

Resource Guide for Partnership

Congratulations on choosing a country to partner with to reach many with God's Good News! To influence that corner of the world and help your missionary more effectively, it helps to learn more about that country. These resources will help you learn customs, people groups and the languages they speak, the food they eat, what issues effect their day-to-day lives, how history has played a part in their receptiveness to God's word today, how the leadership of their country helps or hinders the church and the life of the Christian, and so on.

This document is designed to be a starting point.

Your first source of rapid information will be the internet. Most of the references in this guide are websites, though phone numbers and addresses are sometimes given. Many of the websites have multiple links to other sites. Some of them have information that dovetail with other sites. Think of yourself as a detective, seeking information. Click on links and see where they take you. Get curious. And always pray as you seek.

Many books are out there are helpful. Many could be found at Amazon.com or Christian Book Distributors. Two more staples for Mission related books are the William Carey Library and the World Christian News and Books. But there are valuable, unusual items that you will only find at one website. It is indicated where to find them. They are mostly items of a creative nature or specific to your country.

For each country a list of resources are specific to your area. China has a lot and only a few are mentioned here. The Balkans has very little available.

There may be resources around you. International students are at neighboring universities, as well as business professionals in local workplaces. Your public library often carries books about the cuisine of a country, regional travel guides, how to learn some languages, world music, world religions, etc. It has internet access if you don't have a computer at home.

There are some general suggestions about missions, how-to creatively share that with your church, though this guide primarily focuses on your connection with a specific country. A great website for sources of mission committees, mission conferences, short-term mission trips, etc. can be found at the ACMC website and the United States Center for World Mission

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