

Acts - Adopting a Country – Now What?

As we study the rest of the book of Acts, we are asking each of you to adopt a country as a part of our challenge to carry out Jesus' words in Acts 1:8. This adoption is to help us with a more active engagement with the scriptures.

Once you have selected a country, what does that "adoption" really mean? Let us offer a few suggestions below, and we welcome other suggestions.

1. Get to know the country. Be "on the look out" for current events/headlines for that country. Also, the CIA World Factbook offers good general information on countries, and Operation World offers good information on countries from a Christian perspective.
2. PRAY for your country, for the lost and the Christians there. Operation World has some prayer suggestions for each country. Current events from #1 above may also provide ideas for prayer focus.
3. If you have connections with persons or an organization in your country, continue those connections over the next four months. If you don't have those connections, seek them out.
4. Seek and be open to ways to interact and share with someone from that country here in the US. In your everyday life, look for encounters with someone from that country. The Jesus Film offers the Gospel of Luke in video form in over 1200 languages (downloadable for free via smartphone app or your PC).
5. Look for, and interact with, relatives and friends who work in or minister to that country. Ask them about prayer requests and specific individuals you can pray for.
6. "Catch all." Be open to God's leading for other ways that you can interact with that country and individuals from that country.

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