

A Work Sheet for a New Mission to Wales

Church _____ Main Leader _____ Date _____

<i>What is realistic for us to do?</i>	<i>Possibilities / Suggestions</i>
<p>A. For Antioch churches able to release people and resources. Acts 13:2</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To resource a church plant to an adjacent or distant needy area. 2. To establish gospel groups in areas adjacent to their own that demonstrate and declare the good news, but may not develop into plants. 3. To send teams to churches, plants or outreaches in needy areas. 4. To adopt a plant or re-plant to provide ministry, funding and substantial support. 5. This level of mission could be achieved by churches joining with others within a network or denomination.
<p>B. For Ephesus churches that can affect a region. Acts 19:10</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. By establishing the church on a gospel group basis, so that groups 'orbit' the main resource centre. This model is most suitable for a larger church in a rural area of widespread need. 2. By doing/training with a 'partner' church mission activities such as a mission week, holiday club, outreach meal, Alpha/Christianity Explored, foodbank, Messy Church ... 3. Run/support regional meetings for strengthening and outreach.

<p>C. For Jerusalem churches that can send teams to help others. Acts 15:22</p>	<p>Some traditional churches may be unable to plant in other areas for denominational reasons.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. They can send teams and different ministries, for a mission week, training, evangelism, & practical help, to support, enrich, equip and envision others, especially within their own denomination. 2. Adopting one 'partner' situation may be better than spreading help widely. 3. Sending out preachers. Again, supporting one situation intensively will bear more fruit than occasional input.
<p>D. For Derbe churches that can reach an adjacent community, though some suggestions will be possible for all churches. Acts 13:49</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. As before, to establish gospel presence and message with a small group meeting in an adjacent community on purpose. 2. Hold seasonal gathering events (Christmas, Harvest, etc). 3. Run Alpha / Christianity Explored through the group. 4. Set up a branch of any central community connection. E.g. food bank, CAP, Mums & Tods... 5. Run a local school club, child-care or assembly. 6. Serve the community in one practical / visible way, such as shelter cleaning, litter-picking, shopping for elderly... with clear gospel conversations. 7. Build a relational partnership with a church or plant or leader in another part of Wales, for mutual friendship, prayer, help, support, encouragement, funding, preaching, practical work, and even short breaks and holidays to build relationships at member as well as leadership level.

Notes:

1. This worksheet is designed for use by a leadership team. Fill in the blanks on the left what you find helpful from the suggestions on the right.
2. The four categories are not mutually exclusive, but are given as a guide. Churches may see things in more than one category that they could do.
3. We all need to stretch ourselves to have as effective an influence as possible, whilst at the same time being realistic and practical.
4. We hope that all churches will do mission to an adjacent needy area (the Derbe model), but also have a national link / partnership. This will vary from planting at a distance (Antioch) to a friendship link with prayer, encouragement and visits, depending on our size and resources available.
5. Waleswide is able to give guidance to churches thinking through their mission to Wales. If this would be helpful please email post@waleswide.org.
6. If you let Waleswide have a final copy of your worksheet, we will see if we can help or make suggestions. Email post@waleswide.org.