

## NOTES:

# Short-Term Health Care Teams Collaborating with Indigenous Workers

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### Introduction

- Live Chat Login, Pre-recorded Session
  - **Have you ever been part of a STHCT? (Where & When)**
  - **What are you hoping to get out of this session today?**

- Session Objectives:

*Philippians 2:5-8 (HCSB): Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.*

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## **“The Way of the Cross”: Short Term Health Care Teams**

- Lay down your \_\_\_\_\_ to focus on the bigger goal: advancement of the Gospel in which we play a small part of a bigger picture.
- Value the \_\_\_\_\_ and their contributions, sacrifice & their vision for the ministry.
- Prioritize \_\_\_\_\_ & relationships over task, efficiency, time, outputs, productivity.
- \_\_\_\_\_ to & \_\_\_\_\_ the Indigenous Workers in matters of problem solving, local relationships, cultural issues and anything not out of line with the Gospel. How we treat the indigenous workers in front of others *will impact them long after we leave*.
- Be open to \_\_\_\_\_ for growth and learning, especially in cross-cultural settings.

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## **Lay Down Your Personal Goals**

- Investigate the spiritual history in the place we are going to understand the bigger picture:
  - When did the Gospel first come to this place? How did it happen?
  - What is the vision that God has given you?
  - How have you been working toward your vision and what is our team adding to your strategy?

- Story of our Arrival:

- **What do you think of “unwinding our misconceptions”? Has this ever happened to you?**
- **What is the value of being intentional of our “unwinding” in the beginning season of ministry?**

- Story of our Bigger Picture:

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### **“Open Doors” Access Strategy for Short-Term Health Care Teams**

- Purpose: To \_\_\_\_\_ for Gospel advancement in closed areas by meeting a felt need for health care.
- Three-way partnership between the Indigenous Workers, STHCT & Long-term worker.
- Desired outcome: An invitation to \_\_\_\_\_ for the indigenous workers.

- *Isaiah 55:8 (ESV): “For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways,” declares the Lord.*

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## **Know the Value of the Indigenous Worker**

- Value of the Indigenous Workers:

- Value of STHCTs:

- **What do you think of this picture of the value of the indigenous workers and the value of the short-term health care team?**
- **Any other values come to mind?**

### **Table 1. “Open Doors” Access Strategy: Key Components by Partner**

- *The Indigenous Workers should be the main community interface with the STHC team acting as a support toward the long-term goal of Gospel advancement, with the short term goal of procuring and invitation for the IW to return for follow up in the following weeks.*
- The Long-Term Worker is not necessary, but can act as a bridge to smooth communications, improved cross-cultural understanding, mutual punching bag, long-term encouragement of the IWs and equipping of STHCT, smooth the process, and promote the overarching strategy and goals.

|                     | Short-Term Health Care Teams   | Indigenous Workers  | Long-term Workers   |
|---------------------|--|---|---|
| Team Size & Make up | 2 MD, 1 RN, 1 Pharm<br>2 MD, 1 RN, 1 EYE<br>2 RNP, 1 PT, 1 EYE             | 2 Triage, 1 PX<br>1 Translator,<br>2-3 CHDentalW<br>3-5 Security, CommR                         | 2 Translators<br>1 Clinic Manager &<br>"Fixer"  |
| Community Relations | 125-175 Px total/day<br>200 Eyeglasses<br><br>=500-1000 Px served          | 300-500 Interactions/<br>day<br>Government relations<br>Community Trust<br>Invitation to return | Prayer & Gospel<br>Sharing<br>Referral to Indigenous<br>Workers                       |
| Next Steps          | Go Home<br>Pray<br>Mobilize/ Support                                       | Launch Community<br>Center<br>Cell Church<br>Multiplying Church<br>Plant                        | Ongoing<br>encouragement and<br>partnership<br>development with IW<br>PRAYER STRATEGY |
| <b>Outcomes</b>     | <b>Open door for IW in<br/>new community<br/>Prayer &amp; Mobilization</b> | <b>Church Planting<br/>Movement<br/>Gospel Advancement</b>                                      | <b>Encouraged &amp;<br/>equipped Indigenous<br/>Partner</b>                           |

- Upgrades over 10 years:

## **Prioritize People and Relationships**

- More Upgrades (in light of these priorities):

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## **Submit to & Respect the Indigenous Workers**

- *Eph 5:21 (ESV) : ...submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ.*
- Submit in matters of problem solving, local relationships, cultural issues and anything not out of line with the Gospel or which violate your personal convictions.

- Story of the SSSS Baby:

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## **Be Open to Correction**

- See gentle rebukes in love as valuable in your servanthood and for growth.
  
- Story of Mark's Team

- **What do you think when you hear Mark's story and the "Open Doors" Access Strategy that was used?**

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## **Take Action**

- Choose the "Way of the Cross" for Gospel advancement in the moments of tension on a trip, and in the overarching goals:
  - Empty yourself and choose love and sacrifice
  - Remember the sacrifice our indigenous brothers and sisters have made
  - Consider the value of the long-term ministry God has entrusted to them and our small role in the bigger story

- Look ahead to what God will do & celebrate the expression of the global Church family in these kinds of partnerships
- Know that your encouragement of, presence with and prayers for the indigenous workers can be your best contributions.
- Serve as a “key” in opening doors in these tough places

- “The Way of the Cross” 5 Keys can apply to any collaboration with indigenous workers
- **Follow-up Live Discussion in a few weeks - email [kp47asia@gmail.com](mailto:kp47asia@gmail.com) to participate**
- Live Chat Discussion immediately following:
  - **What do you think when you hear Mark’s story and the “Open Doors” Access Strategy that was used?**
  - **What do you think of this model?**
  - **How can we work towards sharpening our movement of short-term health care teams collaborating with indigeneous workers.**
- Next Step: Choose 2 of the 5 keys to investigate further through reflection, learning & growth.