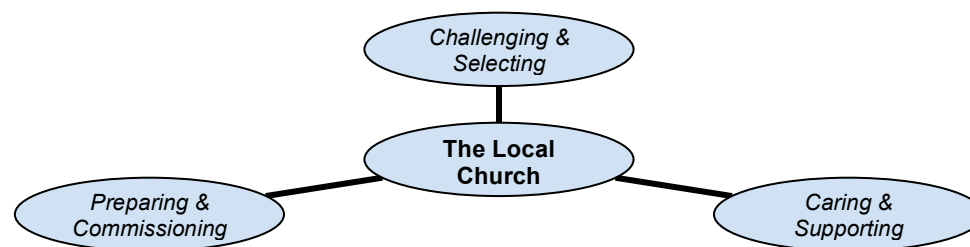




## WORLD FOCUS TEAM

### Assisting Local Churches and Christians In Global Mission



## Resource Paper 15

### Short-term Mission Options with Mission Agencies Related to Affinity

*This resource paper is a companion paper to Resource Paper 14 “Good practice guidelines for churches commissioning members for short-term mission service”*

**The potential benefits** of short-term opportunities may be described as follows:

- for the sending church as an opening of a window onto the world of mission
- for the receiving church/mission team by way of giving a burst of new energy and enthusiasm for a brief period
- for the individual in giving a taste of mission that might, among other things, lead to being called to a long-term commitment.

Short-term mission therefore should not be mainly for the benefit of the person who goes but rather of benefit to all parties concerned. Of value also is both the link that is formed by the sending church and mission agency and also the partnership with churches across the world that may result. Short-term mission should not just be for young people. Lots of older Christians could go and may cope better than younger Christians.

**Are Short Term Teams Worth the Effort?** Consider the following quotes:

“They take a lot of energy, are costly and sometimes emotionally messy. Put a team of relative unknowns under the pressure of cross-cultural, cross language ministry and watch the sparks fly. Having said that, they are worth it. I am a living testimony that they have a much farther impact than we will ever see this side of eternity.”

“Summer teams have helped me grow stronger in my faith and opened my eyes to the world of need and the ability we each have to do something about it.”

“I really feel that through this experience the Lord has been giving me lots of clarity about the next steps and the year/s ahead.”

John Piper, pastor of Bethlehem Baptist Church and leader of Desiring God Ministries, in Minneapolis, MN, says, "One of the payoffs is that there is scarcely today an under-fifty missionary on the field who didn't do a short term mission before they went out"

To assist churches in guiding members interested in short-term cross-cultural mission service there follows outline information on such programmes:

Mission Agency	Programme	Duration - Nature - Age of Participant	Full Information From
<b>A. Affinity Associate Missions:</b>			
<b>Albanian Evangelical Mission</b> <a href="http://www.aemission.org">www.aemission.org</a>	1. Summer Camps 2. 'A Year in Albania or Kosovo'	1. Short-term service in Albania 2. 1 year: assisting a church or AEM long-term workers – for graduates / early retirees	29 Bridge St, Penybryn, Wrexham, LL13 7HP <b>Tel:</b> 01978 290138 <b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:office@aemission.org">office@aemission.org</a>
<b>AsiaLink</b> <a href="http://www.asialink.org.uk">www.asialink.org.uk</a>	Short-term trips	16 days; 18-25yrs	<b>Tel:</b> 01772 681618 <b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:historymakers@asialink.org.uk">historymakers@asialink.org.uk</a>
<b>Crosslinks</b> <a href="http://www.crosslinks.org/smile">www.crosslinks.org/smile</a> <a href="http://www.crosslinks.org/next">www.crosslinks.org/next</a>	1. 'SMILE' 2. 'NEXT'	1. 2 weeks to 1 year – Summer Teams / Gap Teams / Individual Placements: assisting a church or Crosslinks long-term workers in Africa or Asia; 18-30yrs 2. 3 weeks to 2 years – for professionals using their skills, in Africa or Asia; 30yrs+	251 Lewisham Way, London, SE4 1XF <b>Tel:</b> 0208 691 6111 <b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:info@crosslinks.org">info@crosslinks.org</a>
<b>Gospel For Asia</b> <a href="http://www.gfauk.org">www.gfauk.org</a>		No short-term service options are available at this time.	PO Box 316, Manchester, M22 2DJ <b>Tel:</b> 0161 946 9484 <b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:infouk@gfa.org">infouk@gfa.org</a>
<b>Radstock Ministries</b> <a href="http://www.radstock.org">www.radstock.org</a>	1. Short Vision trips 2. Radstock Teams	1. To countries in Europe and Asia 2. Work alongside churches in the Radstock network in Europe and Asia	24 Elmfield Road, Hyde Park, Doncaster, DN1 2BA <b>Tel:</b> 01302 811319 <b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:uk.office@radstock.org">uk.office@radstock.org</a>

<b>Mission Agency</b>	<b>Programme</b>	<b>Duration - Nature - Age of Participant</b>	<b>Full Information From</b>
<b>ReachAcross</b> <a href="http://www.reachacross.net/short_term">www.reachacross.net/short_term</a>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Individual Placements</li> <li>Vision Trips</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4 weeks to 2 years – assisting ReachAcross long-term workers mainly in West, North or East Africa, the Middle East or South Asia; 18yrs+</li> <li>2 weeks of cross-cultural exposure</li> </ol>	PO Box 304, Sevenoaks, TN13 9EL <b>Tel:</b> 01732 885688 <b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:uk.director@reachacross.net">uk.director@reachacross.net</a>
<b>United Beach Missions</b> <a href="http://www.ubm.org.uk">www.ubm.org.uk</a>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Beach Missions Ireland</li> <li>Beach Missions Continental</li> <li>International Students Outreach</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>One week family outreach programme in the Republic of Ireland; 15yrs+</li> <li>One week family outreach programme; 15yrs+: Missions Vacances (France &amp; Belgium) Missione Vacanze (Italy) Misiones de Verano (Spain)</li> <li>Cross-cultural friendship evangelism in the UK; 15yrs+</li> </ol>	Spring Cottage Spring Road Leeds, L6 1AD <b>Tel:</b> 0113 230 4362 <b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:office@ubm.org.uk">office@ubm.org.uk</a>
<b>UFM Worldwide</b> <a href="http://www.ufm.org.uk/short.html">www.ufm.org.uk/short.html</a>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>'Summer Teams'</li> <li>Individual Placements</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2-3 weeks – summer trips assisting UFM projects</li> <li>Tailor-made placements in UFM projects – gap years, medical electives, bible school electives</li> </ol>	145 Faringdon Rd, Swindon, SN1 5DL <b>Tel:</b> 01793 610515 <b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:admin@ufm.org.uk">admin@ufm.org.uk</a>
<b>B. Missions associated with the Affinity World Focus Team:</b>			
<b>Grace Baptist Mission</b> <a href="http://www.gbm.org.uk/resources/sts.asp">www.gbm.org.uk/resources/sts.asp</a>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Envision Teams</li> <li>Envision Placements</li> <li>Envision Apprenticeships</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1-3 months</li> <li>4 weeks - 9 months; 18yrs+</li> <li>1-2 years; 21yrs+ assisting GBM long-term workers in Europe, Kenya, India, Philippines, South America</li> </ol>	12 Abbey Close, Abingdon, OX14 3JD <b>Tel:</b> 01235 520147 <b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:infodesk@gbm.org.uk">infodesk@gbm.org.uk</a>
<b>SIM –UK</b> <a href="http://www.sim.co.uk">www.sim.co.uk</a>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>'SIM Teams'</li> <li>Student Electives</li> <li>Tailor-made Placements</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2-4 weeks as part of a team in Asia, Africa, South America; 18yrs+</li> <li>minimum 5 weeks in Africa, Asia, S. America</li> <li>4-6 months assisting SIM long-term workers in Africa, Asia, South America</li> </ol>	Wetheringsett Manor, Wetheringsett, Stowmarket, IP14 5QX <b>Tel:</b> 01449 766464 <b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:info@sim.co.uk">info@sim.co.uk</a>

**Note:**

Affinity Associate **OSCAR** advertises short-term opportunities from a large range of Mission agencies at [www.oscar.org.uk/vacancies](http://www.oscar.org.uk/vacancies)  
 Other short-term opportunities can be found on the websites listed at [www.oscar.org.uk/opportunity/vacancies/agents.htm](http://www.oscar.org.uk/opportunity/vacancies/agents.htm)