

Acts - Adopting a Country

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.

How you decide what to select? It may be a country you have lived in or visited. It may be a country that family or friends are or have been involved with. Or it may be for some other reason the Lord has placed that country on your heart.

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 (Attachment 1) offers good general information on countries, and Operation World (Attachment 2) 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
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. Be open to ways to interact and share with someone from that country here in the US. The Jesus Film offers the Gospel of Luke in video form in over 1200 languages (downloadable for free). See Attachment 3 for information on how to access the Jesus Film in languages for your country.
5. Be open to God's leading for other ways that you can interact with that country and individuals from that country.

Please note that this activity is **NOT** a solicitation or suggestion for financial support for any organization, and it is **NOT** intended to promote any particular organization over another.

The World Factbook

ATTACHMENT 1

Go to: <https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/>

Once at the web page (see below), use the pull-down menu for “Please select a country to view” (see Red Arrow) to find your Country link. When you click on the Country link, be sure to use the  “buttons” to expand the information on your country.



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The World Factbook provides information on the history, people, government, economy, geography, communications, transportation, military, and transnational issues for 267 world entities. Our Reference tab includes: maps of the major world regions, as well as Flags of the World, a Physical Map of the World, a Political Map of the World, a World Oceans map, and a Standard Time Zones of the World map.

SELECT A REGION OR CONTINENT

REGIONAL AND WORLD MAPS
FLAGS OF THE WORLD
GUIDE TO COUNTRY COMPARISONS
THE WORLD FACTBOOK USER GUIDE

WHAT'S NEW :: Today is: Sunday, August 24

August 15, 2014
What country has the highest life expectancy in the world? Under the References tab go to the Guide to Country Comparisons and click on the People and Society category and find the "Life expectancy at birth" entry. One more click will give you the answer.

July 10, 2014
Can you name the largest country in Central America - which also contains the largest freshwater lake in Central America? Check the Regional and World Maps under the References tab to find the answer.

June 26, 2014
There are dozens of monarchies scattered about the globe, but only one of them falls in the Pacific region (Oceania). Can you name this archipelagic country? Hint: It lies in western Polynesia and was formerly referred to as the Friendly Islands. Its capital is Nuku'alofa, which translates as "the shade of love."

VIEW ALL UPDATES

Operation World

Go to: <http://www.operationworld.org/>

Once at the web page (see below), use one of the “Country List(s)” links (see Red Arrows) to find your Country link. When you click on the Country link, be sure to scroll down to the “More Information” link, and click on it, to expand the information on your country.

The screenshot shows the Operation World website interface. At the top left is the logo "OPERATION WORLD" with the tagline "the definitive prayer guide to every nation". To the right are social media icons for Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, and Email. Below the logo is a navigation bar with links for "PRAYER MOVEMENT", "COUNTRY LISTS", "ABOUT OW", and "STORE". A red arrow points to the "COUNTRY LISTS" link, which is circled in red. Below the navigation bar is a banner for "PRAY today" with the text "pray through the nations" and a background image of three smiling children. Below the banner is a "FEATURED nation" section for Mali, showing the flag, the name "Mali", and statistics: "Peoples 62; 60% Unreached", "Languages 60", and "Christian 2.64%". At the bottom is a "FEATURED video" section with a video player showing two men, Jason Mandryk and Patrick Johnstone, and a caption: "Jason Mandryk and Patrick Johnstone talk about the origin and development of Operation World." To the right of the video player is a "SEARCH" bar and a "COUNTRY LIST" button, both circled in red with a red arrow pointing to them.

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- > Join the Prayer Movement
- > Pray for the World
- > What People are Saying
- > The Store @ IVPpress

Purchase all Operation World products here: The book, CD-ROM, book/CD-ROM combo pack, DVD-ROM, and wall map.

PRAY today
pray through the nations

FEATURED nation | Country Profile | Prayer Information

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FEATURED video

Jason Mandryk and Patrick Johnstone talk about the origin and development of Operation World.

AROUND the World
SELECT. LEARN. PRAY.

SEARCH
COUNTRY LIST

Country Language – The Jesus Film

Go to: <http://jesusfilmmedia.org/>

Once at the web page (see below), click the “Languages” link (see Red Arrow) to bring up a map. Follow the instructions to locate your country and then the languages for that country that the Jesus Film has been translated into. You can even download the film in that language. If you have a smart phone, you can download the Jesus Film Media app (for free) from the Google Play or iPhone app store to give you that same capability.

The screenshot shows the Jesus Film Media website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for 'ABOUT', 'BLOG', and 'HOW IT WORKS', along with a search bar for 'Search Videos or Language'. The main content area features a video player for 'The Prize: Under Pressure' (28 mins) in English. Below the video player, there are social media sharing icons (Facebook, Twitter, Email, Download, and Full Screen). A red arrow points to the 'Languages' link in the navigation bar, which is also circled in red. Below the 'Languages' link, there is a section titled 'Click on a Location' with instructions on how to use the map. The map shows the world with a red dot indicating the current location. To the right of the map, there are sections for 'Tom and the Bus Driver', 'Short Films in Taiwan', and 'Changing A Family'.

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The Prize: Under Pressure 28 mins ENGLISH

the prize
UNDER PRESSURE

The story of how six football heroes have followed the ball to the ultimate prize – and new life. This film features personal journeys of Kaka of Brazil, Enoch of Cameroon, Mlunga of Zambia, Brad Guzan of the United States, and Cacua of

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Click on a Location
The world is a big place and finding what you're looking for can be a challenge. We've made it simple—just click on the map and see what's available in any given location. Start by clicking a continent on the map.

Map List

Tom and the Bus Driver
Tom was riding the shuttle bus at the hotel at a conference and driver where he was from. He told Tom he was from Kenya and asked him what language he spoke - he said LUO. So Tom...

Short Films in Taiwan
Watch this video to see how short films are being used to share with students in Taiwan.

Changing A Family
Cheeia, a Hmong-American student in Wisconsin, shares Jesus' entire family in their heart language using the JESUS Film online her story here.

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