



# Diaspora & Short-Term Mission

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# diaspora

**outcast**

**scattered**

**removed**

**driven out**

**remnant**

**dispersed**

**exiled**

**preserved**

**horrified**

**banished**

“any religious or racial minority living within the territory of another religious or political society.” – *Scattered*, 2004



# biblical diasporas

# contemporary diasporas



**232 million  
international  
migrants**

# highest & lowest level of annual net migration

## Net Emigration Countries

1. Bangladesh
2. Mexico
3. India
4. China
5. Pakistan
6. Philippines
7. Myanmar
8. Viet Nam
9. Zimbabwe
10. Nepal

## Net Immigration Countries

1. USA
2. Spain
3. United Arab Emirates
4. Russian Federation
5. Italy
6. South Africa
7. Saudi Arabia
8. Canada
9. UK
10. Australia

## Unreached / Least Reached People Groups

“... people group among which there is no indigenous community of believing Christians with adequate numbers and resources to evangelize this people group.” — [joshuaproject.net](http://joshuaproject.net)

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**5 million  
international  
students**



**Fig. 1** Refugee population under UNHCR's mandate | 1990 - 2015\*



Source: [www.unhcr.org](http://www.unhcr.org)  
<http://www.unhcr.org/56701b969.html>

**15.1 million  
refugees**

- Deuteronomy 10:19
- Leviticus 19:34
- Exodus 22:21

“And you are to **love** those who are foreigners, for you yourselves were foreigners in Egypt.” – Deuteronomy 10:19

“The foreigner residing among you must be treated as your native-born. **Love** them as yourself, for you were foreigners in Egypt. I am the LORD your God.” – Lev. 19:34

“Do not mistreat or oppress a foreigner, for you were foreigners in Egypt.” – Exodus 22:21

# short-term mission

- What are some of the opportunities you can think of in your area or beyond to reach out to diaspora peoples?
- Brainstorm and share ideas of how you can be reaching out to them in mission or through short-term mission.

- Country & Location
- Focus Group
- Team Size
- Requirements
- Role / Ministry

**Country** – United Kingdom

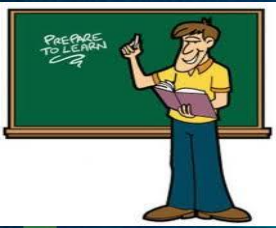
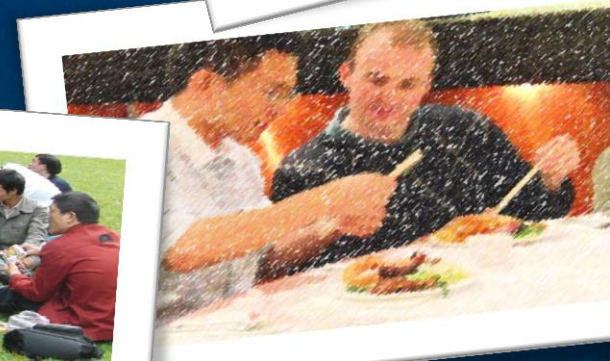
**Focus Group** – Mainland Chinese Students, visiting scholars, professors.

**Size** - Team of 4 to 6

**Requirements** - Able to speak English and a desire to reach the Chinese. Over 24.

**Role** - Assist missionaries in running a English teaching club.

**Location** – Manchester, UK



# Canada

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**Country** – Canada

**Location** - Vancouver, Toronto, and Victoria

**Focus Group** - Japanese young people visiting Canada between 2 weeks - 1 year (language students and working holiday)

**Size** - Team of 2 to 4

**Requirements** – Have a clear call to reach Japanese and to have basic conversational ability of Japanese

**Role** – Assist Local Church who are having ESL class and the one who are willing to start ESL class (Vancouver)

Assist Local Church who are having ESL class and also Japanese church (Victoria)

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# Africa

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# Africa

**Country** – Kenya

**Location** – Nairobi, Kenya

**Focus Group** – Mainland Chinese Business people, shop keepers

**Size** - Team of 4 to 6

**Requirements** - Able to speak English, Mandarin or Swahili and a desire to reach the Chinese. Over 21.

**Role** - Assist missionaries in reaching out to local Chinese in partnership with the Local church.

**... the thing  
with short-term mission...**

## short-term mission with long-term vision

- Partnership
- Mission Mobilization
- Church



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## short-term mission as mission discipleship

- disciple as you go, go as you disciple
- effective mobilization



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## opportunities at your doorstep

- obedience & commitment



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**Move In**



**Diaspora** returnee  
ministries



Will they hear the  
**GOSPEL**  
in their lifetime?

How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? – **Romans 10:14**