

ABOUT INTERCEDE INTERNATIONAL

Mission Statement

Intercede International seeks to establish, encourage, and strengthen an indigenous, New Testament witness for our Lord Jesus Christ among all nations by providing material and spiritual aid to Christians who are impoverished, few, or persecuted; and to encourage Christian witness and ministry to the international community in Canada.

One Body in Christ

Our Lord was born in Bethlehem and grew up in Nazareth. There He was God living on earth in a human body. He died for our sins, rose from the dead, and was exalted above the heavens. Then the Lord sent His Holy Spirit to His disciples and lived within them. God's Word tells us that all true believers "are one Body in Christ, and every one members one of another" (Romans 12:5). "If one member suffers, all suffer with it" (1 Corinthians 12:26). Intercede International carries out its vision and programs by linking God's people in Canada with fellow believers in areas of poverty and persecution.

About Intercede International

God raised up Intercede International to educate His people in Canada about working alongside indigenous missions and strategies for reaching the nations at home. It was started in Canada in 1953 and has been responsible for informing Christians about the new directions in foreign missions methodologies.

Intercede International has practised financial accountability for more than half a century. It is governed by a responsible board of business and professional leaders who subscribe without reservation to Intercede's Statement of Faith and Missionary Principles. All accounts are audited annually by an independent Chartered Accountant. Annual reports are available upon request. Intercede is a certified member of the Canadian Council of Christian Charities (CCCC) and also of the Evangelical Fellowship of Canada (EFC).



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INDIGENOUS MISSIONS A NEW FORCE in WORLD EVANGELIZATION



What Are Indigenous Missions?

The word indigenous means "native to the land." The palm tree is indigenous to Puerto Rico. Transplant it in Canada and you need a greenhouse to keep it alive. But the pine tree spreads all over Canada because it is native to the soil and climate.

The churches of the world are similar. An indigenous church is one that takes root in any nation through the witness of local citizens.

Most indigenous churches have been started by men and women who found Christ while away from home and took the good news back to their home community, as did Saul of Tarsus who found Christ in Judea and went back as God's apostle to the Greek-speaking world.

Indigenous mission boards are formed when God anoints men and women from indigenous churches for special service among their own people. Since their work is beyond the scope of the local church, they band together as a team to preach the gospel, win souls, plant churches, teach the Word, and help the needy.

Several thousand indigenous mission groups are now active for the Lord in Asia, Africa, Eastern Europe, and Latin America. They have a combined total of more than 200,000 missionaries either on the field or ready to go. Basic support for one of these workers averages from \$50 to \$200 per month.



Above: An indigenous missionary teaches truths from the Bible in India.

Right: The Spirit moves as this Ukrainian missionary preaches to his own people.

Why Should We Help?

In the midst of poverty, thousands of zealous, effective missionaries are preaching the gospel and winning souls for Christ. The average family in Rural India, for example, lives on a cash income of less than \$50 monthly. So Intercede International receives missionary offerings to help these precious workers and forwards it to the missions with which they serve.

God has raised up Intercede International to educate His people in Canada about indigenous mission groups.

How We Can Help

Most indigenous mission groups have no income from outside sources. They struggle on in poverty, operating their extensive ministries with no resources other than the meagre contributions of low-income believers within their churches.

But financial assistance may be sent to them through Intercede International. It is one of the very few foreign mission boards that conducts programs exclusively with evangelistic indigenous missions overseas. Intercede partners with more than 60 indigenous missions worldwide. Before a partnership is established, a group is thoroughly investigated to make sure that it is Bible-believing in doctrine and evangelistic in practice. We are careful to determine that the group has a valid ministry, is properly supervised, accountable in finances and effective in outreach.



What This Help Means to Indigenous Missions



Indigenous missionaries in Nepal are ready to go to a mission field.

1. Sending Out Missionaries

Indigenous mission groups worldwide have an estimated combined total of more than 200,000 pioneer, church-planting missionaries now on the field or ready to go. Many of them have little or no financial support. Intercede International finds sponsors who will send \$50 to \$100 per month or more for one missionary. The work of these missionaries becomes much more effective when



Indigenous missionaries in Bangladesh give medical help to needy people.

they receive this regular support through their mission headquarters.

2. Training Gospel Workers

Bible institutes and missionary training centers operated by indigenous mission groups are training thousands of new missionaries for future service among their own people. Intercede International is sending help to about 200 training schools in Asia, Africa, Latin America, and Eastern Europe. But more help is needed.

3. Providing Medical Care & Emergency Relief

Intercede International forwards financial assistance to groups operating medical clinics in large cities and rural villages, providing medical help for leprosy victims, primitive jungle tribes people, and rural villagers.

4. Caring For Needy Children

Tens of thousands of needy children are being cared for by indigenous evangelistic missions in poorer countries. But most are barely able to provide food for these little ones. So Intercede International forwards financial assistance to enable these groups to provide housing, food, clothing, education, and personal and spiritual care. The



average cost of caring for such a child is \$30 monthly.

5. Proclaiming The Gospel via Evangelism Teams

All expenses for a series of meetings with 1000+ people in attendance every night for one week can be met with gifts of \$500 to \$2,000.

Week-long evangelistic campaigns are held with 10,000+ people attending nightly for a cost of \$2,000 to \$10,000, depending on the country.

Some Christian ministries conduct crusades in large tents; more are needed at \$5,000 each.

A gift of \$1000 will provide 500 Bibles or pay for gospel broadcasts reaching millions every week.

How you can be involved?

Sponsor a Child

Millions of helpless children are destitute. Their parents have been killed by wars, floods, accidents, snakebite, or diseases such as AIDS, cholera, malaria, tuberculosis, yellow fever and dysentery. Other parents have leprosy, or are too poor to provide for their children. Those who send \$30 monthly to Intercede International may receive the name and photo of each child cared for by their gifts, and optional Field Reports from the ministry.

Support a Missionary

Missionaries serving with many excellent ministries need \$50 to \$200 a month, or more depending on location. Those who send \$50 or more monthly to Intercede International will receive the name and photo of the one they support and optional Field Reports from the ministry.

Help a Trainee

Thousands of young people want to attend a Bible school or a missionary training institute operated by an indigenous mission group, but are unable to do so due to lack of finances. Persons who send \$30 monthly to meet the needs of one trainee, will receive the information about the school the trainee attends, and ongoing field reports from the group but no personal pictures or biographies are provided.



Adopt a Mission

Some of the most effective pioneer work is done in remote areas where unreached tribes and people groups are being effectually ministered to. Some churches and individuals prefer to send help through Intercede International to a specific indigenous ministry's programs without sponsoring individual workers. Field reports of the work are sent when available.

For more information on this program please contact Intercede International.

I want to help Indigenous Missions. Enclosed is my gift to help support indigenous ministries which are assisted by Intercede International. To designate your gift for Intercede, please return this portion with your donation. Make all cheques payable to Intercede International. All gifts are tax deductible.

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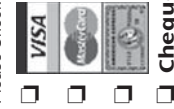
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