of our Lord Jesus Christ among this people.

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Our Base Director

Youth With A Mission International President

Appendix D: Where to find information on your people group

Inquire from these Christian organizations as to what information they may have or know of on your particular adopted people group.

Indigitech Missions Resources, Website: www.indigitech.net

Global Adopt-A-People Network (GAAPNet), 909 North Pratt St., Crown Point, IN 46307 USA
Phone: (219) 663-7729 Email: gaapnet@cs.com Website: www.gaapnet.org

Global Mapping Intl, 15435 Gleneagle Drive, Suite 100, Colorado Springs, CO 80921 USA
Phone: (719) 531-3599 Email: info@gmi.org Website: www.gmi.org

Joshua Project, PO Box 64080, Colorado Springs, CO 80962 USA
Phone: (719) 886-4000 Email: info@joshuaproject.net Website: www.joshuaproject.net

People Groups, Website: www.peoplegroups.org

Area Specialist:

On groups in various regions, contact the Regional Leaders and Strategy Coordinators at www.ywamfm.com

Christian Reference books which may be useful:

[Operation World](#), by Patrick Johnstone, (also in Spanish)
[World Christian Encyclopedia](#), David Barrett, Editor; Oxford Univ. Press (also see World Christian Database link below)

Mission Handbook, USA

UK Christian Handbook, Evangelical Alliance, UK

World Directory of Missions Research and Information Centers

Restricted World Ministry Handbook, Issachar Pub.

Informational Bulletin of Missionary Research

Lands and Peoples

The World and its Peoples

Unreached Mega Peoples of India

Indonesia's Unreached People Groups, PJRN, Indonesia (also in Indonesian)

Operation China, Paul Hattaway

Peoples on the Move: Introducing the Nomads of the World, David J. Phillips

Via the Internet:

- To do a general word search through millions of documents, either:
 - www.google.com
 - www.yahoo.com
- To find available People Group Profiles:
 - www.indigitech.net
 - www.joshuaproject.net
 - <http://www.missionmanual.com/wiki/Peoples>
 - www.peoplegroups.org
- To search National Geographic issues:
 - www.nationalgeographic.com
- To search for books in print for sale:
 - <http://shop.nationalgeographic.com>
 - www.amazon.com
- To find general information on your group from Christian organizations:

- www.ethnologue.com - Ethnologue: an encyclopedic reference work cataloging all of the world's living languages
 - <http://worldchristiandatabase.org/wcd/> - World Christian Database: comprehensive statistical information on world religions, Christian denominations, and people groups
 - www.finishingthetask.com - Finishing the Task: Download a list of 639 unengaged unreached people groups with a population of 100,000 or more
- To access networks of missionary aid and information to complete world evangelism, check out the following links:
 - www.brigada.org
 - www.momentum-mag.org
 - www.strategicnetwork.org
 - www.oscar.org.uk
 - www.ethne.org

Appendix E: "Praying for the World's Unevangelized" by Joy Dawson

God's priority plan to reach the unevangelized is the mobilisation of His people in prayer. Praying with clean hearts, according to His will and His ways from His Word, in faith, energized by the Holy Spirit.

WE FOCUS FIRST ON THE CHURCH WORLDWIDE.

God has shaped history around the Church, and God expects the Church to shape the history of the world.

1. We worship and praise God for who He is, then thank Him for what He has already done in these countries. Phil. 4:6

- Thank Him for the privilege of engaging in the same wonderful ministry of intercession in which the Lord Jesus is engaged. Heb. 7:25
- Praise Him and tell him you believe His Word about His position, power, purpose and plans for the unevangelized nations.

God's Position In relation to the unevangelized nations:

Ps. 47:2,8... "How Awesome is the Lord Most High, the great King over all the earth!" "God reigns over the nations: God is seated on His holy throne."

God's Power over the unevangelized nations:

Job 12:23... "He makes nations great, and destroys them: He enlarges nations, and disperses them"

Is. 52:10... "The Lord will lay bare His holy arm in the sight of all the nations, and all the ends of the earth will see the salvation of our God."

God's Purposes and Plans for the unevangelized nations:

Rev. 5:9... "...with your blood you purchased men for God from every tribe and language and people and nation,"

Ps. 22:27,28 .. "All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord: and all the families of the nations shall worship before Him. For dominion belongs to the Lord, and He rules over the nations."

Keeping our focus on God's position, power, purpose and plans for the unevangelized nations helps us to believe "...Greater Is He that is in you than he that is in the world" 1 John 4:4.

2. We humble ourselves before God and identify with the sins of omission in the Body of Christ in relation to the unevangelized millions.

- We say, like Daniel. "I and my people have sinned."
- We confess our indifference, our ignorance about them generally, our lack of love, lack of concern for their lostness and bondage, and our prayerlessness. Is. 26:18

- We repent, if the sins are personal, and make a commitment to pray regularly.
3. We ask God to have mercy on us and His people. Hab. 3:2
 4. We pray for God to unite the Body of Christ, as unity is the greatest factor to influence the lost to commit their lives to Christ. Jn. 17:23
 - Pray for God to convict His people of the pride and prejudice that separates them and that they will realize that without unity we will not make it. Matt. 12:25 - "A house divided against itself cannot stand."
 5. We pray that God will stir His people worldwide in relation to the unreached, and cause them to have His heart and mind toward them. II Peter 3:9.
 6. We ask God to raise up an army of intercessors from every nation who will pray on a regular basis, empowered by the Holy Spirit. Ps. 2:8,9 and Eph. 5:18.
 7. We ask God to raise up visionaries who will seek Him for strategies of how to reach the unevangelized. Prov. 29:18
 8. We pray that those who have received vision and are implementing it will be encouraged, heard and supported worldwide.
 9. We ask God to thrust forth labourers into the harvest fields of the unevangelized nations and especially the five-fold ministries in Eph. 4:11. That they will be motivated to fulfill the conditions to be empowered by the Holy Spirit. Eph. 5:18.
 10. We pray that God will call and enable His people to learn the languages of the people groups who don't have the Bible, translate it into their languages, and get the Bible to the unevangelized. Ps. 119: 130
 11. We ask God to increase the spiritual effectiveness of the media ministries worldwide that are targeted to the unevangelized: Radio, T.V., audio and video cassettes, films, correspondence, literature, etc.
 12. We ask God to raise up ministries that are targeted to the youth and children. Mal. 19:14, Mark 9:36 Satanic forces are targeting them.

2ND PRAYER FOCUS: THE CHURCH (IF ANY) IN THE LARGELY UNEVANGELIZED COUNTRIES

We must never presume there are no believers. Acts 14:16, 17. We pray that:

1. God will encourage, protect, strengthen and deliver His people even if there's only a remnant. "Pray for the remnant that still survives" 2 Kings 19:4. Special focus should be on the persecuted and imprisoned. Heb. 13:3.
2. God will show them how essential biblical unity is. John 17:23, Mark 12:25.
3. They will have access to the Word of God, be empowered by the Holy Spirit, walk in the fear of the Lord and multiply as they share their faith. Acts 9:31. 5:42
4. For an unprecedented outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the Church. That they will be given vision to pray for it persistently in faith, be spiritually prepared, and used by God when He answers. Joel 2: 15-17, Acts 1:14.
5. God will raise up righteous leaders in readiness to put them into all spheres of authority and influence in the nation. Prov. 28:12 e.g., Joseph, Daniel, Mordecai and Esther. Illustration: A church in a predominantly Muslim nation has received permission from government authorities to build a Christian training centre on church property. The facilities will be used to train Indigenous pastors.
6. God's people will study the Bible to understand the character and ways of God (Prov. 2:1,5) and live consistently with what they believe and teach. I Cor. 4:11
7. They will be given world vision: be involved in intercession for the rest of the world, and be ready to obey the Great Commission. Is: 50:7, Rom. 10:14-15.

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1. God will stir them in their spirits, motivating them to seek the higher power they already know exists. Rom. 1:19,20. That God will prepare their hearts to receive the gospel when they hear it. Acts 10:33-35.
2. God will give them a revelation of the Lord Jesus as the Son of God. Reports continue to flow in from many parts of the world of Muslims having revelations of the Lord Jesus as the

Son of God, with subsequent conversions. Some of these are Christian missionaries today, an answer to much prayer.

3. God will bring a great spiritual awakening among the people, convicting them of their sin, motivating them to repent and to turn to God (Is. 64:1-3) and that millions will be converted. Believe the promise in Is. 61:11.

4. As they become exposed to the gospel, whether through Christian media, the Bible, or individual believers, their minds will be illuminated, their spirits pierced, and their wills motivated to act upon the truth. John 8:32

5. God will convict unrighteous leaders in positions of authority and influence of their sin and bring them to repentance. For those who persistently resist conviction, that God will overthrow them and put righteous leaders in their place. Ps. 75:6-7

6. God will open peoples' minds to see the falseness and futility of their religions and ideologies and become aware that Christianity is the only religion that can change a person's heart. 2 Cor. 5:17.

7. God will continue to prepare the unevangelized people groups with the redemptive analogies that are woven into their culture and folklore that point to the gospel, as described in Don Richardson's Peace Child.

8. Prepare for spiritual warfare. Ask God to name the principalities that dominate the minds of the lost in the country or people groups as directed and go into spiritual warfare. Come against them in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, quoting scriptures that give our authority over the enemy, and presenting Jesus' shed blood by which they are defeated. Eph. 6:10-18.

9. Enter into sustained fervent praise to God for His victory over satanic strongholds. Praise releases God's power. Ps.47: 1-3, Ps. 44:4-8

Remember:

- Light is more powerful than darkness. Truth is stronger than error.
- There is more grace in God's heart than sin in men's hearts.
- There is more power in the Holy Spirit to convict men's hearts of sin than the power of satanic forces to tempt them to sin.
- There's more power in one drop of the shed blood of the Lord Jesus Christ to cleanse men's hearts from the stain of sin, than the accumulated filth of men's sin since Adam and Eve.

Appendix F: Contact information for various Prayer Networks:

To raise up prayer for your people group, you could send the resources that you develop (like prayer profiles or guides) to the following ministries:

Ethnê to Ethnê Prayer Workgroups & Strategies – available in many languages

<http://www.ethne.net>

Global Prayer Digest

<http://www.global-prayer-digest.org/>

Intercessors for America Prayer Calendars Directory

<http://www.ifapray.org/PrayerCalendars.html>

Network for Strategic Missions – Prayer Requests

<http://www.strategicnetwork.org>

30 Days Muslim Prayer Focus

<http://www.30days.com.au/>

YWAM Schools of Intercession (see latest GO Manual for directions)

Appendix G: Member Care Resources

The books mentioned: [Serving as Senders](#) by Neil Pirolo and [Reentry](#) by Peter Jordan can be ordered from:

World Christian Books

www.worldchristian.com

For free downloadable e-books and other missionary care resources contact:

Missionary Care – Resources for Missions and Mental Health

www.missionarycare.com

Consult the Ethnê to Ethnê site for member care ideas and prayer networks:

www.ethne.org