

How to begin researching your country

A. Research Demographics

The US government

<http://www.cia.gov/cia/publications/factbook/geos/xx.html> Extensive synopsis of each country.

Libraries of Congress Country Studies

<http://lcweb2.loc.gov/frd/cs/cshome.html>

Infoplease Website

<http://www.infoplease.com/countries.html>

Yahoo Education

<http://education.yahoo.com/reference/factbook/> Educational search engines have a wealth of information about your country of interest. Yahoo is excellent.

Population Reference Bureau

<http://www.prb.org/datafind/datafinder5.htm> Many statistics and links about your country.

Links to Worldwide Websites full of information

<http://www.gmi.org/ow/updates/website.html>

Look up your country in a regular encyclopedia.

B. Research the Spiritual background of the country

Window International Network

<http://www.win1040.com/index.cfm> A lot of information about the spiritual background of the country and prayer points. (Does not include Mexico and the Balkans as they aren't in the 10/40 Window) Go to "The 10/40 Window" then "Country Profiles" and "Country Leader's Profiles."

World Missions Atlas Project

<http://www.worldmap.org/> Christian History and Spiritual background, demographics and more!

Johnstone, Patrick and Mandryk, Jason. Operation World : a day-to-day guide to praying for the world. Send the Light Paternoster, 2001. 824p. This is also available in CD-ROM form, from <http://www.gmi.org/ow/> From **William Carey**

Otis, George, Jr. Strongholds of the 10/40 Window: intercessor's guide to the world's least evangelized countries. YWAM publishing, 1995. 278p. From **William Carey**

PERSECUTED CHURCH

The persecuted church and their Christians is part of the spiritual background you should do on your country. Many areas of the world have varying degrees of persecution of Christians. There are several websites that give excellent current information.

World Evangelical Alliance

<http://www.worldevangelical.org/persec.html>

On your browser, under edit, click “find.” Then punch in the name of your country. It will give you a recent article. Included are : China, Cambodia, and Mexico and Turkey.

This organization also sponsors the International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church. <http://www.idop.org/> It is usually in November. This website has a lot of information.

Voice of the Martyrs

<http://www.persecution.com/>

EKKLESIA.COM

<http://www.ekklesia.co.uk/>

Punch in your country in the search. Be sure to click first below the search box ekklesia.co.uk to stay within their website. You will find news articles on fairly recent religious news in your country.

C. Research the World Religion

International Students Incorporated

<http://www.isionline.org/freereligionprofiles.htm> World religion profiles. Check their other resources.

BBC World Religions Index

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/religion/religions/index.shtml>

1. You may find someone in your area that was from that background and then became a Christian. Get to know them, interview them for your church.
2. Buy books about that world religion.
3. Get to know an International Student from that country at a local college or university. Learn about them and their background.

D. Research People Groups in the region

You might not have targeted a specific people group in your country, yet you can learn a lot about the region by going to these websites. In fact, you will find volumes of information about demographics and world religion at some of them.

<http://www.peoplegroups.org/> This site has information about religion, language, etc.

<http://www.global-prayer-digest.org/> You can punch in a search for the country you are looking for. A great prayer digest, with a lot of information.

<http://www.joshuaproject.net/index.php> The “sources” button and “links” button have a wealth of information. If you are confused about terms related to Unreached People Groups, the “definitions” page may be helpful – or more confusing!!

E. Consider a Short-Term Mission Trip to target country

First step, pray. Talk with your church mission leadership. Contact Don Sappington.

Then, check out resources for Short term mission trips – Go to <http://www.uscwm.org/> Click on “Special Info for...” then “Mission Committees” then “Short-term Missions Trip.” There is a lot of information available.

Window International Network

<http://www.win1040.com/index.cfm> Information on a **prayer journey** to your country. Click on “Prayer Journeys.”

The Christian and Missionary Alliance Website

<http://www.cmalliance.org/index.jsp>

Click on “Resource Center” on the left bar

- Alliance Mission Fields
Click on portion of the world, and then the country, when entered, number of missionaries and churches, field goals, population, demographic profiles, etc.
- Approved Specials List
Special fund raising for each field.
- Country Maps
- Languages/Dialects
- Missionary Locator
May punch in name or country
- MK Schools
- Missions Mobilization Resources
- Overseas Statistics
On the Christian and Missionary Alliance overall
- World Flags
- World Peoples Photos

Click on “Partner Network” on the top bar

- Alliance Life Magazine Some articles from the world
- Alliance Women
Regarding women in outreach and prayer locally and worldwide.
- Called 2 Serve
For info and answers on serving God overseas.
- Christian Publication
Enter at search Missions (children) for several resources, Jaffray series.
- Global Ventures
For summer mission opportunities for College students

Click on Pray, Serve, or Give

Pray has requests organized by region and country

Serve has many options from Short Term missions to career missionary work

Give Outlines various ways to give

Key places to order books

Amazon.com Also offers used books which lowers the price.

<http://www.amazon.com/>

Caleb Project : 10 West Dry Creek Circle, Littleton CO 80120. (303) 730-4177. Creative resources to help Generation X reach the unreached peoples of the world.

<http://www.calebproject.org/>

Christian Book Distributors

<http://www.christianbook.com/>

Kregel Christian Books and Resources Used books so lower prices, out-of-print books.

<http://www.gospelcom.net/kregel/usedbooks/index.html>

Missionary Resources

<http://www.missionaryresources.org/>

Voice of the Martyrs

<http://www.persecution.com/>

William Carey Library Resource Catalog : US Center for World Mission, 1605 Elizabeth St. Pasadena CA 91104. 1-800-647-7466. All missions books, all discount rates.

<http://www.gospelcom.net/wclbooks/>

World Christian News and Books, PO Box 9208, Colorado Springs, CO 80932, USA
1 (719) 380-0507 YWAM ministry of information. Good prices.

<http://www.ywam.org/books/>

World Christian Missionary Resources

<http://www.missionaryresources.com/>

Books and Resources on China

Bold Believers in China. 40 page activity book for Children on the Persecuted Church in China. From Voice of the Martyrs. Click on “bookstore”. Type the title in the search. Chick on the book. <http://www.persecution.com/>

Chan, Kim-kwong and Yamamori, Tetsunao. Holistic Entrepreneurs in China. Pasadena : William Carey International University Press, 2002. 110p. Very practical guide about history, culture, economy and opportunities for Christians who want to work in China. From [William Carey](#), [WorldChristian.com](#)

Lim, David and Spaulding, Steve. Sharing Jesus in the Buddhist World. Pasadena: William Carey Library, 2003. 210 p. From [William Carey](#), [WorldChristian.com](#)

Hattaway, Paul. Back to Jerusalem : Three Chinese House Church Leaders Share Their Vision to Complete the Great Commission. Gabriel Publishing/Piquant, 2003. 196 p. Between these 3 church leaders, they have spent more than 40 years in prison for their faith. From [William Carey](#), [WorldChristian.com](#)

Hattaway, Paul. Operation China. Piquant, 2001. 700 p. Background of China, People Groups, maps, prayer points. Etc. Also in CD-ROM version. From [William Carey](#), [WorldChristian.com](#)

Hattaway, Paul. Peoples of the Buddhist World : A Christian Prayer Guide. Pasadena: William Carey Library, 2004. From [William Carey](#), [WorldChristian.com](#)

Phillips, Tom and Bob Norsworthy. The World at your door : reaching international Students in Your Home, Church and School. Bethany House, 1997. 240p. There’s a section here about Chinese students, very good on their cultural orientation. From [William Carey](#), [WorldChristian.com](#)

Yeo, K.K. Chairman Mao meets the Apostle Paul : Christianity Communism and the hope in China. Baker, 2002, 208 p. About Maoism vs the Gospel in China and the Chinese church. From [CBD](#)

VIDEO – China Cry. About a young Chinese woman’s dramatic salvation story. 103 minutes. Available in DVD or Video. From [CBD](#)

There are quite a few videos sold by William Carey Library and WorldChristian.com about China, but they are for specific people groups and regions. Go to their website and punch China in the search. <http://www.gospelcom.net/wclbooks/>
<http://www.ywam.org/books/>

There are many, many books available about famous missionaries to China. Hudson Taylor, Johnathan GoForth, Lottie Moon, Eric Liddel, etc.

The following titles of C&MA missionary biographies from the Jaffray Series are available from Christian Publications: <http://www.christianpublications.com/>

Giants Walked Among Us #28. Paul and Ina Bartell

Hearbeat For the World # 22. Gustave and Pauline Woerner

Let my People Go. #1. R.A. Jaffray

Pearl and the Dragon. #17.

To China and Back #4. Anthony and Evelyn Bollback

Don't forget to check out Chinese cookbooks and Chinese music online and at your local library.

Books and Resources on Thailand

Thailand. Chelsea Book Publishers, 1999. About the culture, history, travel, Buddhism in Thailand, etc. Educational Resource. From [CBD](#)

Hattaway, Paul. Peoples of the Buddhist World : A Christian Prayer Guide. Pasadena: William Carey Library, 2004. From [William Carey](#), [WorldChristian.com](#)

Filbeck, David. Yes, God of the Gentiles too. Billy Graham Center, 1994. 228 p. Missionary's experience in Thailand with intriguing questions and responses. From [William Carey](#)

McGregor, Robert and Toews, Bea. Success Secrets to Maximize Business in Thailand. Graphic Arts Center, 2000. 240 p. From [WorldChristian.com](#)

Sahlberg, Corrine. Please Leave Your Shoes at the Door. Christian Publications, 1992. Missionary Biography from C&MA missionary to Thailand. From [Christian Publications](#), [CBD](#)

VIDEO – Bangkok International Church - Thailand. Alliance Video Magazine. Vol 13. No. 2, 1999. <http://www.cmalliance.org/resources/av/avm/avm.jsp>

Don't forget to check out Thai cookbooks and Thai music online and at your local library.

Books and Resources on Cambodia

Cambodia. Chelsea Book Publishers, 1997. About the culture, history, travel, religion in Cambodia, etc. Educational Resource. From [CBD](#)

Cormack, Don. Killing Fields, Living Fields. Kregal Publications, 2001. 464 p. About the Cambodian Church and strategic leaders through the years, especially about the last 20 years. From [CBD](#)

Ens, Marie. A Time for Mercy. Christian Publications, 1978. About a C&MA missionary to Cambodia. Touching stories of God's love to the people. From [Christian Publications](#), [CBD](#)

Ens, Marie. Journey to Joy. Christian Publications, 1994. About a C&MA missionary to Cambodia. From [Christian Publications](#), [CBD](#)

Sloggett, Brenda. A Voice in the Night: Mission Work with the People of Cambodia and Vietnam. Christian Focus Public, 2000. 256 p. From [CBD](#)

Taylor, Harry and Miriam. Edge of Conflict: Missionary Portrait. Christian Publications. 206 p. About a C&MA missionary to Cambodia. From [Christian Publications](#), [CBD](#)

VIDEO - Global Countdown 2000 – Cambodia. Global Adopt-a-People Campaign, 1995. Great video about the spiritual history and the work in that country. From [William Carey](#)

VIDEO - The Khmer of Cambodia. Procla-Media Productions. Video of 9 minutes. From [William Carey](#), [WorldChristian.com](#)

VIDEO – The Journey Home – Cambodia. Alliance Video Magazine. Vol 14. No. 1, 2000. <http://www.cmalliance.org/resources/av/avm/avm.jsp>

VIDEO – Cell Church Ministry – Cambodia. Out of Darkness - Cambodia Alliance Video Magazine. Vol 13. No. 2, 1999. <http://www.cmalliance.org/resources/av/avm/avm.jsp>

VIDEO – New Hope – Cambodia. Alliance Video Magazine. Vol 18. No. 1, 2004. <http://www.cmalliance.org/resources/av/avm/avm.jsp>

Don't forget to check out Cambodian cookbooks and Cambodian music online and at your local library.

Books and Resources on the Balkans

Mazoer, Mark. The Balkans : a short history. Random House, Inc. 2000. 144 p. History to the present. Not a Christian book, but still useful. From **CBD**

Manuel, David. Bosnia : Hope in the ashes. Paraclete Press, 1997. From **CBD**.

Rowell, John. Magnify your vision for the small church. Atlanta : Northside Community Church, 1998. 387p. How a small church influenced mission work in Bosnia by sending short-term mission teams. From **ACMC**

VIDEO – Rebuilding Sarajevo - Bosnia. Alliance Video Magazine. Vol 13. No. 1, 1999. <http://www.cmalliance.org/resources/av/avm/avm.jsp>

VIDEO – The Spoils of War - Bosnia. Rebuilding a church – Bosnia. Alliance Video Magazine. Vol 12. No. 2, 1998. <http://www.cmalliance.org/resources/av/avm/avm.jsp>

Don't forget to check out Balkan cookbooks and Bulgarian music online and at your local library.

Forristal, Linda and Eisenabart, Angela. Bulgarian Rhapsody: the best of Bulkan Cuisine. Sunrise Pine Pr, 1998. 152 p. Amazon.com

Books and Resources on Turkey

Bold Believers in Turkey. 40 page activity book for Children on the Persecuted Church in Turkey. From Voice of the Martyrs. Click on “bookstore”. Type the title in the search. Click on the book. <http://www.persecution.com/>

Turkey. Chelsea Book Publishers, 1999. About the culture, history, travel, religion in Turkey, etc. Educational Resource. From **CBD**

Gustaveson, David. Lost Diary, the. Reel Kids Adventures. YWAM Publishing, 1994. Fictional short-term mission story taking place in Turkey. Ideal for children and teens. From WorldChristian.com

Jackson, Andrew. Lost Land of the Bible. World Christian News, 2003. Historical look at the Apostle Paul in Turkey, Modern Day Turkey and missions, prayer points, travel itineraries for Turkey travel. From WorldChristian.com

Mallouhi, Christine. Waging Peace on Islam. Downers Grove : Intervarsity press. 2002. 348 p. Gives history, insight and personal experience living in a Muslim family to reach them with the Gospel. From [William Carey](http://WilliamCarey.com), WorldChristian.com

Settle, Mary Lee. Turkish Reflections: A biography of a place. Simon and Schuster Trade Sales, 1992. 233 p. About the land, the culture, the history. From **CBD**

VIDEO - Turk Kids (Muslim) Video and Curriculum Set, 1998. 7:15 mins, 37 p. From <http://www.calebproject.org/store> See website for more videos for adults as well.

Don't forget to check out Turkish cookbooks and Turkish music online and at your local library.

Books and Resources on Mexico

Mexico. Chelsea Book Publishers, 1997. 48 p. About the culture, history, fiesta in Mexico, etc. Educational Resource. From [CBD](#)

Cahn, Peter. All religions are good in Tzintzantun: Evangelicals in Catholic Mexico. University of Texas Press, 2003. 240 p. Not from a Christian source, but has excellent information. Fascinating. From Amazon.com

Lawrence, Carl and Rule, Benjamin. The Cross and the Sword: the rebellion and revolution in Chiapas Mexico. Shannon Publishers, 1999. 255 p. From [William Carey, WorldChristian.com](#)

Milord, Susan. Mexico! 40 Activities to experience Mexico past and present. Ideal Publications, 1999. 96 p. From [CBD](#)

O'Halloran, Kate. Hands-on Culture of Mexico and Central America. Walch Publishing, 2002. Activities and awareness building of Mexico – geared for grades 4-6. From [CBD](#)

VIDEO – Good Seed. Vision Video, 1987. A story of the change Christianity made on a village in Mexico. From [CBD](#)

VIDEO – Global Countdown 2000, Mexico. 1994. From [William Carey](#).

CBD has a lot of resources on Mexico and hands on activities.

Don't forget to check out Mexican cookbooks and Mexican music online and at your local library.

Curriculum for Children

Dueck, Gerry and Burley, Dale. Adopt-a-People for Kids: Kids for the World. US Center for World Missions, 2000. 80 p. Curriculum and Student Manual with 10 flexible lessons. An interesting note is that Gerry Dueck lives in Southern California, and Dale Burley is a member of a C&MA church in Atlanta. From [William Carey](#)

Sjogren, Debbie. Teacher's Manual: Explore and More! A 13 week step-by-step curriculum that can target any country to own the vision to care about that people. From [ACMC](#).