

FROM VIENNA TO THE NATIONS

25-Year Mission Roadmap



**International
Students**
Arriving in a new
country

Education
Learning about
Jesus and church
planting

Return Home
Sharing knowledge
and skills

Church Planters
Establishing
churches in their
communities

Made with  Napkin

*“You will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria,
and to the end of the earth.”*

— ACTS 1:8

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FOREWORD

Why This Book Exists



VIENNA AUSTRIA 2026.

Today, a young woman from Tehran sits in her student apartment, her phone glowing in the darkness. She's reading a Bible course in Farsi—translated by someone she'll never meet, sponsored by someone she'll never know. Her hands tremble, not from fear alone, but from the overwhelming sense that God sees her. That she is not alone.

In 2030, a mission team of former students from Vienna are preparing the first house church meeting in Shiraz, Iran. A little over three years ago, they were Iranian students in Vienna. They found Jesus. They studied about Jesus and formed a mission team to return home, as self-supporting missionaries after also their secular studies are finished. Now eight families gather in the living room, snacking nuts and reading the words of Jesus.

Today, in Vienna, three Ukrainian students, two Nigerian students and five Chinese students sit in a coffee shop, praying and dreaming together about how to share Jesus back home.

And today, you are holding this Roadmap.

Maybe you're a student, wondering if your time in Vienna could mean more than a degree. Maybe you're a disciple, looking for a biblical mission model that multiplies. Maybe you're a prayer warrior, or someone longing to invest in something meaningful, that will outlast you.

Whoever you are, wherever you're from - you can have a part of it!

This book is not a theory. It's a roadmap. An Invitation. God is not finished with this Roadmap; he might alter parts and that is totally expected and appreciated. We must start with a direction and this "open-for-God's-intervention-outreach-structure," it's what we believe God is calling us to start with and to accomplish over the next twenty-five years: from Vienna to the nations, from students to missionaries, from the first house church planted to a multiplying movement that reaches the ends of the earth.

"The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore, pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."

— MATTHEW 9:37–38

Let's begin.

PART ONE

THE VISION

Why Vienna?

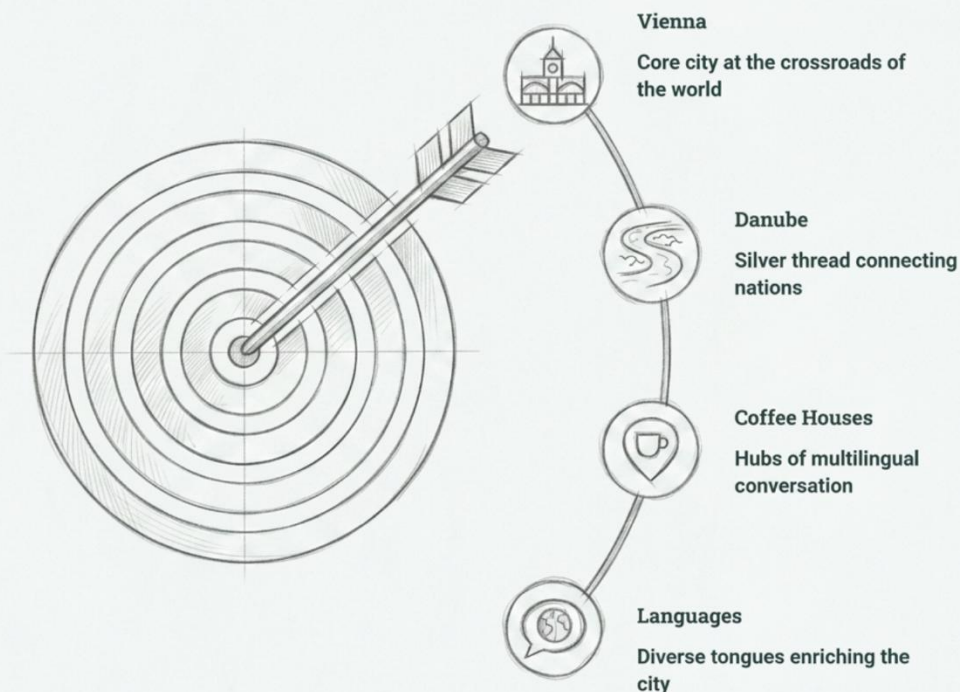


CHAPTER 1

Vienna A City Like No Other



Vienna's Cultural Tapestry



For centuries, this city has been a meeting place—of East and West, of empires and ideas, of cultures and languages. The Danube flows through it like a silver thread, connecting nations.

Vienna is not just a city. It's a gathering.

God has always worked this way. He doesn't just send people out - He also draws them in. Think of Jerusalem at Pentecost:

"Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven... Parthians and Medes and Elamites, residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia..."

— ACTS 2:5, 9–11

God brought the nations to Jerusalem so they could hear the gospel and take it home. Remember the Ethiopian Eunuch. And hopefully most of the students will return on their own, so no persecution is necessary like in Jerusalem, to spread the good news far beyond Jerusalem. I like to think, that today, God is doing the same thing in Vienna.

Because, every year, thousands of international students arrive in this city. There are 22 listed Universities and about 200 different study options! The "Universität Wien/Vienna" by itself has over "180 Studienrichtungen/study-fields"

The students come from Iran, where converting to Christianity means death. From Nigeria, where the church is growing but needs leaders. From Romania, where the Orthodox tradition runs deep but personal faith runs shallow. From China, where underground believers risk everything to meet. They come for engineering, for medicine, for business, and for music. But God has brought them for something more.

"And who knows whether you have not come to the kingdom for such a time as this?"

— ESTHER 4:14

What if Vienna is not just where you study—but where you are sent from with a mission?

A City of Open Doors

Vienna is not just a gathering place—it's a place of freedom, unlike many of the countries our students come from. Austria allows open worship, open teaching, open discussion. A student from Iran can sit in a bible-study in McDonalds in Vienna and ask questions about Jesus, he dare not articulate in his home country. A student from China does not have to hide to read the Bible without fear.

This freedom is not an accident. It's a gift.

“I thank him who has given me strength, Christ Jesus our Lord, because he judged me faithful, appointing me to his service.”

(1 Timothy 1:12)

We have been appointed to this time, this place, this opportunity. The question is not whether God is moving - but whether we will join Him.

A City of Transitions

Students come. Students go. That’s what students do. Most people see this as a problem. “They won’t stay,” we say. “They’ll just leave.”

But what if that’s not a problem—what if it’s the plan?

A student who spends three years in Vienna, grows up in faith, forms a mission team, and returns home to Tehran or Lagos or elsewhere - that student is not a loss. That student is a missionary. The question is not: “How do we keep them?”

The question is: “How do we send them well equipped and on fire for Christ?”

A City for the Nations

Think of the nations represented in Vienna:

- Iran — Iranian students, hungry for truth, rejecting the religion of their fathers.
- Romania — A nation with Christian history and ripe for revival.
- China — The world’s most populous nation, many open to spiritual conversations.
- Syria — Refugees and students fleeing war, desperate for hope.
- Turkey, Russia, Ukraine, India, Vietnam, Nigeria — The list goes on.

Vienna is not the destination. Vienna is the launching pad.

“From Jerusalem and all the way around to Illyricum, I have fulfilled the ministry of the gospel of Christ.”

— ROMANS 15:19

Paul didn’t stay in one place. He moved, planting churches, raising leaders, entrusting the gospel to faithful men who would teach others also.
Vienna is our base. The nations are our field.

A Personal Word

Walking the streets of Vienna, people walk past, speaking languages I don't recognize. I don't know their names. I don't know their stories.

But God does.

And He has put it in my heart to believe that some of them will carry the gospel to places I'll never go. Twenty-five years from now, there will be churches in Teheran and many more nations, that trace their roots back to a simple gathering in Vienna.

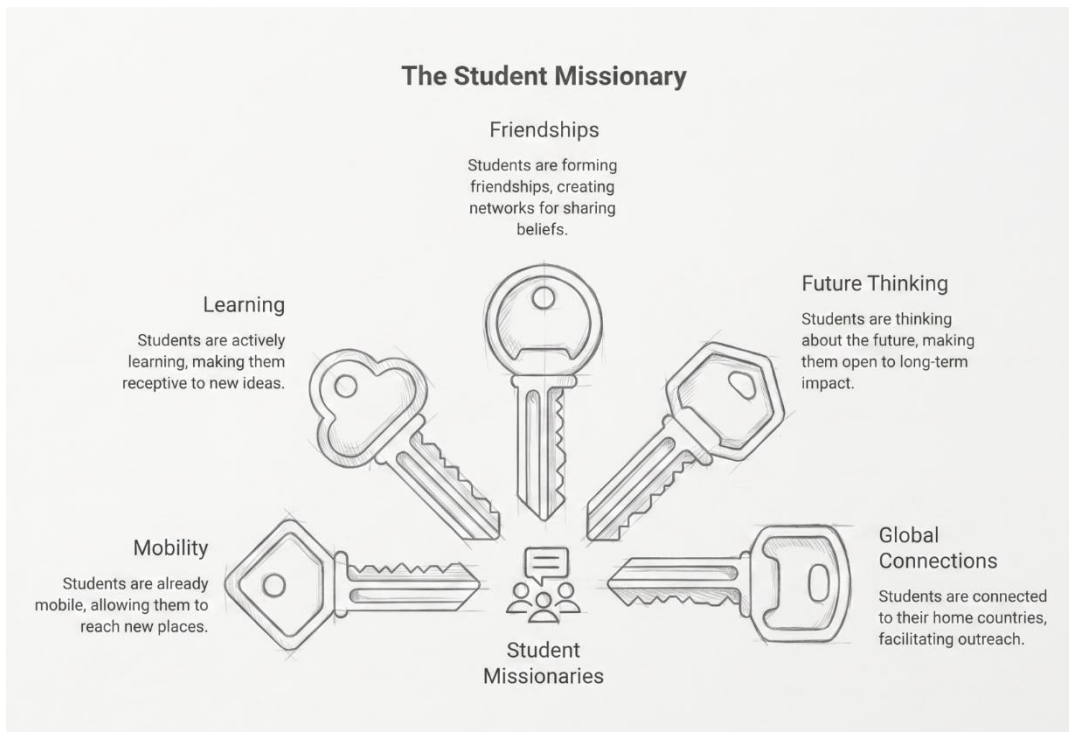
"Look among the nations and see; wonder and be astounded. For I am doing a work in your days that you would not believe if told."

— HABAKKUK 1:5

God prepared the Work. Will you join it?

CHAPTER 2

The Student Connection



A student who meets Jesus in Vienna doesn't have to "become" a missionary. They already are one—they just don't know yet.

The Tentmaking Model

“After this Paul left Athens and went to Corinth. And he found a Jew named Aquila... and because he was of the same trade, he stayed with them and worked, for they were tentmakers by trade.”

(Acts 18:1–3)

Paul didn’t ask for donations. He worked. He made tents. He supported himself while preaching the gospel. That’s tentmaking mission. And that’s exactly what our students are to be doing.

A Nigerian student studies engineering in Vienna. That’s his tent. But while he studies, he learns to follow Jesus, grows in a house church, forms a team with other Nigerians, and returns home with a degree—and a mission.

His tent pays for his mission.

The Built-In Network

When a student returns home, they don’t return to strangers. They return to family, friends, neighbors—people who already know and trust them.

Think of the Samaritan woman at the well. She didn’t have seminary training. She didn’t have a mission board. She had a story and a village in which she was well known. And that was enough.

“Many Samaritans from that town believed in him because of the woman’s testimony, ‘He told me all that I ever did.’”

(John 4:39)

Our students will have the same. When they return home, they know and already prayed for the people they plan to share the Good News with.

The Language Advantage

English is the language of education. Our student’s study in English. Our courses are in English. But their families speak Farsi, Yoruba, Mandarin, Romanian.

That’s why our strategy is English-first, mother-tongue-later.

Students learn in English—the language of their studies. But they translate, adapt, and teach in the language of their hearts.

“We hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God.”

— **ACTS 2:11**

The Short Window

Students are in Vienna for a short time. Three years. Four years. Maybe five. That's not a problem, it's a deadline.

“Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, making the best use of the time, because the days are evil.”

(Ephesians 5:15–16)

When you know you have limited time, you use it wisely. You don't waste years on programs that don't matter. You focus on what will last. Every student who comes to Vienna has a window. Our job is to help them use it wisely.

The Sending Celebration

Imagine a Sunday in Vienna. Twenty students stand at the front of the room. They're from ten different countries. They're about to graduate, about to return home. The church gathers around them, the elders lay hands on them and pray.

“While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, ‘Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them.’ Then after fasting and praying they laid their hands on them and sent them off.”

— ACTS 13:2–3

That's Antioch. That's sending. Lord willing, that's what we plan to do, year after year, for 25 years.

And most of those we send will not go alone. They'll go in teams. They'll go with training and experience. They'll go with our prayers—and with the presence of the One who said:

“And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

— MATTHEW 28:20

C H A P T E R 3

From Here to Everywhere



The vision is simple: from Vienna to the nations. But simple doesn't mean small. Let me show you what milestones we believe God can do in twenty-five years.

By Year 5

- 36 core courses in English, with subtitles in 5 languages
- 48 active students from 4+ nations
- 8 weekly offline bible studies
- establish 2-4 house churches for training in Vienna
- prayer teams formed for each mission team and its country
- 5+ formed mission teams back home to plant house churches
- 50+ online students from various nations
- visiting the newly planted churches in the mission field as needed

“Do not despise these small beginnings, for the Lord rejoices to see the work begin.”
(**Zechariah 4:10**)

By Year 10

- 40 core courses in English, with subtitles in 15 languages
- 96 active students from 8+ nations
- 16 weekly offline bible studies
- established 8 house churches for training in Vienna
- more prayer teams formed for each mission team and its country
- 15 formed mission teams back home planting churches
- established 20+ house churches by the students back home
- 200+ online students from various nations
- visiting the newly planted churches in the mission field as needed

“The kingdom of heaven is like a grain of mustard seed that a man took and sowed in his field. It is the smallest of all seeds, but when it has grown it is larger than all the garden plants”
(**Matthew 13:31–32**)

By Year 15 – 20 (this will be altered according to the experience of the last 10 years)

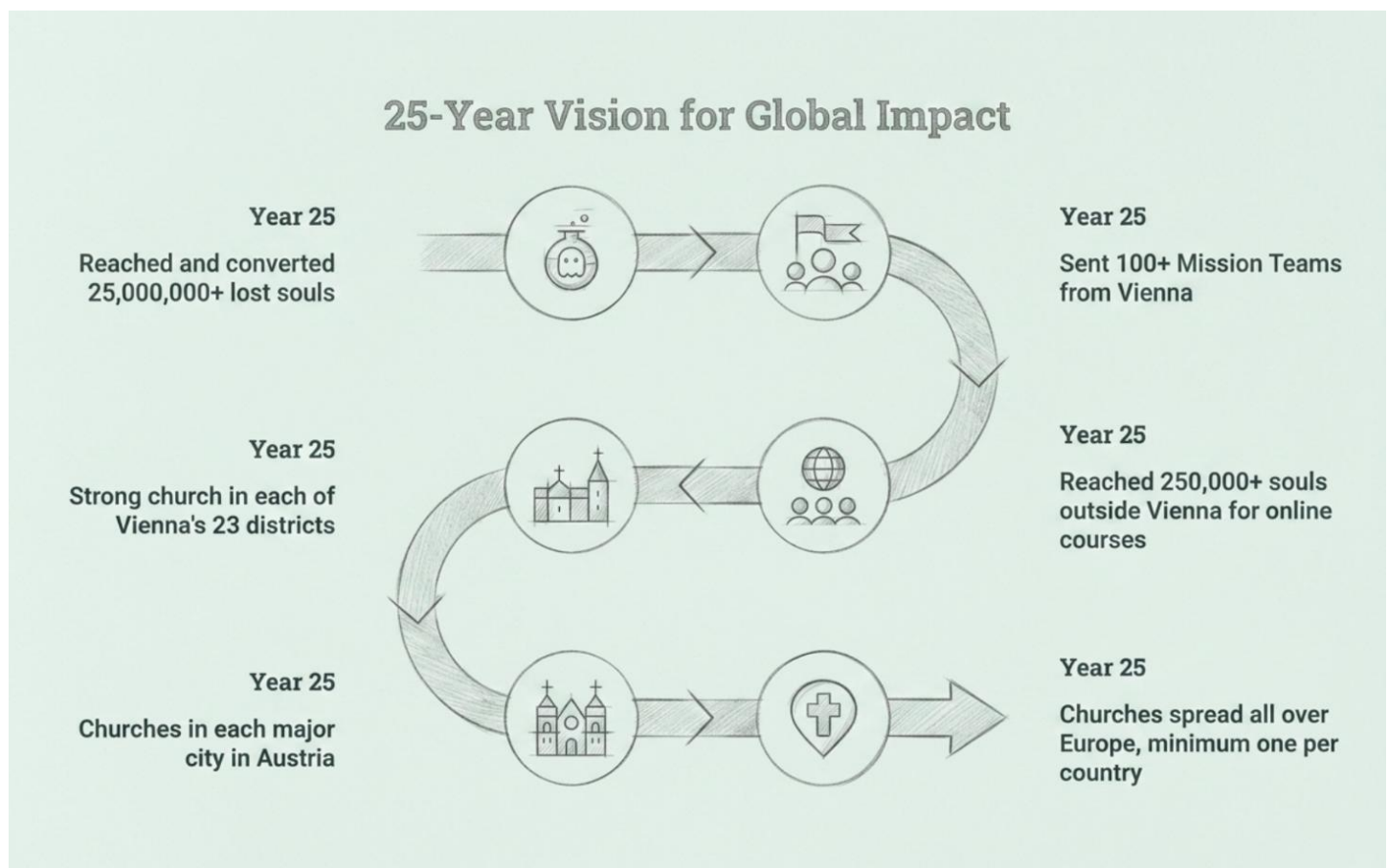
“So, the word of the Lord continued to increase and prevail mightily.”

(Acts 19:20)

By Year 25

“And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!””

(Romans 10:15)



“One generation shall commend your works to another and shall declare your mighty acts.”

(Psalm 145:4)

Now Is This Possible?

I heard once that people overestimate what they can accomplish in one year, but even worse do people underestimate what can be established in 10 Years. And we have been talking for 25 years! I personally am convinced this is doable asking God in the name of Jesus for the sake of His Kingdom, that if it is His will, it shall happen even beyond, what I can comprehend. Because...

“What is impossible with man is possible with God.”

— LUKE 18:27

The early church started with twelve frightened men hiding in an upper room. Within a generation, they had turned the world upside down. We have more resources, more tools, more access than they ever dreamed of. The question is not whether God can do it. The question is whether we will believe Him.

Your Part

Invitation to Mission

Unique gifts for the mission

Personal fulfillment through service

Divine intervention in Vienna

The ultimate goal of spreading God's message



Maybe you're reading this and thinking: "This is huge. What can I possibly do?"

Here's the truth: you can do exactly what God has put in front of you.

This booklet is not just information. It's an invitation for meaningful living. An invitation to believe that God is doing something out of the ordinary in Vienna.

An invitation to join what God is doing. An invitation to be part of a mission that will outlast you.

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Twenty-five years from now, when we look back on what God has done, we won't say, "Look what we built."

***We'll proclaim:
"Look at what our God did
and we were privileged to be a part of it."***

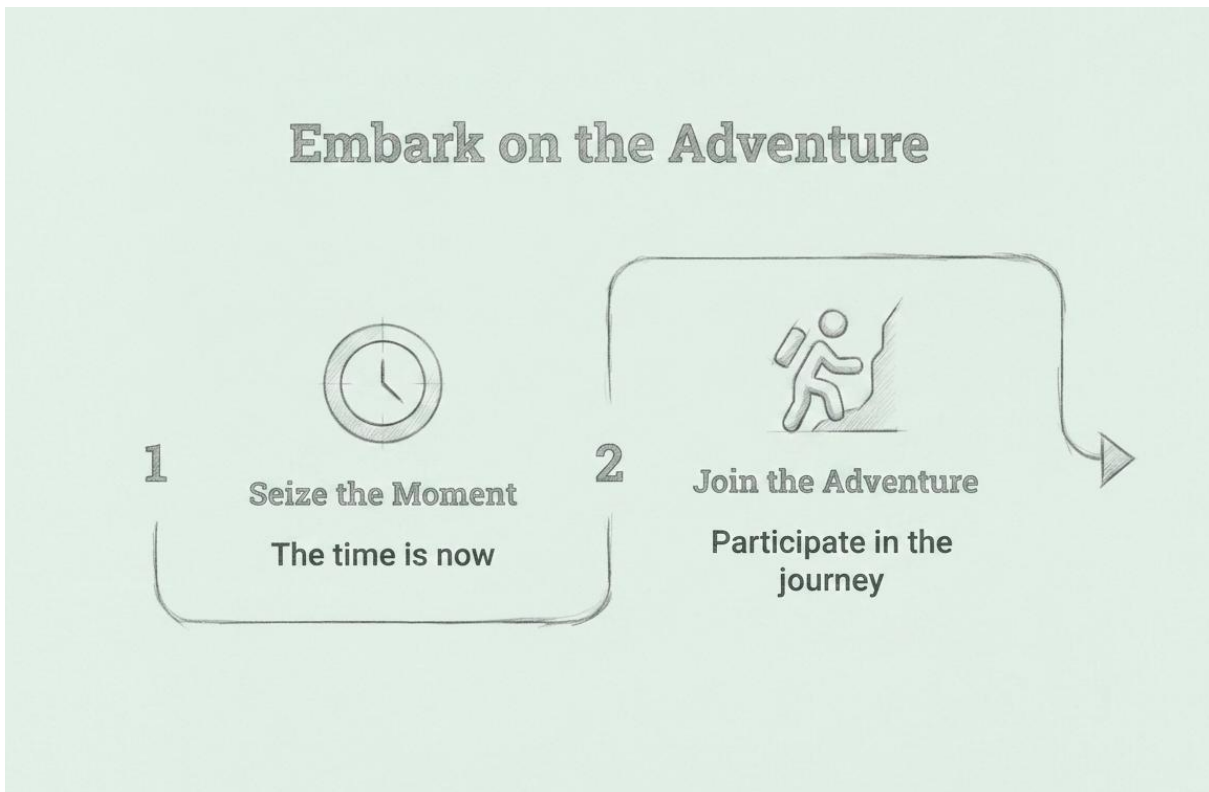
"Not to us, O Lord, not to us, but to your name give glory, for the sake of your steadfast love and your faithfulness!"

— PSALM 115:1

Will you be part of the grandest Mission?

The harvest is waiting. The workers are few. The time is now.

Let's go.



PART TWO

THE BIBLICAL BLUEPRINT

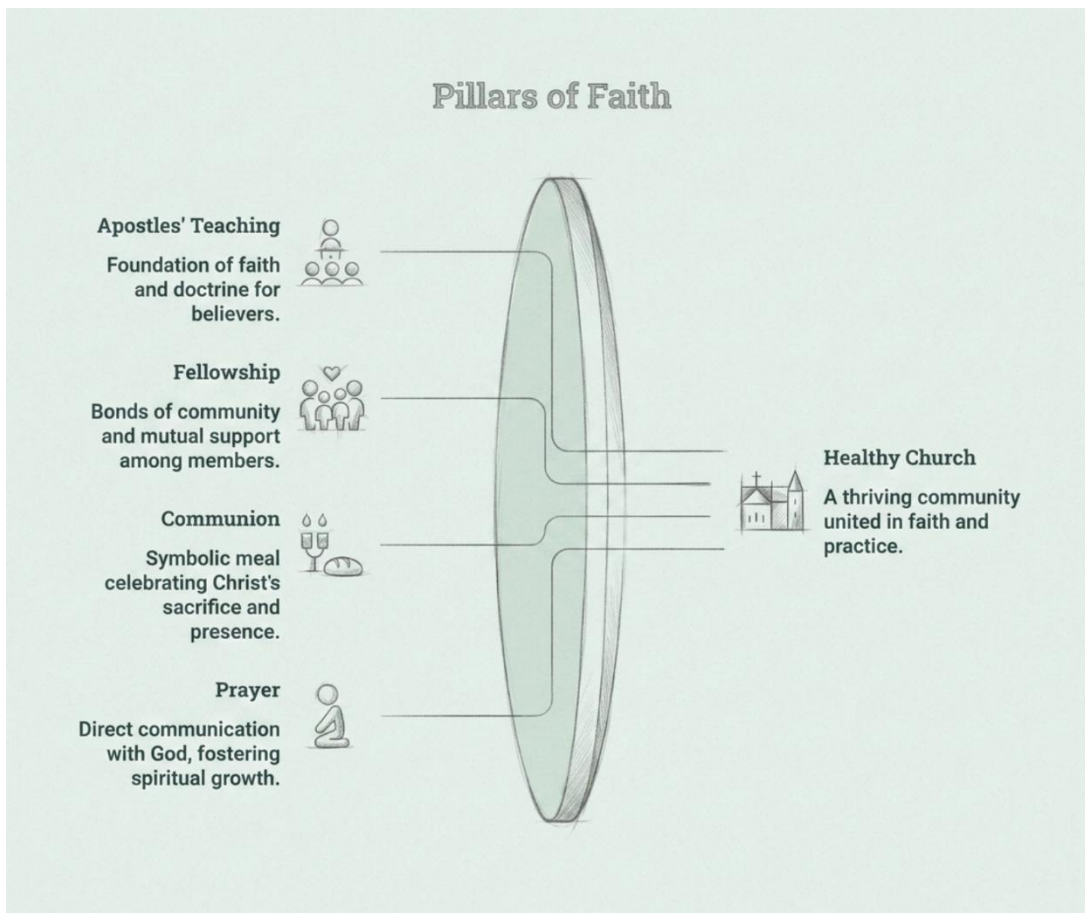
How the Early Church Did It



CHAPTER 4

The Jerusalem Model

Acts 2



If you want to know what a healthy church looks like, start here.

"And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers."

— ACTS 2:42

Four things. That's it. Teaching, fellowship, communion, prayer.

The Apostles' Teaching

The first Christians didn't have the New Testament yet. They had the apostles—eyewitnesses of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection. And they devoted themselves to what these apostles taught.

"All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness."

(2 Timothy 3:16)

Our students need the same thing: solid, faithful, sound biblical teaching. Not opinions. Not entertainment. Not the latest fad. The Word of God taught clearly and applied wisely.

The Fellowship (Koinonia)

The Greek word is koinonia—sharing, participation, partnership. It's more than coffee after church. It's life together.

"And all who believed were together and had all things in common. And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need."

— Acts 2:44–45

They shared everything. Not communism—community. When someone had a need, someone else met it. Love in action.

For international students, this is even more powerful. Far from home, separated from family, they find in the house church a new family. People who care. People who notice when they're struggling. People who show up.

The Breaking of Bread

This shows up in two ways:

Communion—remembering Jesus' death until He comes. Simple. Central. Non-negotiable.

Common meals—eating together, laughing together, doing life together. The early church didn't just worship together; they ate together. Every day.

"Day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts."

(Acts 2:46)

The Prayers

Not “a prayer.” Prayers. Plural. Constant. Corporate. Desperate.

“Pray without ceasing.”

(1 Thessalonians 5:17)

The early church prayed like their lives depended on it—because it did. They prayed when Peter was in prison. They prayed when they were scattered by persecution. They prayed when they sent out missionaries.

“When they had prayed, the place in which they were gathered together was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and continued to speak the word of God with boldness.”

(Acts 4:31)

Prayers didn't just change their circumstances. Prayer changed them.

The Results

“And awe came upon every soul... And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.”

— ACTS 2:43, 47

Notice: they didn't add people. God did. They just did the basics: teaching, fellowship, communion, prayer. And God did the rest. That's the Jerusalem model. Simple. Reproducible. Powerful.

CHAPTER 5

The Antioch Model

Acts 13



Jerusalem was the mother church. But Antioch was the sending church.

“Now there were in the church at Antioch prophets and teachers: Barnabas, Simeon who was called Niger, Lucius of Cyrene, Manaen a lifelong friend of Herod the tetrarch, and Saul.”

— ACTS 13:1

Look at that list. Barnabas from Cyprus. Simeon called Niger—almost certainly African. Lucius of Cyrene—North African. Manaen—Jewish aristocracy. Saul—from Tarsus, Roman citizen, trained in Jerusalem.

Antioch was multicultural. And that’s exactly what we’re building in Vienna.

Building a Multicultural Church



Diversity as Strength

Some people think diversity is a problem to manage. In the Church, diversity makes a point.

“There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.”

— GALATIANS 3:28

In Christ, we don't become the same. We became one, transformed into the image of Jesus. In Vienna people from every nation, should hear Gods word, find the faith, and eventually gather around our Lord`s table, worshipping God.

The Sending Church

“While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, “Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them.””

— ACTS 13:2

Notice: worship and fasting seeking God will.

“Unless the Lord builds the house, those who build it labor in vain.”

(Psalm 127:1)

We can plan. We can strategize. We can build road maps, like this one. But unless the Lord is in it, it's all just noise.

Sent by the Church

“Then after fasting and praying they laid their hands on them and sent them off.”

(Acts 13:3)

Barnabas and Saul weren't lone rangers. They were sent. The church commissioned them, prayed over them, and released them. That's what we plan to do with our students. When they graduate, when they return home, we won't just say “Good luck.” We'll gather around them, lay hands on them, and send them with our blessing and our prayers.

From Antioch, the gospel spread to Cyprus, to Pisidia, to Iconium, to Lystra, to Derbe. And from those cities, it spread further—to Europe, to Asia, to the ends of the earth.

One church, sending out missionaries, changed the world. That's the Antioch model. That's what we're building in Vienna, Lord willing.

CHAPTER 6

The Paul Model

Acts 19



Paul's strategy was simple: focusing on strategic cities. Ephesus. Corinth. Philippi. Thessalonica. These weren't random towns. They were centers of commerce, culture, and communication. Reach them, and you reach the region.

Spreading the Gospel Through Strategic Cities

Focus on Strategic Cities

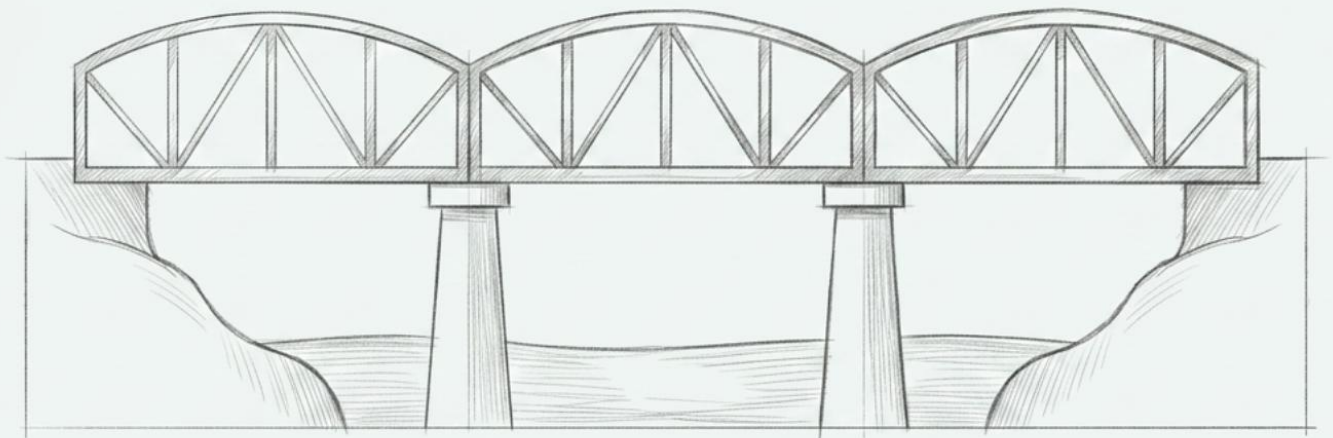
Target centers of commerce, culture

Train Disciples in Ephesus

Disciples spread gospel to their cities

Utilize Trade Routes

Gospel spreads along natural connections



Limited Gospel Reach

Gospel confined to one city

The Paul Model

Widespread Gospel Reach

All residents of Asia heard

“This continued for two years, so that all the residents of Asia heard the word of the Lord, both Jews and Greeks.”

— ACTS 19:10

From Ephesus, all of Asia heard the word. How? Because disciples trained in Ephesus went back to their own cities. The gospel spread along trade routes, family networks, and natural connections.

Vienna as Ephesus

Vienna is our Ephesus. It’s a strategic city, drawing students from across the world. Reach them here, and they’ll take the gospel back to their own cities.

- Train Iranian students in Vienna → they reach Tehran.
- Train a Romanian student in Vienna → he reaches Bucharest.
- Train Chinese students in Vienna → they reach Shanghai.

One city can reach the world.

The School of Tyrannus

“He reasoned in the synagogue every Sabbath, and in the lecture hall of Tyrannus daily.”

(Acts 19:9)

Paul didn’t just preach on Sundays. He taught daily. He invested in disciples who would multiply. Our [E-Learning Bible School](#) is our “lecture hall of Tyrannus.” Not a building—a platform. Not just weekly—anytime, anywhere.

“What you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men who will be able to teach others also.”

(2 Timothy 2:2)

That’s four generations: Paul → Timothy → faithful men → others also. Our goal is to keep multiplying until the fourth generation and beyond.

The Takeaway

The Jerusalem model gives us the DNA: teaching, fellowship, communion, prayer.

The Antioch model gives us the method: diversity, worship, sending.

The Paul model gives us the strategy: strategic cities, daily training, multiplication.

Put them together, and you have a movement.

PART THREE

THE 25-YEAR ROADMAP

Phase by Phase



CHAPTER 7

Tasks to Achieve the Vision



“The kingdom of heaven is like a grain of mustard seed that a man took and sowed in his field. It is the smallest of all seeds, but when it has grown it is larger than all the garden plants.”

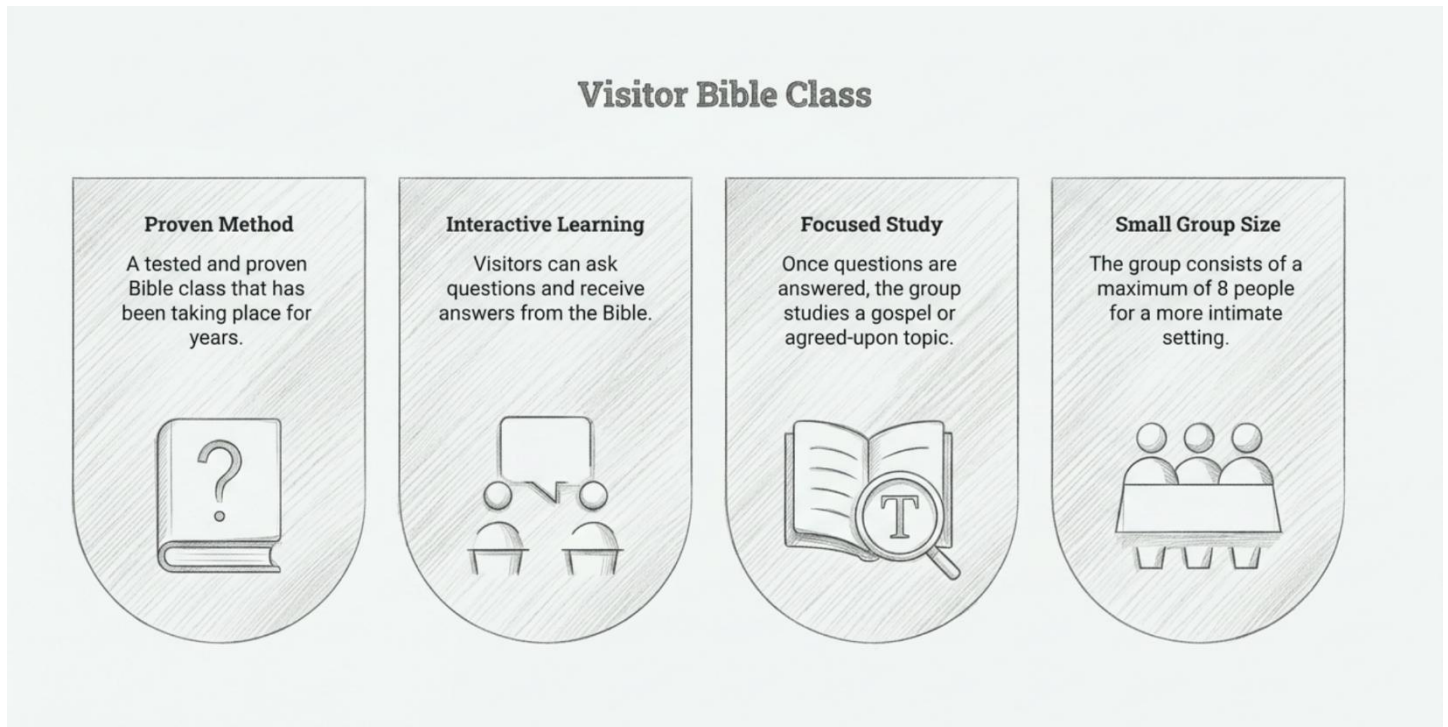
— MATTHEW 13:31–32

Tasks are small and Goals are huge! Goals are great in showing direction but strategic and defined steps of action, done diligently bring about the Goal! In Part 1, Chapter 3 we listed some milestones within a 25-year timeframe. Now we want to list some down-to-earth tasks for implementation, so the milestones we are aiming for can be reached, Lord willing always. The list lacks completeness; it only reveals the launch pad. Additional tasks will be added as needed, after the mission will have taken off successfully.

Definitions:

1. **BIBLE-Classes** – They are the heart of our outreach! The Visitor-Bible-Classes are already taking place by the refugee churches, located in Vienna, Salzburg and Linz. The SIBI-Offline-Bible classes are taking place each trimester. 3 months/13 weeks correspond to one trimester.

1.1. Visitor-Bible-Class: - *already tested, proven and taking place for years!*



1.2. SIBI-Offline-Bible-Class for International Students:

Students studying the same course online. They are University students living in Vienna.

1.3. SIBI-Offline-Bible-Class for Church Members Speaking English

Students studying the same course online. They are English speaking refugees and part of the church in Vienna.

1.4. SIBI-Offline-Bible-Class for Church Members Speaking Persian

Students studying the same course online. They are Farsi/Persian speaking refugees and part of the church in Vienna.



International
Students



English Speaking
Members



Persian Speaking
Members

A school year in full operation, will consist of 8 Offline-Bible-classes / 32 students per week.

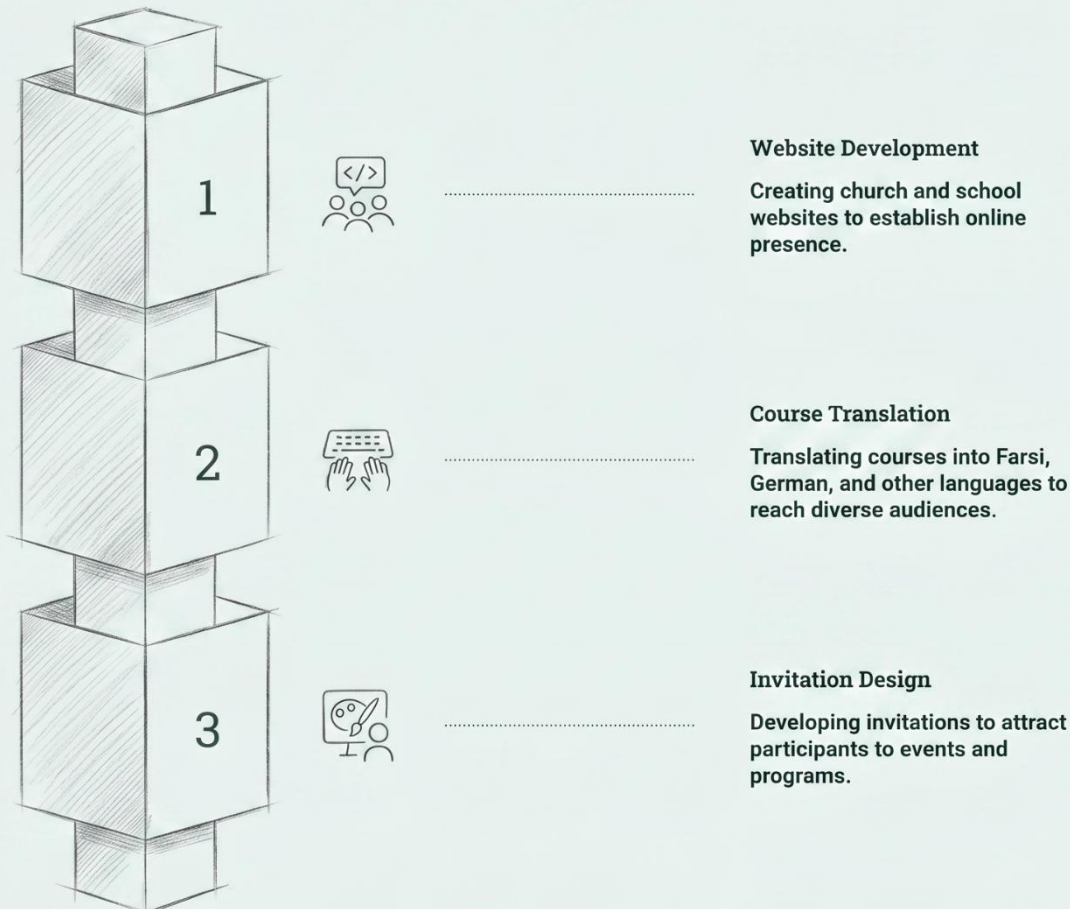
1. **COURSES** – The CORE Online Courses are from the SIBI (Sunset International Bible Institute) - [see](#)! Other country specific Seminars and or courses might be developed over the years to come.
2. **PRAYER-groups** – A place to get to know each other. A time to thank God and to ask for his guidance and blessing.
3. **HOUSE-church** – a place to see and learn firsthand how to establish a house church and to experience it`s unique dynamics.

Tasks:

1. MARKETING

- Development of Church Website – *Media Team* – finished! Ready to go!
- Development of School website – *IT Staff* – English basic finished! Ready to go!
- Proof Reading of both websites – *Evangelist/Director* – basic finished! Ready to go!
- Translation of courses into Farsi – *IT Staff* – in progress! – finished end of July!
- Translation of courses into German – *Director* – in planning
- Translation of courses into other languages – *Native speakers!* - as needed!
- Proofreading of translations – *Native speakers!* - as needed!
- Development of Invitation - *Media Team* – in progress, first samples ready!

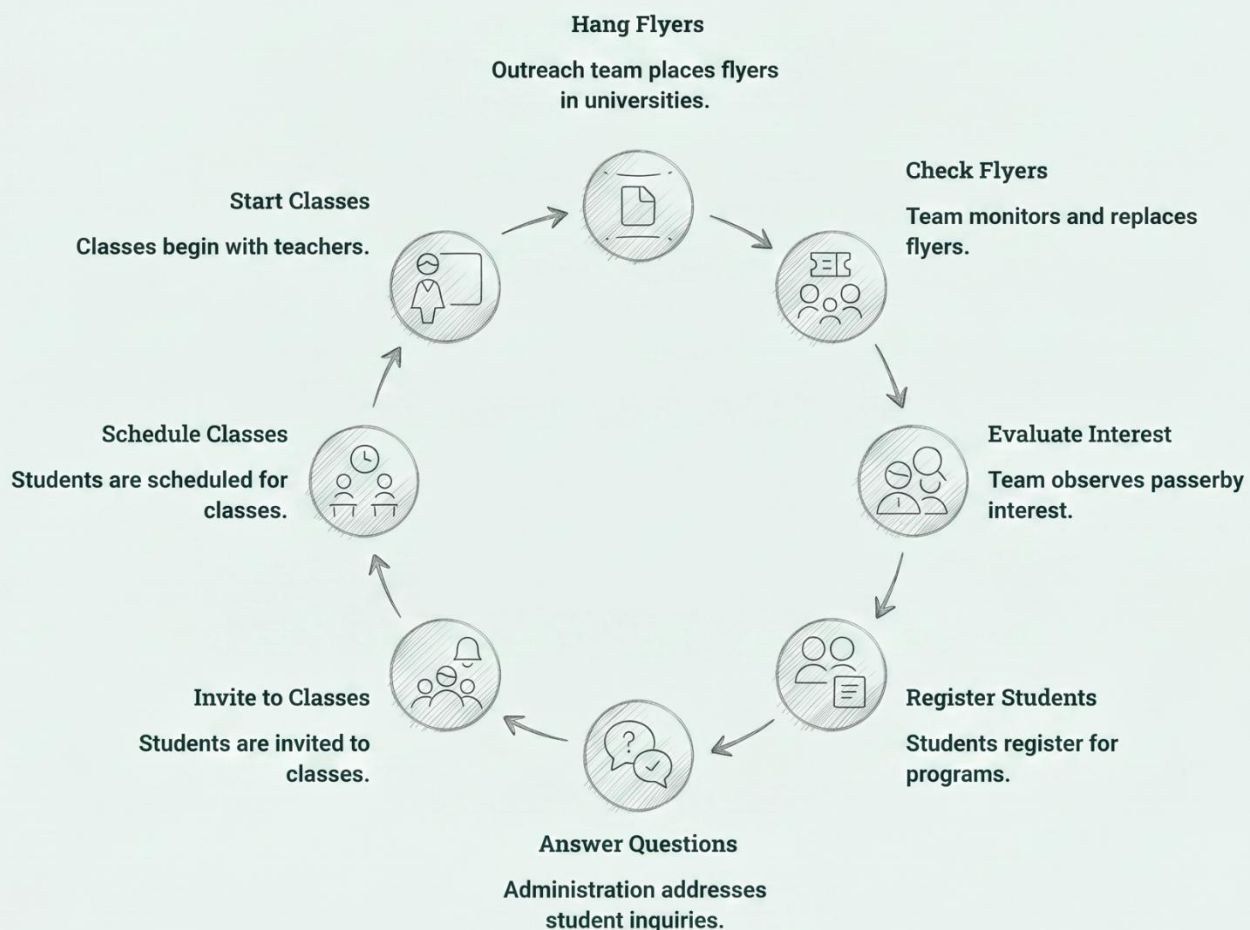
Achieving Global Outreach



2. OUTREACH & INTEGRATION

- Hanging up Flyers in Universities - *Outreach Team*
- Checking on Flyers and replacing if needed - *Outreach Team*
- Sitting close by the flyers to evaluate interest of the by-passers – *Outreach Team*
- Register and filter students for SIBI Program and or Visitor-bible-classes
- Answering the Questions of enrolling students – *Administration and Website FAQ*
- Invite registered students to Visitor-Bible-class - *Administration*
- Schedule registered students to SIBI-Offline-Bible-class – *Administration*
- Start SIBI-Offline-Bible-classes – *Director & Guest Teachers*

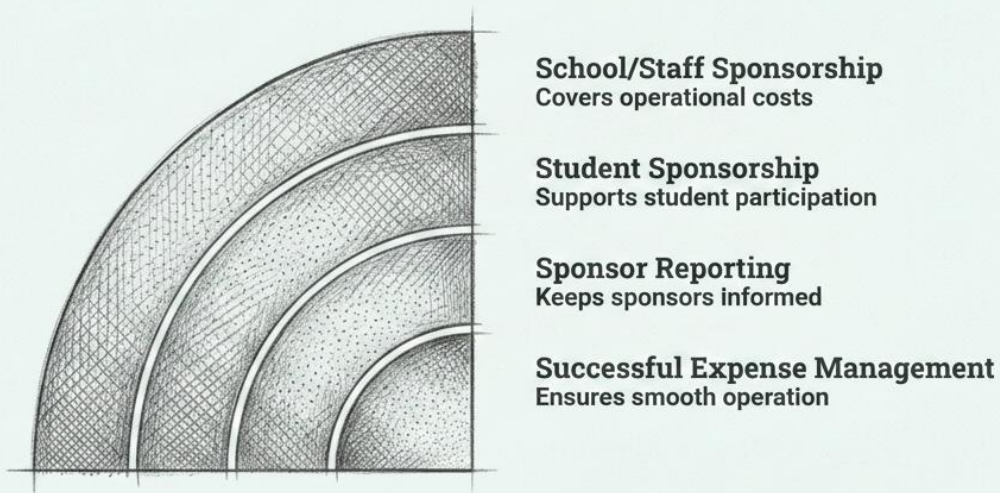
Outreach and Integration Cycle



3. EXPENSES

- Finding Sponsors for School/Staff Expenses – *Director, School Ambassadors*
- Finding Sponsors for Students – *Director, School Ambassadors*
- Up-date and report to the Sponsors – *Director*

Expense Management for School/Staff



PART FOUR

THE INTERNATIONAL STUDENT STRATEGY



CHAPTER 8

English-First, Mother-Tongue-Later



Language is not just communication. Language is identity. When a student learns in English, they're preparing for their studies, their career, their international life. But when they hear the gospel in their mother tongue, they're hearing it in the language of their childhood, their dreams, their deepest self.

“And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance... And how is it that we hear each of us in his own native language?”

— ACTS 2:4, 8

The miracle of Pentecost was not just that they spoke—but that people heard in their own languages. God cares about mother tongues. Our strategy honors both:

- English-first for unity, for study, for the international community
- Mother-tongue-later for the heart, for family, for home

Language Priorities

We start with the languages of our students:

- Phase 1: Farsi/Persian, German
- Phase 2: languages are implemented as needed and qualified translators are available

“After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb.”

— REVELATION 7:9

Every language around the throne will be represented. We want most relevant languages in our courses.

CHAPTER 9

From Student to Missionary



Every student who comes to Vienna has a choice. They can just study, graduate, and leave. Or they can experience transformation into Jesus, becoming part of something that will outlast them. Our desire and prayer is to help them choose the second option.

Stage 1: Discovery

A student finds us. Maybe through a flyer. Maybe through a friend. Maybe through social media. They take a course. They come to a gathering. They meet people from their country.

"Come and see," Jesus said."

(John 1:39)

Stage 2: Formation

They keep coming. They join a prayer group. They start meeting with others from their country. Eventually they are interested into taking the "How to Start a House Church" course. They begin to think about how to live once they are back home.

"Follow me," Jesus said."

(Matthew 4:19)

Stage 3: Preparation

They see the advantage of forming a mission team. Students from the same country, committed to going back together. They pray, brainstorm and create a plan for their common dream. Who will they reach? Where will they meet? How will they support themselves?

"The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few."

(Matthew 9:37–38)

Stage 4: Sending

In church, hands are laid on them. Prayers are spoken. They are sent. They don't go alone. They go with our blessing, our prayers, our ongoing connection.

"After fasting and praying they laid their hands on them and sent them off."

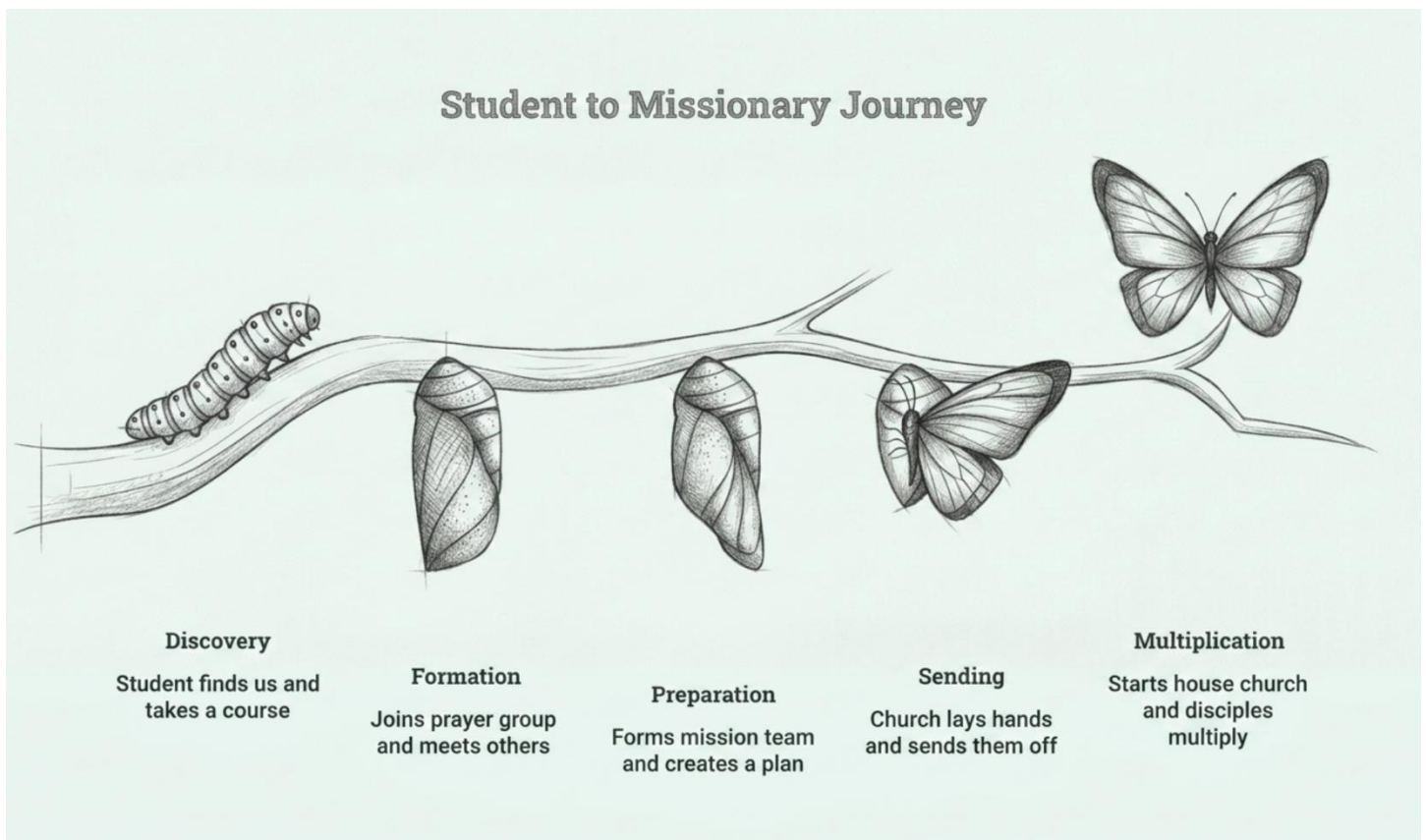
(Acts 13:3)

Stage 5: Multiplication

They arrive home. They reconnect with family. They start meeting—maybe just with one or two at first. A group forms. Then a house church. Then another as God sends people their way, those that shall be saved.

“And the word of God continued to increase, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly.”

(Acts 6:7)



C H A P T E R 1 0

Mission Teams That Go Back Together



One student returning home is brave. A team returning together is unstoppable.

“Two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their toil. For if they fall, one will lift up his fellow.”

— ECCLESIASTES 4:9–10

Mission teams are not just practical—they’re biblical. Paul and Barnabas. Paul and Silas. Paul and Timothy, Barnabas and Mark. Jesus sent the twelve together. He sent the seventy-two in pairs. The pattern is clear.

How Teams Form

In Vienna, students from the same country naturally find each other. They share language, food, memories, and concerns. We don’t force teams. We create space for them to form:

- Country-specific prayer groups
- Shared meals with people from home
- Courses discussed together in their language

After They Go

The team stays connected to Vienna. Scheduled video calls to Vienna, to tell what God is doing and to ask what they need asking.

“I thank my God in all my remembrance of you... because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now.”

(Philippians 1:3, 5)

Partnership doesn’t end when they leave. It just changes form.

PART FIVE

THE HOUSE CHURCH DNA



CHAPTER 11

Seven Non-Negotiables



What makes a house church a church? What's essential, and what's optional? Seven non-negotiables we find in the bible.

1. Jesus Is Lord

Not a doctrine to affirm. A reality to submit to. Every gathering, every decision, every relationship—under His authority. In a healthy house church, Jesus is not an add-on. He's the center. The reason. The head.

“He is the head of the body, the church.”
(Colossians 1:18)

2. Scripture Is Central

We don't gather for entertainment. We don't gather for therapy. We gather to hear from God through His Word. Teaching. Reading. Discussing. Obeying.

“Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.”
(Matthew 4:4)

3. Every Member Ministers

No spectators. Every person has a gift. Every person has a role. Every person is needed. In a house church, there's nowhere to hide. And that's a good thing. Because hiding isn't growth. Participating is.

"To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good."

(1 Corinthians 12:7)

4. Love Is Practical

Not just feelings. Not just words. Action. When someone has a need, the church meets it. Food. Money. Housing. Time. Presence. If love isn't practical, it's not love.

"Let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth."

(1 John 3:18)

5. Mission Is Local and Global

Every healthy church looks both ways: at the neighbors next door and the nations across the ocean. For our students, their Jerusalem is Vienna. Their Judea is their university. Their ends of the earth is home.

"You will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

(Acts 1:8)

6. Leadership Is Shared

Not one-person rule. A team of qualified Elders who lead together, pray together, bear burdens together.

"Appoint elders in every town."

(Titus 1:5)

7. Multiplication Is Expected

A healthy church reproduces. Not because we're ambitious—because we're obedient. Because the harvest is plentiful. Because workers are few. If we're not planting, we're not following the Great Commission.

"What you have heard from me... entrust to faithful men who will be able to teach others also."

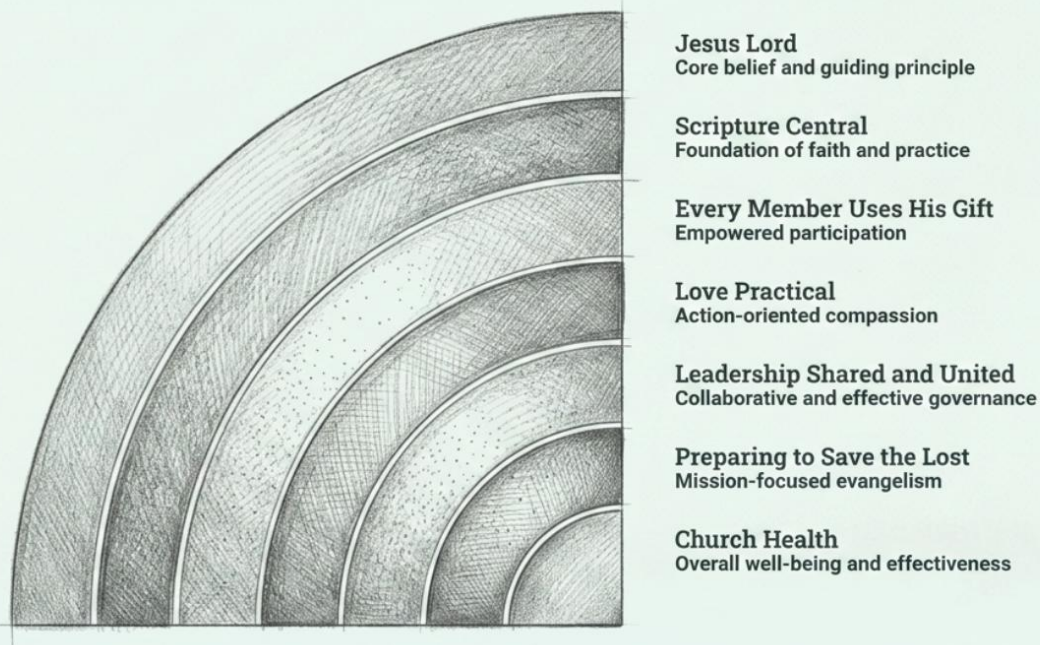
(2 Timothy 2:2)

The Test

Ask any group that calls itself a church:

1. Is Jesus Lord here?
2. Is Scripture central?
3. Does every member use his gift?
4. Is love practical?
5. Are we reaching out?
6. Is leadership shared and united?
7. Are we preparing to save the lost?

Church Health Assessment



If the answer to all seven is yes—you have a church.

What a Finished Church Looks Like

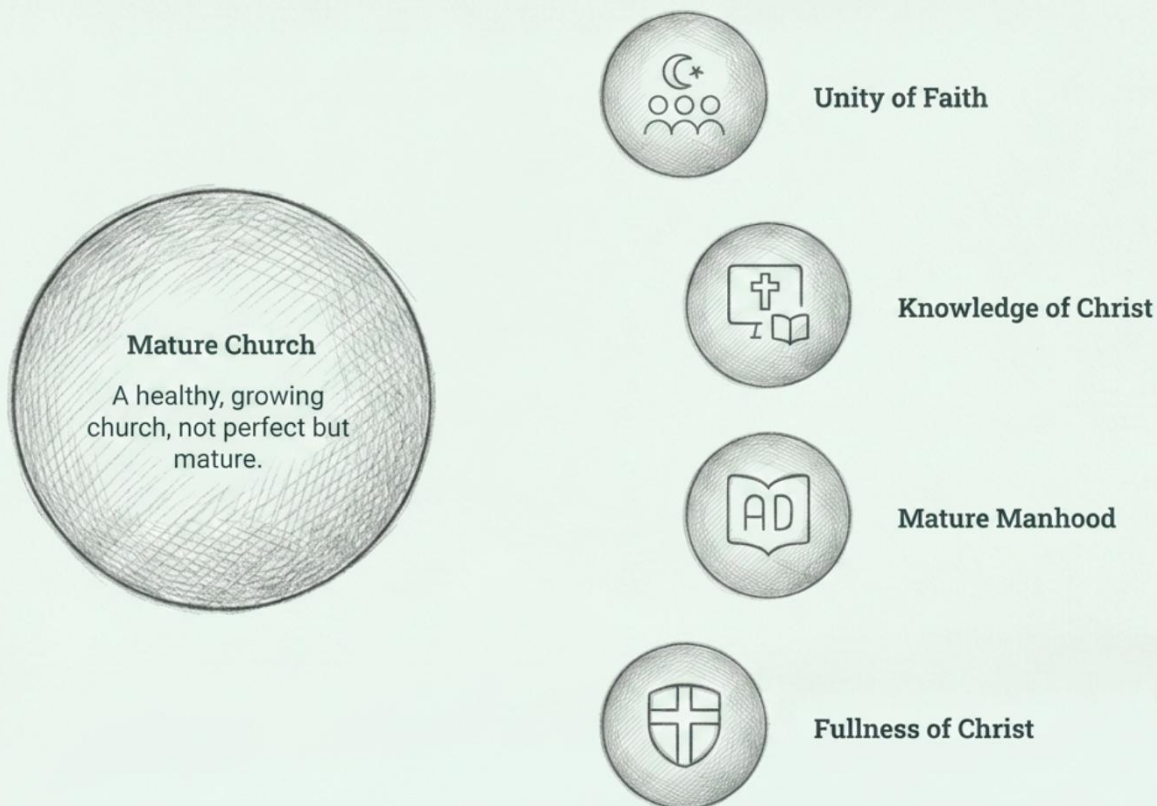


The word “finished” is tricky. No church is perfect and never will be at this side of heaven. But Paul uses a word: mature (Ephesians 4:13). A mature church is not perfect—but it’s healthy, so God can work with it.

“And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ.”

— EPHESIANS 4:11–13

Unveiling the Dimensions of a Mature Church



PART SIX

DANGERS AND HOW TO AVOID THEM



CHAPTER 13

The 20 Most Common Church Killers



Forewarned is forearmed. If you know the dangers, you can avoid them. These are not theoretical. They've killed churches for two thousand years. Learn from the mistakes of others—you won't live long enough to make them all yourself.

Category 1: Leadership Dangers

1. Narcissistic Leadership

"Not a novice, lest he become conceited."

(1 Timothy 3:6)

The Danger: A leader who thinks it's all about them. Who takes credit, won't share authority, and can't be questioned.

The Antidote: Shared leadership from day one. Accountability. Regular feedback.

2. Clergy-Laity Divide

"All are one in Christ."

(Galatians 3:28)

The Danger: Professionals do ministry; everyone else watches.

The Antidote: Equip every member for ministry. No spectators.

3. Founder's Syndrome

"We are your servants for Jesus' sake."

(2 Corinthians 4:5)

The Danger: The founder can't let go. The church revolves around one person's vision and control.

The Antidote: Succession planning from year one. Train your replacement before you need one.

4. Unqualified Leaders

“Not greedy for money, not violent.”

(Titus 1:7)

The Danger: Leaders chosen for charisma, not character.

The Antidote: Clear biblical qualifications. Testing period. Character over gifts, every time.

5. Lack of Accountability

“Where there is no guidance, a people falls.”

(Proverbs 11:14)

The Danger: No one can question the leader. No one knows what’s really happening.

The Antidote: Elders with real authority. Transparent finances. Open books.

6. Sexual Immorality

“Flee from sexual immorality.”

(1 Corinthians 6:18)

The Danger: Leaders fall. Hearts break. Churches die.

The Antidote: Clear boundaries. No secret meetings.

7. Financial Corruption

“The love of money is root of all evil.”

(1 Timothy 6:10)

The Danger: Money mishandled. Trust destroyed.

The Antidote: Transparent books. External audit. Published reports. Multiple signatories.

8. Control Through Guilt

“Not lording it over those in your charge.”

(1 Peter 5:3)

The Danger: Leaders manipulate through shame, obligation, fear.

The Antidote: Be an Example, Teach grace. Freedom in non-essentials. No guilt-tripping.

Category 2: Doctrinal Dangers

9. False Teaching

“Many false prophets will arise.”

(Matthew 24:11)

The Danger: Error creeps in. Sound doctrine is abandoned.

The Antidote: Teach Scripture book-by-book. Train discernment.

10. Prosperity Gospel

"You cannot serve God and money."

(Matthew 6:24)

The Danger: Faith becomes a formula for wealth. Suffering is denied.

The Antidote: Teach suffering as normal. Eternal rewards central.

11. Legalism

"Fallen from grace."

(Galatians 5:4)

The Danger: Adding requirements beyond Scripture. Grace forgotten.

The Antidote: Preach grace. Focus on the heart, not just behavior. Forgiveness & Patience

12. Emotionalism Without Truth

"Worship in spirit AND truth."

(John 4:24)

The Danger: Feelings become the measure of faithfulness.

The Antidote: Balance head and heart. Truth without emotion is dead; emotion without truth is dangerous.

13. Dead Orthodoxy

"Having appearance of godliness but denying power."

(2 Timothy 3:5)

The Danger: Right doctrine, dead hearts. Forms without fire.

The Antidote: Expect the Spirit to move. Pray for power. Don't settle for correct but cold.

Category 3: Relational Dangers

14. Unresolved Conflict

"First be reconciled to your brother."

(Matthew 5:24)

The Danger: Festering wounds. Divided churches.

The Antidote: Teach reconciliation. Mediate quickly. Don't let the sun go down on anger.

15. Gossip and Slander

"Do not speak evil against one another."

(James 4:11)

The Danger: Whispered words destroy trust.

The Antidote: Confront gossip directly. Matthew 18 process. Speak to, not about.

16. Cliques and Favoritism

“If you show partiality, you commit sin.”

(James 2:9)

The Danger: Inner circles. Newcomers feel unwelcome.

The Antidote: Mix groups intentionally. Welcome strangers. No favorites.

17. Tribalism

“There is no Jew nor Greek.”

(Galatians 3:28)

The Danger: “Our group” vs “their group.” Division by nationality, background, preference.

The Antidote: Celebrate diversity. Intentionally mix. One body, many members.

Category 4: Missional Dangers

18. Inward Focus

“Go into all the world.”

(Mark 16:15)

The Danger: All energy spent on existing members. No room for outsiders.

The Antidote: Measure sending, not just seating. Budget for mission. Celebrate outreach.

19. Building Obsession

“The Most High does not dwell in houses made by hands.”

(Acts 7:48)

The Danger: We need a building. We need better facilities. We need...

The Antidote: Simple meetings. Invest in people, not bricks. The church is not a building.

20. Prayerlessness

“You do not have because you do not ask.”

(James 4:2)

The Danger: We plan, strategize, work—but don’t pray.

The Antidote: Prayer meetings. Prayer partners. Teach prayer. Make it central.

The Promise

“The one who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it.”

— 1 THESSALONIANS 5:24

We watch for dangers. We take them seriously. But we don’t live in fear—we live in faith. If we won’t get attacked, we are most likely not a church. But the One who called us is faithful. He will keep us!

CHAPTER 14

Special Dangers for International Work



1. Language Isolation

Danger: Students stick to their own language group and never integrate. The church becomes a collection of isolated silos.

Antidote: Mix intentionally. Use English for common gatherings. Create cross-cultural friendships.

2. Short-Term Mentality

Danger: “I’m only here for a few years, so why invest deeply?”

Antidote: Teach that short time is still significant. A few years can change eternity. Invest deeply, even if you leave soon. Leave something worthwhile that shows you were there.

3. Home Country Pressure

Danger: Family pressure to abandon faith. Fear of what will happen back home.

Antidote: Prepare students realistically. Role-play conversations. Pray specifically.

4. Cultural Christianity

Danger: They become Christian because it’s “what we do” in Vienna—not because they’ve truly believed.

Antidote: Clear gospel. Call to conversion. Don’t assume everyone who attends believes.

5. Love for Vienna Over Mission

Danger: They love the freedom, the community, the life here—and don’t want to go back.

Antidote: Keep sending vision central. Celebrate going home as mission, not loss.

6. Lost Connection After Return

Danger: They go home, and we lose touch. They feel abandoned.

Antidote: Systems to stay connected. Monthly calls. Prayer updates. Visits. Never let go.

7. Persecution

Danger: For students from restricted countries, following Jesus can cost everything.

Antidote: Prepare realistically. Security protocols. Encrypted communication. Prayer support. Courage.

“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.”

— MATTHEW 5:10

PART SEVEN
TOOLS FOR THE JOURNEY



CHAPTER 15
Leader's Guide



“Shepherd the flock of God that is among you.”

— 1 PETER 5:2

Leading a house church is not about being a CEO. It's about being a shepherd. You know the sheep by name. You notice when one is missing. You lay down your life for them.

The Tasks of a Leader

- Feed the sheep — Teaching that nourishes, week after week
- Protect the flock — Guardianship against false teaching and harm
- Train the flock — Equipping every member for ministry

Your job is not to do everything. Your job is to equip everyone.

The Training Pipeline

Training Pipeline Steps

**I do, you watch**

The trainer demonstrates the task while the trainee observes.

**I do, you help**

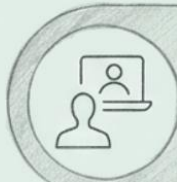
The trainer performs the task with the trainee assisting.

**You do, I help**

The trainee performs the task with the trainer providing guidance.

**You do, I watch**

The trainee performs the task independently while the trainer observes.

**You do, someone else watches**

The trainee performs the task independently, and another person observes.

Preventing Burnout

- Sabbath — one day with no ministry
- Friends — people who know you, not just your ministry
- Honesty — admit when you're struggling
- Team — don't do it alone
- Joy — remember it's God's church, not yours

C H A P T E R 16

Translation Guide



“They read from the book, from the Law of God, clearly, and they gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.”

(Nehemiah 8:8)

Translation is not just changing words—it's making sure the meaning is clear.

Three principles guide every translation:

- Faithful — Says what the original says
- Clear — Easy to understand
- Natural — Sounds like normal language

Every translation needs a team: a translator (native speaker), a reviewer (checks clarity), a biblical checker (ensures accuracy), and a coordinator (keeps the team on track).

C H A P T E R 17

Crisis Communication Plan



“Be wise as serpents and innocent as doves.”

(Matthew 10:16)

Risk Levels



Safe

Austria and Western Europe are considered safe.



Cautious

Some post-Soviet countries require a cautious approach.



Restricted

Iran, Saudi Arabia, and Afghanistan are restricted areas.



Active Persecution

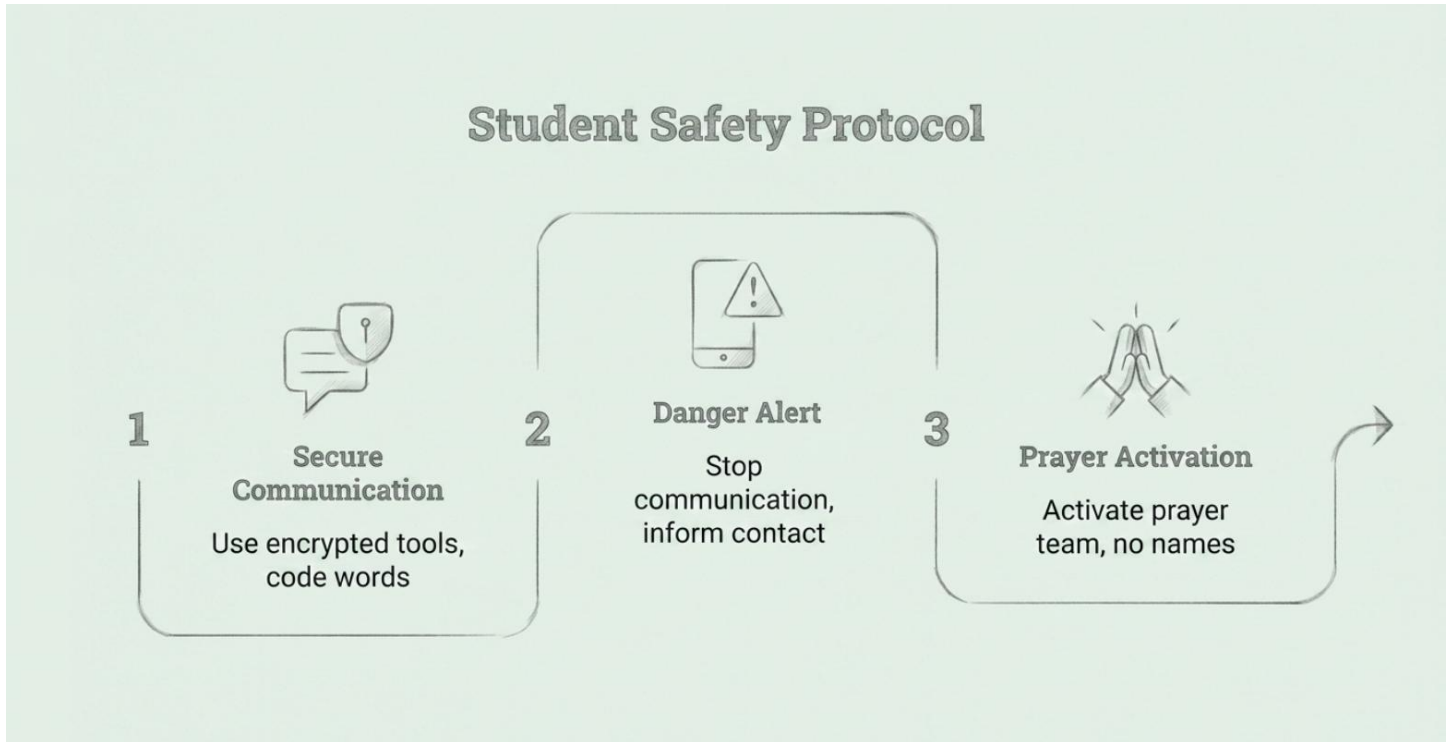
Immediate danger is present in areas with active persecution.

For students from restricted countries, following Jesus can cost everything. This plan exists to protect them while never denying Him.

Four risk levels are defined: Safe (Austria, Western Europe), Cautious (some post-Soviet countries), Restricted (Iran, Saudi Arabia, Afghanistan), and Active Persecution (immediate danger). Each level requires different communication protocols.

Key principle: Use encrypted communication tools. Have code words agreed upon. Know your emergency contacts. Never post names publicly in prayer requests.

If a student is in danger, stop all communication temporarily, inform the country contact using a code word, activate the prayer team without names or details.



“Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul.”

— **MATTHEW 10:28**

C H A P T E R 1 8

Prayer Guide

30 Days of Intercession



Prayer is not preparation for the mission. Prayer is an essential part of the mission.

“Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving.”

— COLOSSIANS 4:2

Week 1: My Heart to be true and thankful

- Day 1 — My Salvation: Thank Jesus for saving you. Keep that first love fresh.
- Day 2 — My Calling: Why did God bring you to Vienna? What fruit does He want?
- Day 3 — My Fears: Give each fear to God. He has not given you a spirit of fear.
- Day 4 — My Family: Name each family member. Pray for their salvation.
- Day 5 — My Future: Commit your future to God. He holds it all.
- Day 6 — My Weaknesses: His power is made perfect in weakness.
- Day 7 — Rest: Be still and know that He is God.

Week 2: My Church Family

- Day 8 — My Church: Pray for Love and Unity to be omnipresent
- Day 9 — My Mission Team: Unity. Vision. Perseverance.
- Day 10 — Our Leaders: Wisdom. Strength. Protection.
- Day 11 — New People: That God would open their hearts.
- Day 12 — Unity: That your love would prove Jesus is real.
- Day 13 — Difficult People: Ask God to give you His love for them.
- Day 14 — Bible-Study-Group: Thank God for each person.

Week 3: My Home Country

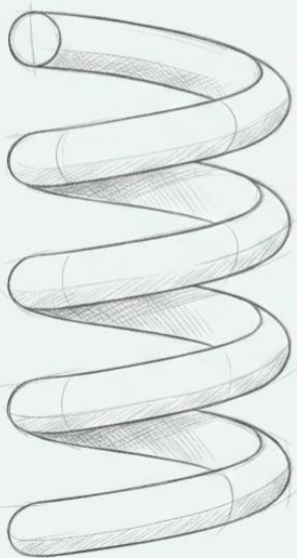
- Day 15 — My Nation: Pray for peace. For the gospel to spread.
- Day 16 — My People: That God prepares and shows us the ones wanting to follow Jesus.

- Day 17 — Christians in My Country: For courage. For protection. For Love
- Day 18 — Open Doors: For hearts ready to receive.
- Day 19 — My Language: For translations. For those who will read.
- Day 20 — Workers for the Harvest: That many would be sent.
- Day 21 — Rest and understand: God loves your people more than you do.

Week 4: The Nations

- Day 22 — All Nations: For countries you've never visited.
- Day 23 — The Neglected: For the least-reached nations.
- Day 24 — Iran: For secret believers. For protection.
- Day 25 — China: For the underground church.
- Day 26 — Nigeria: For protection. For revival.
- Day 27 — Your nation: For Clarity and all that's needed for you to succeed.
- Day 28 — Arabic World: For a Wake-Up Call.
- Day 29 — All Missionaries: For Courage. For safety. For fruit.
- Day 30 — The Return of Jesus: Come, Lord Jesus and let us be ready!

30-Day Prayer Guide for Mission



My Heart to be True and Thankful



My Church Family



My Home Country



The Nations

PART EIGHT

THE FINAL CHARGE



CHAPTER 19

Will You Be Part of This Mission?



This booklet is not just information. It's an invitation for meaningful living. An invitation to believe that God is doing something out of the ordinary. An invitation to join what God is doing. An invitation to be part of a mission that will outlast you.

For the Student seeking a meaningful life

- Come to a bible-study. Just once. See what it's like.
- Take a course. It's sponsored for sincere hearts, seeking God. What do you have to lose?
- Find and connect with others from your country. Pray together. Dream together.
- Prepare to go back. Not just with a degree—with a mission.

"How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard?"

(Romans 10:14–15)

For the Church Leaders devoted to sharing Jesus with the Lost

- Send us your students. We'll train and show them how to follow Jesus.
- Make this vision your own and adapt it to your context.
- Pray for us. We need it.
- Invest in the vision. Help us keep courses free.

"I thank my God in all my remembrance of you... because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now."

(Philippians 1:3, 5)

For the Ones believing in the Power of Prayer

- Pray for students by name.
- Pray for new churches to be planted.
- Pray for open doors in closed countries.
- Pray for protection for the persecuted.
- Pray for workers for the harvest.

“Pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.”

(Matthew 9:38)

For the joyful Giver, who loves Jesus more than anything else

- Participate with a one-time gift. A monthly partnership. A Legacy giving.
- Sponsor a translation. Sponsor a student. Sponsor an IT server/Hosting.
- Give and don't tell anyone. Give it secretly. Give it joyfully. Make God smile at you!

“Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.”

(2 Corinthians 9:7)

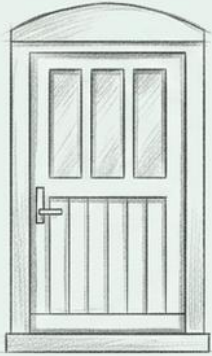
For the Translator, who wants to use his unique talent for God

- Translate courses so your people can hear in their mother tongue.
- Join a team. It's better together.
- Check your work. Accuracy matters. Someone's eternity hangs on it.

“We hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God.”

(Acts 2:11)

How can I contribute to the vision?



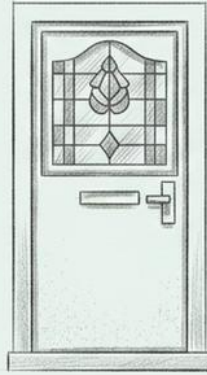
Student

Seek a meaningful life by attending bible studies, taking courses, connecting with others, and preparing for a mission.



Church Leader

Share Jesus by sending students, adapting the vision, praying, and investing in courses.



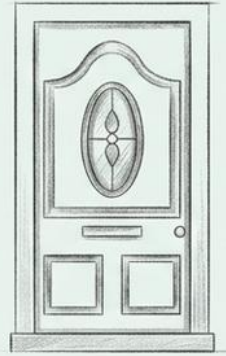
Prayer Warrior

Pray for students, new churches, open doors, protection, and workers.



Joyful Giver

Contribute financially through one-time gifts, monthly partnerships, or legacy giving.



Translator

Use talents to translate courses, join a team, and ensure accuracy.

To All of You who took the time to read and want to join

September 2051; Twenty-five years from now, when we look back on what God has done, we won't say, "Look what we built."

We'll proclaim:

"Look at what our God did

and we were privileged to be a part of it."

"Not to us, O Lord, not to us, but to your name give glory, for the sake of your steadfast love and your faithfulness!"

— PSALM 115:1

Will you be part of the grandest Mission?

The harvest is waiting. The workers are few. The time is now.

Let's go.

AFTERWORD

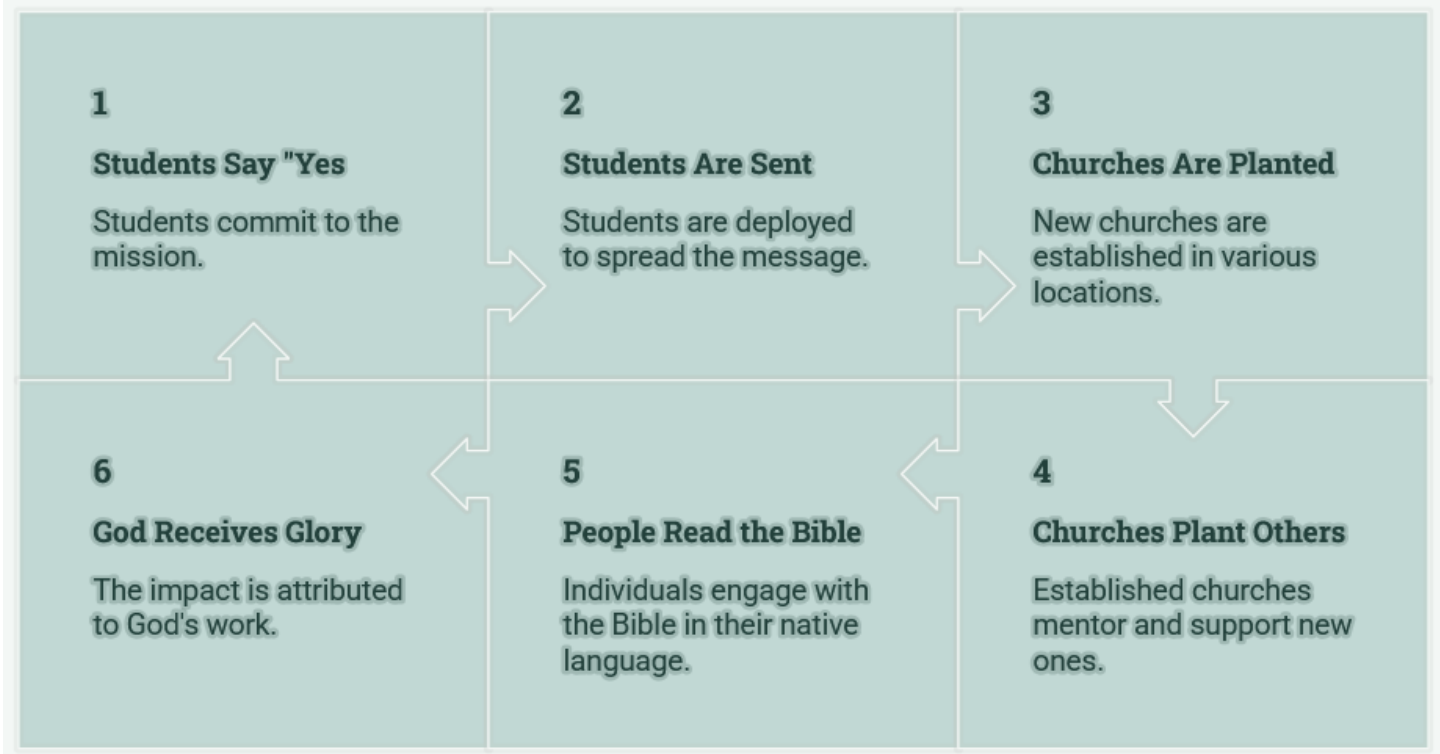
A Letter to the Future



To the one holding this roadmap in 2050:

If you finished reading this, the vision survived. Twenty-five years have passed. The students we sent are now parents. The churches that were planted have planted others. And all over the world, countless people are reading and studying the Bible in their mother tongue because a small group of students in Vienna said “yes” to Jesus.

The Cycle of Faith and Impact



We don't know your name. We don't know your face. But we are excited about you and want to encourage you to be part of the most meaningful life and mission, sharing the good news of Jesus.

- The same Spirit that made his home inside the early church members, invites you.
- The same Word that transformed us transforms you.
- The same mission that sent us sends you.

Don't stop. Don't settle. Don't grow comfortable. The harvest is still plentiful. The workers are still few. And the Lord of the harvest is still calling to join him for the battle against Satan.

"And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

— MATTHEW 28:20

He was with us. He is with you. And He will be with those who come after you, until the day when every nation, tribe, and tongue stands before the throne of God Almighty.

On that day, we will finally meet.

And there will be joy beyond our Imagination, enhancing manyfold our wildest dreams.

Until then, be eager and keep going.

From Vienna to the nations,

The Founders

year 2026

"Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen."

— EPHESIANS 3:20–21



T H E E N D

Thank you for reading!

Will you be part of the grandest Mission?

We pray, you do!