

## Leaders for Host Church

Below is a list of leaders for your church's Celebrate Jesus Mission. Feel free to add other coordinators and/or committees needed by your particular church.

### **Key Leader:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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### **Hospitality Coordinator:**

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### **Prayer Coordinator:**

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# CELEBRATE JESUS MISSION

## Follow-Through Coordinator Guidebook

### INTRODUCTION

Welcome! It's wonderful to have you as part of the Celebrate Jesus family! We look forward to working and praying with you during the upcoming months for the success of your mission. As you already know, prayer is essential to the effectiveness of your mission.

We have put this booklet together to offer you ways to help new folks feel "at home" in your fellowship as well as ways to keep the momentum going for those who already enjoy being part of your church family.

Realistically, you may not receive any new members right away, but it is important to be ready for God's blessings, whenever and however they may come.

First and foremost, we want to encourage your church family to focus on relationships. ANTICIPATE the needs of your community, physical as well as spiritual. Anticipate the needs that you as a church can meet in ways that say to your community "we care about you!"



As the mission develops, try to see the needs of your neighbors. Look at mission through the eyes of the unchurched in your community. How would you, as an unchurched person, respond to what the church is offering? After all, are we not all beggars telling other beggars where to find bread? Let your neighbors see the Jesus in you who recognizes THEIR need!

**Though the title, Follow-Through Coordinator, implies work done at the end of the mission, it must begin early. Actually, the Follow-Through Vision should be in place first and then your mission is built around that vision.**

Follow-Through is where the "rubber meets the road". It is the "proof of the pudding". It is the "gel" in the jello. Follow-Through cannot be faked. It is where love takes on action. Follow-Through is made up of a core of Kingdom Builders, Christ Followers in action. "For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do." (Ephesians 2:10)

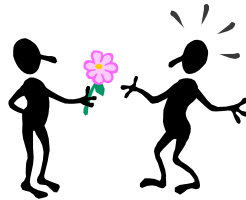
Prayer for direction and clarity is a must! Follow-Through can only be implemented by the enabling of the Holy Spirit.

What new outgrowths of ministry is your church willing to offer the community? In what ways can your church show your neighbors that you really care?

## FOLLOW-THROUGH COORDINATOR JOB DESCRIPTION

Find volunteers who have a steadfast spirit to help you. Prior to mission your job is to help the planning team think strategically about:

- ☞ How to develop relationships with neighbors contacted during the mission week.
- ☞ How to become invitational to your neighbors.
- ☞ How to establish a process to disciple and incorporate newcomers into the church family.
- ☞ How to find ways to continue the momentum after mission.
- ☞ Attend the Celebrate Jesus workshop on Follow-through and bring your team.



A Celebrate Jesus Mission was never intended to be a program or a one-week event. It is our desire that your mission will become a catalyst for ongoing ways to reach the lost in your community.

From a survey taken from the book Kicking Habits by Thomas Bandy, of the “Top 20 Shocking Truths Thriving Churches have Learned”, do you agree or disagree that:

**“Good enough” is just not good enough** - Consider: God expects every Christian to be on a constant crusade for excellence. Training one’s God-given gifts to a high standard of performance is both fulfilling and effective.

**God and the Holy Spirit are not enough for the coffee shop public** - Consider: Christ is that revelation of the Trinity which directly addresses transformation. The church best engages the public when they talk about their experience of Jesus Christ.

**When it comes to mission, if you can say it all with words you’ve missed the point!** - Consider: Motivating Visions are always a “song in the heart.” They are best shared without words, to get the blood of church participants and total strangers pounding.

**Church membership is unimportant** - Consider: Participation in any aspect of congregational life and mission is everything. Hands-on mission work is more meaningful than mere belonging.

**Sunday school is no longer the cornerstone of Christian education** - Consider: Small groups are the cornerstone of Christian education. Groups in any configuration, including meeting during the week in homes, promote Christian growth.

## NOTES

## A FEW FINAL WORDS....

Finding ways to help your church family “play” together as well as pray together is important. Successful churches not only study God’s Word and learn ways of building relationship with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, but they continually seek ways to play and laugh and fellowship together. They become not just a church family, but real friends! Help your church become active in inviting others to join in your discipling as well as in your fun.

How about a progressive dinner, a “once a month” gourmet dinner group, an afternoon bridge group, a game night at church, a super bowl party....Continuing to offer small groups, offering networking, teaching banner making, prayer groups, family picnics, weekend camp-outs, Bible classes, Stephen Ministry, drama groups, discipling, mentoring, are all possible ways to grow spiritually as well as nurture relationships.

For your new friends, how about one-on-one discipling, invitations into your homes, shopping, golfing, tennis, fishing, a simple telephone call, a surprise cake delivery, a neighborhood coffee or tea time, a night at the movies, an invitation to worship together. Casual chats about how Jesus has made a difference in your life, your marriage, and your home will encourage and bless others.

A Follow-Through Coordinator gets to be “Activities Chairperson” for the whole church! What an exciting opportunity to allow God’s light into the hearts and souls of the people! To make friends of God’s children affords us the opportunity to model Christ and eventually to offer Christ.

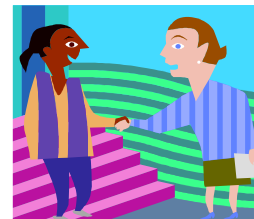
One Host Church formed a group they named the “Steeple People”. They were purposely “invitational”. They planned fun activities for the church family and took seriously the need to include new members and visitors (and even some church members who had been away for a while) in their activities. Studying, praying and playing together gives life to relationships. Let’s get started!!!

# FRIENDSHIP EVANGELISM

## KINGDOM WORK

### BEFORE MISSION

1. Be a full participant on the Celebrate Jesus church planning team. Keep focused on your church’s vision as you develop your Planning Tool. Pray! Pray! Pray!
2. Attend the Celebrate Jesus workshop on Follow-Through and bring your team with you. It is a great time to ask questions.
3. Identify the face of your community and your mission field. What does your community look like? How you respond to the community should be fashioned after WHO the people are.
  - a) For example: Are the people older? Younger? Are they Hispanic, African American, recent immigrants? What language(s) do they speak? (Reason: What good would it do for your church to offer a youth soccer club in a neighborhood of retirees?)
  - b) Does your church have the same face as its neighborhood? Is your church neighborhood different from your church family in its ethnicity, language, etc? Current demographic information on your neighborhood is extremely helpful. Our office can help you obtain a free report from MissionInsite. Check out their website at [www.missioninsite.org](http://www.missioninsite.org) and then contact our office to receive your church’s username and password if you are interested in receiving a report from them.
4. Pray for the mission vision God desires for your church. Hear it, write it, live it. The opportunity is there - what are you going to do with it?
5. Pray for ways for your church to implement follow-through: include, integrate, welcome, befriend, serve, help, pray, nurture, teach, disciple, care, visit, feed, drive, encourage, love, etc.
6. Develop ways to gather information during mission week. Your church has the potential to reach a large number of first-time contacts (anywhere from 100 to 5,000). It is critically important to establish a database for these neighbors. Some ideas:
  - a) Prayer/Contact cards - develop a simple contact card (aka “prayer card”) your church and the mission team can use throughout the mission week. This card should include space for a person’s name, address, phone number and email address. Make sure these names and addresses are available immediately so people in the church can begin making contacts and building relationships. There also should be a place on the card for the person’s prayer requests. (See page 8 for examples)
  - b) Door prize giveaway - At the block party have all visitors sign in for a food ticket, door prize and name tags. Find a friendly way to register visitors during mission week activities.



7. Door hangers – Pre-printed materials with church information and activities which can be fitted into a door hanger bag (include your gift). Even a message can be printed: “Hi we came by to visit and invite you to a free neighborhood block party to be held at (church name and location with a map) on (date and time). Tell them about some of the free things you will be offering. “Please come join us! Everything is free!”



## DURING MISSION

Many churches have begun active Follow-Through DURING the actual week of mission. When obvious needs surface during visitation or prayer time with someone in the community it is helpful to the relationship to quickly respond in a tangible way. For example:

- Someone relates a need .....
  - For groceries
  - To be taken to the doctor
  - To have their grass cut
  - For child care during an appointment
  - For a meal to be cooked as they have just come from the hospital



These things are do-able....immediately. They speak loud and clear that we are serious about loving and caring for our neighbors.

- One church sent a team to pray for someone in the hospital during mission week.
- Another helped arrange a meeting for a family who had been separated for a time.
- Another pitched in and helped put together a much-needed nursery room.

The gospel can be offered in many ways...Jesus WENT ABOUT praying and feeding and healing and serving. He told us we would do even greater things! Dr. Robert Tuttle, Professor at Asbury Seminary, Orlando, Florida, prays daily “God, make me aware of any opportunities for ministry”. He continues, “God takes the initiative, God plays the principle role in the drama of rescue”.



***Let us be ready to recognize and “move” on  
the opportunities God provides.***

## KEEPING THE MOMENTUM GOING

After a mission, most churches experience an exciting time of renewal and spiritual growth. Those members directly involved in the mission generally have a fresh vision for ministry and evangelism that energizes the whole congregation.

Testimonies from team members:

“There wasn’t a moment when I didn’t feel God doing something—when we weren’t evangelizing, we were praying, and when we weren’t praying we were laughing. It was apparent almost from the beginning that God brought us together as a team to accomplish big things.”

“God has shown me age doesn’t matter; we can all serve the Lord together and encourage each other in our walk.”

“I leave this week with such a vastly changed faith and such a better knowledge of the truth.”

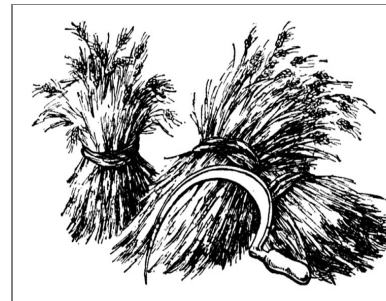
“God moved in the church and team to help both experience significant growth. The team members grew spiritually and we truly experienced the power and presence of God every day, and many days held multiple experiences.”

“A small step of faith, but God came through so big! My life is changed forever.”

“33 people in our congregation stepped out of their comfort zone to go door to door introducing themselves and our church and are excited to do so again.”

“This was my first time to pray with someone and the words flowed so easily that I felt God led me to him.”


“I’ve been able to work as a team member, keeping my eyes on Jesus and not on self. God has shown me He can use even a simple person to do His work in a powerful way.”




Encourage your church family to become team members on other missions. The majority of our team members come from churches who have had a mission. The team member desires to continue to tell others about Jesus and connect them to a local church. The joy of seeing people reconnect with God or accept Jesus for the first time brings team members back again and again to mission.

**EXAMPLES OF CONTACT/PRAYER CARDS**

Prior to mission have printed prayer cards and door hangers ready. (Your church's leadership team will decide on these together.) Are there door prizes, name tags and tickets available? Is your database or filing system ready to go? Remember to make copies of the information received. The original prayer cards can go on the altar to be prayed over. Another copy can go to the Prayer Coordinator.



**LOVING OUR COMMUNITY THROUGH PRAYER**



**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_

**CITY/STATE/ZIP:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PHONE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PRAYER REQUESTS:** \_\_\_\_\_

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[ ] Youth [ ] Teenager [ ] Single [ ] Hispanic [ ] Senior

**COMMUNITY CHURCH, 123 MAIN STREET, CITY, FL 12345 • (123) 456-7890**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City/State/Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Prayer Requests:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Name of church member who made visit** \_\_\_\_\_

[ ] Requires an immediate follow-up visit [ ] Speak with Pastor

[ ] Baptism [ ] Wedding [ ] English as a Second Language class

[ ] Information on: Preschool / Children's Prog. / Youth Prog. / College Prog.

**Choir / Bible Study / Singles / AA / Finance Class**

**AFTER MISSION FOLLOW-THROUGH**

1. **Personal Contacts** - Following the mission, personal contacts in various ways are essential. People may need several personal invitations before they respond. The entire church family is responsible and accountable for these contacts; however, it would be wise to ask for volunteer teams who will actually set a date to continue visiting, calling, inviting, shepherding and discipling. Personal invitations to worship, Sunday school, Bible study, or some special event must continue to be made. Kingdom building will inevitably flourish as personal relationships are continued. Pray for the wisdom and guidance of the Holy Spirit.
2. **Plan follow-through gatherings** - After the mission an ice cream social, concert, meal, or some other low-key church social event can be an effective "next step" for new people to be warmly included in the community of the church. Personal invitations to Christmas or Easter musicals are also a wonderful way to build a relational bridge.
3. Continue communication with those you met during mission week. As follow through coordinator you need to ask God to keep you sensitive to the needs of your church neighbors. Keep in touch with your planning team, your Pastor, and your volunteers.
4. Evaluate your church's hospitality and welcoming of visitors. When asked, almost every church says that they are "friendly". But do visitors feel welcome? Do they receive special attention? Are name tags available for everyone? Consider having a decoy come in unknown to your congregation and have that person report back about how welcome they felt.
5. Some ideas: Try to involve as many church members as possible in the following areas:
  - ♦ Writing cards and notes telling folks you have been praying for their needs
  - ♦ Phoning those who gave prayer requests to check on them
  - ♦ Revisiting - second visit, prayer needs, have coffee together
  - ♦ Greeting - parking lot greeters, welcoming at the church door, directions to the nursery and Sunday School classes
  - ♦ Teaching - new S.S. classes, Bible studies, special interest classes
  - ♦ Leading- neighborhood prayer groups, youth groups, children's church, men's/women's special interest groups, new outreach groups
  - ♦ Nursery - making it clean, inviting and well kept
6. More ideas that have improved relationships between church and community:
  - ♦ Prayer stations throughout the community throughout the year.
  - ♦ "5th quarter" youth activities after the home football games.
  - ♦ Cold water bottles and a time to chat at the bus stops.



- ♦ Drive-by stamps available at the post office the eve of the April 15<sup>th</sup> tax deadline.
  - ♦ Mothers Day Out programs.
  - ♦ Christmas shopping “babysitting” days.
  - ♦ Regular monthly visits to community workers and city officials to say thank you and pray for the needs of the city.
  - ♦ Monthly prayer lunches for business people in the community.
  - ♦ Give out reminders of the time changes in the spring and fall to those at the mall or the grocery store...always reminding that God NEVER changes. He loves us ALL the time!
  - ♦ Offer hand wipes at community dinners or sports fields with invitation to join in fellowship at your church.
7. Consider offering the Alpha course (see info below)
  8. Consider a weekend seminar on Faith sharing

**Alpha** is a short, practical introduction to the Christian faith. Churches all over the world are using Alpha as an evangelism and discipleship tool. There are even some that are using it to start new churches or to grow existing churches. It can be used as a video series or a pastor can give the talks him/herself. The Celebrate Jesus staff feels the Alpha course is one of the best methods to accomplish follow-through. It is helpful in converting non-Christians, it disciples new Christians, it takes existing Christians deeper into their faith, and it produces workers and leaders in ministry. It is an affordable program to implement. Alpha takes a person who is seeking God and helps them come to faith in Jesus Christ. It also helps Christians understand the fundamentals of their faith.

To receive an information packet or inquire about Alpha materials and upcoming seminars, call 888-949-2574 or visit their website at <http://www.alphana.org>. It is not necessary to attend a training session to hold an Alpha course.

### EVANGELISM RESOURCES

Websites that have tons of ideas for Servant Evangelism:

[www.servantevangelism.com](http://www.servantevangelism.com)

[www.kindness.com](http://www.kindness.com)

[www.outreach.com](http://www.outreach.com)

[www.beachreach.org](http://www.beachreach.org) (click on Training, then Servant Evangelism)

### SUGGESTED READING

101 Ways to Reach your Community by Steve Sjogren  
BREAKING the discipleship CODE by David Putman  
Building a Contagious Church by Mark Mittelberg  
Becoming a Contagious Christian by Bill Hybels and Mark Mittelberg  
Changing the World Through Kindness by Steve Sjogren  
Conspiracy of Kindness by Steve Sjogren  
Inside the Mind of Unchurched Harry and Mary by Lee Strobel  
Just Walk Across the Room by Bill Hybels  
The Externally Focused Church by Rick Rusaw and Eric Swanson  
The Three Habits of Highly Contagious Christians by Garry Poole  
Unbinding the Gospel by Martha Grace Reese  
Why Pray? by John DeVries

**Outreach Marketing** is a resource for free demographics and evangelism materials (door hangers, banners, signs, cards, invitations...). Call them at (800) 991-6011 or visit their website at [www.outreach.com](http://www.outreach.com).

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recklessly  
for the  
Kingdom !**