



Topic: Looking Beyond the Front Door

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Virtual SRS Bootcamps through November

Our team decided to have virtual SRS Bootcamps through November.

Dates will be posted on our website soon. Virtual Bootcamp is three shorter days, and all are welcome to register – even international staff!

supportraisingsolutions.org/bootcamp

Exclusive Facilitator Resources

Make sure you are working with the most updated versions of PowerPoints, guidelines, and tools. Below you will find all the pieces to facilitate the various trainings that you are certified for. Don't forget the [Network resources](#) available to you as well.

Bootcamp

- ↓ PowerPoint — Day 1 PPT
- ↓ PowerPoint — Day 2 PPT
- ↓ PowerPoint — Day 3 PPT
- ↓ PowerPoint — Day 4 PPT

Virtual Bootcamp

- ↓ Virtual Guidelines PDF
- ↓ Schedule Breakdown WORD
- ↓ Zoom Help for Bootcamps EXCEL
- ↓ PowerPoint — First Morning Start PPT
- ↓ PowerPoint — Day 1 PPT
- ↓ PowerPoint — Day 2 PPT
- ↓ PowerPoint — Day 3 PPT
- ↓ Chat Box Cheat Sheet WORD
- 📺 Virtual Bootcamp Training Video

Thrive

- 📺 Introduction & FAQ
- ↓ Start Here PDF
- ↓ Thrive PowerPoint PPT
- ↓ Thrive Session 7 Activity Sheet (8 1/2x11) PDF
- ↓ Thrive Session 7 Activity Sheet (12x18) PDF

Check your drop-down menu under Facilitator links to access!



Please Pray With Us

Our team is working through making some decisions for SRLC and we are praying for favor in whatever the Lord leads us to do.

Will you pray with us for discernment and wisdom?

Questions

During the presentation, please submit your questions for the upcoming Q&A time.

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Prayer



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Looking Beyond the Front Door



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our front doors



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- Long term= The journey



READINESS!

- We need laborers



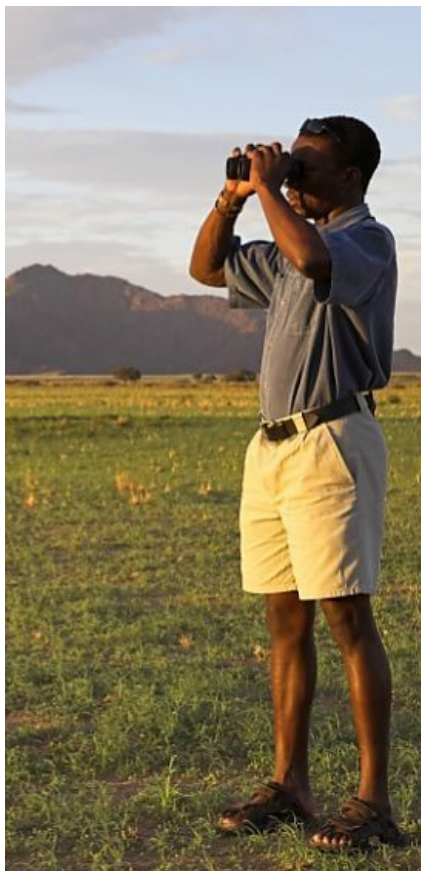
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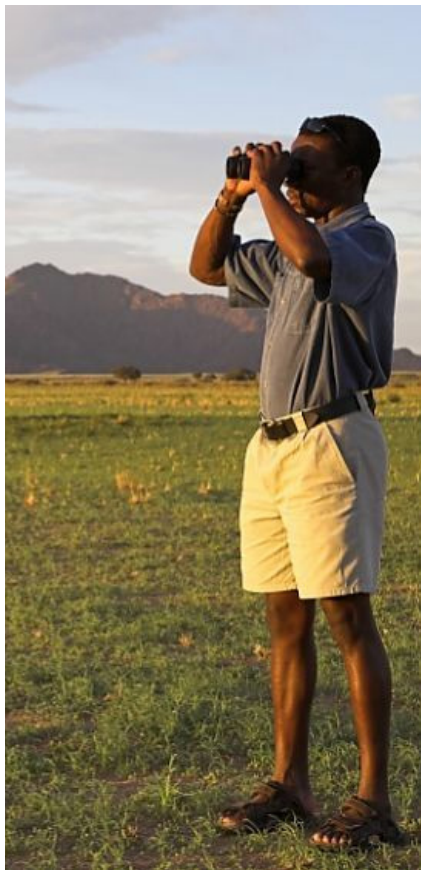


READINESS!

- We need laborers
- They're coming
- More is necessary



Lift and Shift



Lift and Shift

Lift our eyes to see candidates coming from a distance.



- Take a closer look sooner than usual.



- Take a closer look sooner than usual.
- Shift the focus to look inside.



Define readiness for your own ministry

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- Compare

Readiness Checklist



Are you prepared for the MPD lifestyle?

Here are some general ways to prepare spiritually, relationally, financially, and practically for the Ministry of Partnership Development (MPD). Use this list to evaluate your readiness to be a full-time missionary with Every Nation!



SPIRITUALLY

- Identity fully anchored in Christ.
- Confident in ministry calling.
- Walking with Christ for at least one year.
- Mature enough to seek and act on wisdom from Christ-loving people.
- Teachable.
- Have a biblical foundation of God's provision for your life.



RELATIONALLY

- Healthy relationship with local ministry team for at least three months.
- Understand opportunities for partnership development in your local church.
- Understand how your family will support you as you develop your team.
- Contact list of at least 200 people.
- Active in local community outside of church.
- Ability to engage cross-culturally to share ministry vision.



FINANCIALLY

- Two to three months of living expenses in savings.
- Lives according to a written monthly budget.
- Less than 1/3 of monthly budget is spent paying off debts.
- Deals with financial mistakes quickly.
- Stewards resources well—spends money with discipline and wisdom.



PRACTICALLY

- At least eight months devoted full-time to MPD, free from all ministry, educational, and job responsibilities.
- Reliable car and technology.
- Secure, healthy, and supportive living environment while developing initial partnership team.

For more information, please call 615-727-5544 or email MPD@everynation.org.

Readiness Quiz



Partnership Development Preparedness Test



Use the following test to discover and score your student's level of readiness to enter the MPD lifestyle. Based on the sample point scale, circle the appropriate point value for each of the following readiness elements, unless indicated otherwise.

	Fully agree				Not at all
	4	3	2	1	0
At least three months worth of savings to launch into ministry.	4	2	0	0	0
Adds a consistent amount to a savings account each month.	4	3	2	1	0
Has a reliable vehicle to use during initial season of MPD.	4	3	2	1	0
Less than 10% of their current budget will be used to pay off debt. Percentage of budget allocated for debt: 0-10% scores a 4; 11-15% scores a 3; 16-20% scores a 2; 21-25% scores a 1; above 26% scores 0.	4	3	2	1	0
Has created and lives off of a monthly budget.	4	3	2	1	0
A secure and encouraging environment during the initial MPD season.	4	3	2	1	0
Local church knows about, agrees with, and fully supports their call to ministry in this season.	4	3	2	1	0
Is confident in their call to ministry and can articulate it to others.	4	3	2	1	0
Housing will account for less than 1/3 of their monthly budget.	4	3	2	1	0
Family knows about and supports their ministry calling, including the Ministry of Partnership Development.	4	3	2	1	0
Has a conviction that God has called them to the Ministry of Partnership Development.	4	3	2	1	0
Has a list of more than 200 contacts that they will engage and ask to partner with God's mission through their local ministry with Every Nation (Point value decreases per 50 contacts)	4	3	2	1	0
Demonstrates a heart of generosity with the resources God has entrusted to them.	4	3	2	1	0
Has successfully engaged various cultures and communities (e.g., their specific ethnic group, other cultures, business people, educators, pastors, etc.) and is reflected in the contact list.	4	3	2	1	0
Has an understanding of and has seen a healthy example of the MPD lifestyle.	4	3	2	1	0
Identity in Christ is the foundation of who they are and what they value.	4	3	2	1	0
Faith has been tried, refined, and strengthened in the areas of fear, rejection, security, and failure.	4	3	2	1	0
Has a strong work ethic and is self-motivated.	4	3	2	1	0
Has spoken with their pastor and fully understands how partnership development in their local church will work.	4	3	2	1	0
TOTAL:					

If your candidate scores at least "Prepared," we welcome them to take the next steps in this grand adventure of the MPD lifestyle. We look forward to seeing them at the next MPD training, should you choose! If they are unprepared, we recommend using this tool and the necessary time to better prepare your student financially, relationally, spiritually, and practically to provide them with a strong foundation for longevity in ministry. We're excited to help you see more laborers launched into the harvest field.

58-72 Very Prepared
36-57 Prepared
20-35 Unprepared
0-19 Completely Unprepared



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- Map out the journey.
- Align expectations.

Be prepared to say, "NO".

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- Allow readiness to trump urgency.

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Make readiness a
discipleship issue.



Make readiness a discipleship issue.

- Fill the GAP.



Make readiness a discipleship issue.

- Fill the GAP.
- Knowing what you know now, if you could go back in time and start your fundraising journey over again, what would you do differently?



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- Readiness is intentional



Q & A

