

Questions to get you Thinking and Praying.

Field entry and planning.

A. Two Key Questions

Key Question 1.

What do you believe God wants to do among your focus people/place?

- This is your End Vision – the Big Picture result you believe God wants to do.

What would things look like if your focus people received the gospel and movements started and reached throughout ALL your focus people/place? Write this down.

- Be descriptive: imagine the characteristics and dynamics of new believers meeting, multiplying in home-based fellowships or other culturally appropriate patterns.
- Describe this as an End Vision statement. Be realistic, not idealistic or theological.
- Try several or more versions until you feel you are beginning to describe what God wants to do in your focus location.

Key Question 2.

What need to be done (activities) to initiate and achieve this End Vision/ Big Picture?

- This is the content of your plan – things you and others will do.

What things/activities must happen to get from NOW, to the point the End Vision/ Big Picture becomes a reality in Christ?

- These activities will happen both off the field and on the field.
- The preparation of your plan is a spiritual process, not mere thought. Pray often and wait on the Lord.
- Your plan is to help you cooperate with the Lord and others in what He is already doing in your focus people/place!
- Use the following pages and the 1-6-4 Planning and Mentoring Tool.

In summary

“What needs to be done to see this End Vision happen” **is different from** the question “What could I or my team do in this location or what could our ministry do?”

- “What needs to be done” or “what can I do”?

Think bigger than your own personal or team capacity, or the resources you have now!

B. Location Profile

Spiritual insight

Describe any spiritual revelation or insight that God may have given you or others concerning your focus people/place.

Statistics and Data

1. Where
2. Population
3. What People group(s)
4. Lost and saved (key data)
 - % believers and roughly where?
Are they a majority ethnic peoples or a minority group?
 - % **other? Lostness**
5. Religious status
6. Social condition - any rapid societal changes?
7. Needs within communities. Look below the surface and obvious needs.
8. Current status in relation to the gospel?
 - Historically resistant to the gospel (or is it how the gospel has been presented)?
 - Ever had gospel messengers?
 - Open to certain types of messengers?
 - Are there any Bible or other resources in the language of your focus people?
 - Are there believers currently living among your focus people?
What is their status?
9. Number of towns, suburbs, districts, villages, areas etc.
These are really important statistics, see below.

C. Field Entry Strategies to Key Places - Pray and Go

Entry Strategies will need to be clear about WHERE and WHAT.

Study and use maps to help impart vision to others and guide activities.

WHERE to Go

Characteristics of Key Places

- Divide the task into priority key places. Acts 16:12, 19:8-10, Paul went to key places.
- Places that God is showing you through prayer and research.
- A place where Holy Spirit is very clearly at work in peoples' lives.
- Places where field harvesters can best get employment or regularly visit.
- Places where people come to mix. Where men, women or children meet.
- Places where transport routes meet.
- Towns on bus routes. Key towns on rivers and sea channels, ports.
- Places where local trade and commerce takes place.
- A cultural center where people come for festivals, etc.
- Places where government offices are located.
- Any combination of the above.

What are the names and location of your priority Key Places?

- Map the above. But please do NOT get lost in mapping, thinking it is "the solution" to getting started, or somehow it gives you more spiritual authority.
- Mapping is about the lost, where they live and how to access them!

WHAT are the Entry Strategies to these Key Places?

Be a learner about your focus area - it will help you develop Entry Strategies.

Consider things such as:

- Just turn up and start sharing with whoever you meet (often most effective!).
- Community projects
- Employment
- Business
- Education
- NGOs
- Short-term and Long-term activities
- Other
- What about security issues?

What will be the **connection between** projects and sharing the Good News/Discipleship?