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Top Ten Ways You Can Be Involved In Urban Missions *Right Now*

must work the works of Him that sent me," Jesus said, "while it is day. The night comes when no man can work." Talk and intentions are cheap. It's our labor that's not in vain, not our talk about labor. Why wait? God is amassing people by the billions in the urban centers of the world. Among the following items, there are things you can do immediately in the short-term, and bigger things you can begin to work toward now.

10. Learn

Next time you read the book of Acts, notice the urban setting and urban features prominent in the divine record. Study the book with eyes for the city. As you read the Bible, read it with alertness to urban mention and detail. Read a book about a city or an urban-related topic. Subscribe to an urban newspaper or magazine. Note news stories related to urban centers, U.S. and foreign.

9. Teach

Teach the book of Acts from an urban perspective, giving special note and study to all urban-related information. Teach from your pulpit, in your Sunday school class, and in your Bible study the priority of urban missions based on the Holy Spirit's strategy in the first cen-

tury — taking notice of the urban mission efforts. Give a prominent place to urban missions in an upcoming mission conference.

8. Invite

Search out an urban missionary, church planter, or pastor. Invite them to your home, church, or mission conference.

7. Introduce

Introduce urban missionaries, pastors, and church planters to others. Share articles and books you have found helpful. Connect ministry friends and partners to urban needs you are aware of.

6. Adopt

Adopt an urban missionary. Adopt an urban church. Adopt a U.S. or foreign city to pray for and learn about. Your church, Bible study, or class can adopt one of the preceding for a semester, quarter, year, or longer period.

5. Send

Suggest that a mission team choose an urban destination. Pray for God to raise a team from your church to go to a city. Help fund a team going to a city, or assist in support and preparation for such a team.

4. Go

Visit an urban center. Take a vacation in a city. Go on an urban mission trip. Move and plant your life in an urban center for the cause of Christ.

3. Partner

Join hand and heart with a nearby urban church that may have fewer resources for things like men's and women's ministries retreats, youth events, and mission conferences. Choose an urban U.S. or overseas church to develop a long-term relationship with. Serve your partner church by asking what is needed rather than imposing what you want to do or think you can do.

2. Give

Find urban missionaries, church planters, or struggling urban churches to support. If you can't give regular support, give a one-time gift. Prioritize urban ministry in your mission budget.

1. Pray

Pray for your city and God's work in it. Pray for the closest larger city. Pray for your state capital. Pray for the largest cities in the world. Turn city news stories into prayer requests. Identify urban missionaries and pray for them.

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