

Global Access Planner (GAP) Consultation

What is it?

It is not a seminar. There is some teaching, but as a consultation, the GAP is aimed at helping a church take information given and apply it to their own special circumstances. The goal is for a church to discover their own mission focus and strategy to achieve their own goals in mission.

By the end of the consultation, we aim at being able to present a vibrant, coherent plan for the next few years of mission involvement.

Here is the table of contents:

Chapter 1	The World Today and Tomorrow	(what are some of the important dynamics which affect the way we do mission)
Chapter 2	A Biblical Strategy	(what does the bible teach us about mission for today)
Chapter 3	A Changing Society	(how do different generations relate to mission)
Chapter 4	Local Church Paradigms	(ways of handling mission in the local church)
Chapter 5	A Change in Perspective	(a different way of looking at mission – getting everyone involved)
Chapter 6	Developing a Mission Strategy	(the most effective way for you to express who you are in mission)
Chapter 7	How to Implement Change	(how to change so all are involved)

This takes about seven hours and is often best done on a Friday night and Saturday morning. Several churches can join together in the same consultation. This time can be shortened if required.

Who attends?

The crucial aspect of the consultation is that we have as participants as a wide group of the church leaders as possible – the elders, the youth leader, the children’s work leaders, home group leaders etc. We are looking for maximum buy-in, so this core group will have influence in their constituency after the consultation.

What is International Needs’ role?

This consultation process is offered by International Needs as a service to the church; it has no agenda for us as we are comfortable with the church pursuing the plan that the Lord gives them. It is offered on a “no-strings attached” basis.

What does it cost?

The only fees are for the workbooks we provide (\$15.00 each); if the church wants to bless us by contributing to our expenses, that is up to you.