

A. Basic Missionary Preparation

NOTE: The subject matter titles in the following sections are merely doorways opening to resources and conversations. Students and churches may pick and choose trainings they wish to take. *CrossNet* is able to make suggestions based on student's or church's knowledge and experience.

Training 101 – Preliminary Church and Church Leadership Training

1. Whether to Become A Sending Church:
 - a. Preparing Mission and Vision
 - b. Preparing leadership and congregation
2. What it Takes to Send and Support Long-Term Missionaries
3. Training for Mid- or Long-term Missionaries
4. Using Short-Term Teams for Vision Casting
5. Mission Strategies
 - a. Pioneer or Frontier Missions
 - b. People-group selected – Already reached, UPG's, UUPG's?
 - c. Serving in “restricted areas”
 - d. Serving as “non-residential missionary” (the NRM model)
 - e. Choosing a visa platform (“Why are you here in our country?”)
6. How to Focus. Why to Focus.
7. Come & See, or Go and Tell – missions vs. church approaches to winning the lost
8. Forming a Home-church Support Team for the Long Run
9. Keeping Your Missionary Well-tended
10. Evaluating Productivity (Evaluating Missions) – with letters from the field
11. When a Missionary Returns to the States (short or long term)
12. Missions on the Tail End – Retirement
13. Tips for Parents and Grandparents of Missionaries

Training 102 – Preliminary Missionary Training

14. Who can be a missionary – Traits of those most likely to succeed
15. Discovery Bible Study – how to do it; how to use on the field
16. DMM (Disciple-making model)
17. Persons of Peace – how to identify, how to empower them
18. The Four Fields – how to create ongoing self-generating church planting
19. Spiritual Warfare
20. Storying – using Bible stories for evangelism and discipleship (Warren Lackey)
21. Community service, humanitarian ministries, sports, arts, etc. vs. evangelism and DMM
22. Establishing Your Ministry's Business Plan – you'll need a plan
 - a. Why a ministry business plan
 - b. Personal and ministry budgets
 - c. Engaging church members with business and missions experience to develop the plan
 - d. Clarifying your ministry and parameters

- e. Obtaining approval and buy-in from the pastor and staff
 - f. Areas of church liability
 - g. Areas of personal liability
 - h. Establishing a will
 - i. Establishing power of attorney
 - j. Establishing medical directives
 - k. Legal considerations involving parents and other family members, as necessary
 - l. See section “Training 104” for several insurance-related discussions
23. Polishing Your Preparation – pre-launch polish training at MTI or CIT

Training 103 – Children on the mission field

24. Resources for preparing your children for living cross-culturally. There are many books written for kids of all ages whose families are going to the mission field. Rather than naming individual books we suggest you look into the following booksellers’ inventories;

A few publishers to check:

- a. Christianbook.com
- b. Littlelambbooks.com
- c. Notconsumed.com
- d. Eerdmans Publishing
- e. Bethany House

As you search, type in themes such as:

- *Missionary books kids love
- * How to say goodbye to my friends
- * What’s life like for missionary kids
- * A family’s place in God’s plan
- * Adjusting to a new culture – etc.

25. Homeschooling resources – here are five of several:

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| a. Abeka.com | Children’s education on the field |
| b. The Good and the Beautiful | today has morphed. Missionaries used to |
| c. Classical Conversations | send their kids to Mission Schools. Some |
| d. Ignite Christian Academy | of these still remain, but the modern |
| e. Easy Peasy (free and online) | emphasis is on homeschooling. |

26. Raising Third Culture Kids

There are many books and Christian organizations specifically for missionary kids, AKA, Third Culture Kids (TCKs). *This is a real issue and should be addressed by parents on the field.*

[NOTE: For all sorts of resources including MKs & TCKs, see **“The Warehouse”**

If you’d like a copy send your request to splinter.john@gmail.com.]

Training 104 – Insurance Related Issues for Missionaries

CrossNet provides the following recommendations for medical and liability insurance companies. (**CrossNet** has no business or financial relationship with any of these.)

27. Medical Insurance coaching, for long-term overseas field workers (What follows are four companies providing solid insurance options – there are many others.)
- a. Good Neighbor Insurance -- gninsurance.com/health/missionary
 - b. Insurance Services of America – missionaryhealth.net
 - c. Expat Financial – expatfinancial.com/missionary-health-insurance/
 - d. GeoBlue – go.geobluetravelinsurance.com/
28. Foreign General Liability coverage coaching (e.g., non-owned and Hired Auto; Kidnap/ransom; Emergency evacuation; Political risks; Volunteer Work Comp; AD&D)
- a. Guidestone – guidestone.org

- b. Brotherhood Mutual – brotherhoodmutual.com
 - c. Church Mutual Insurance – churchmutual.com/66/Foreign-Commercial-General-Liability-Insurance
 - d. *Remember, if you purchase a car on the field your sending church or organization should be named as an “Additional Named Insured.” Even though they don’t own the car they share some part of the liability of your serving under them.*
29. Medical, flight cancellation and personal effects coverage for Short Term tips.
(For these coverages check the internet. There are scores of companies and prices.)
30. Repatriation coverage for critical illness (Often included in short-term international travel packages. Can be purchased as stand-alone coverage as well.)

Training 105 – Security Issues

Everyone involved in missions these days understands *that security has become a critical issue*. Whether on Short-Term trips, or Long-Term service; whether it involves kidnap avoidance or survival training, safety in travel, internet security or global terrorism, the mission field has become hazardous deployment for many. Field security training is increasingly a must.

Crisis Preparation and Management

- 31. ***Crisis Preparation and Management Policy*** – 50 page field manual
- 32. When Dealing With An Active Shooter
- 33. The Decision to Evacuate
- 34. Field Security Training
- 35. Interrogation
- 36. Hostage Negotiation
- 37. Travel Safety Tips
- 38. Risk Assessment

Security Training Organizations

- 39. Crisis Consulting International – <http://www.crison.org>
- 40. Fort Sherman Academy – www.fortsherman.org
- 41. Concilium Inc. – www.conciliumonline.org

Training 106 – Short Term Missions

Not all who go on Short-Term Missions become missionaries. However, nearly all long-term missionaries began the journey as a result of going on a Short-Term Trip.

- 42. ***STM Preparation Kit*** – 36-page manual
- 43. Safety When Traveling Abroad – tips for staying out of trouble