



## IMAGINE 3 :: *A REMOTE POSSIBILITY* :: ANDY STANLEY

### INTRODUCTION

When you stop to think about it, it's almost impossible to imagine; a fledgling religious movement led by a crucified carpenter in the backwaters of the Roman Empire eventually took hold in the most advanced nations of the world and is still thriving two millennia later. Hard to imagine, but the powerful way Christianity spread across the globe can't be denied. In this session, we'll discuss the ramifications in our lives of God's call to go to the ends of the earth.

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Have you ever been outside of the country? What was your experience?
2. Read Acts 1:6-9. When Jesus spoke these words, His followers didn't even know North America existed. How does it change your perspective to know that you are a part of the fulfillment of this prophecy?
3. Read Acts 2:1-12. What was the significance of Jesus' followers speaking in different languages? What did it mean?
4. Read Acts 2:41-43, 47. In your opinion, what is the most amazing aspect of the spread of Christianity throughout the globe?
5. Read Matthew 28:19-20. Nothing can explain the spread of Christianity except for the fact that Jesus has been with us. How does this impact your perspective on missions?
6. Have you ever been on a mission trip? What was your experience?

7. As a group, how will you engage in what God is doing in the world this year? (Ex. Your group could pray for a specific short-term trip. Your group could raise money to support a short-term trip. Your group could go on a short-term trip together.)

### THINK ABOUT IT

How would your story be different if people had not gone to the ends of the earth sharing the gospel?

### WHAT WILL YOU DO?

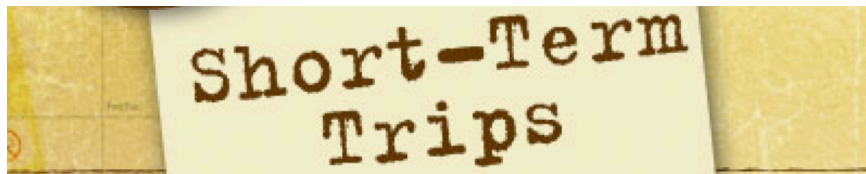
How will you play an active part in what God is doing in the world?

1. **Pray** for one of the short-term teams that is going out.
2. **Give** to a short-term trip.
3. **Go** on a short-term trip.

### CHANGING YOUR MIND

*But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth. Acts 1:8*





# Short-Term Trips

Trip	Dates
Kenya Medical	Jan 22 - Feb 4
Merida, MX Service and Programming	Feb 10 - Feb 16
South East Asia Phase 1	Mar 2 - Mar 12
Estonia Outreach	Mar 3 - Mar 12
Brazil Groups Development	Mar 4 - Mar 15
East Asia Emory	Mar 10 - Mar 19
East Asia Spring Outreach	Mar 17 - Mar 26
Romania Married Life Live	Mar 17 - Mar 26
Croatia Spring Outreach	Mar 30 - Apr 10
Merida, MX Community Groups	Apr 1 - Apr 9
Mississippi Katrina Relief	Apr 2 - Apr 7
Ukraine Business Symposium	Apr 2 - Apr 9
Bosnia Prayer Walk	Apr 21 - Apr 29
Estonia KidStuf	Apr 28 - May 9
South East Asia Phase 2	May 4 - May 14
East Asia Summer Project	June 1 - July 3
Dominican Republic High School	June 3 - June 10
Cambodia Outreach	June 8 - June 18
Bosnia English Outreach	June 11 - June 19
Dominican Republic Family	June 16 - June 24
South East Asia Discovery Trip	June 21 - July 2
Brazil Small Group Training	July 1 - July 12
South East Asia Phase 3	July 6 - July 16
Romania Adventure Camp	July 7 - July 18
Romania Teacher Training	July 11 - July 18
Bolivia Ministry Development	July 15 - July 22
Slovakia Summer Camp	July 19 - July 31
Romania Leadership Conference	July 21 - Aug 1
Macedonia English Camp	July 21 - July 31
Merida, MX KidStuf	July 22 - July 31
Queretaro, MX Church Development	July 23 - July 29
Dominican Republic Youth	July 23 - Aug 1
Bosnia Landscape/Construction	July 30 - Aug 8
Slovakia KidStuf Launch	Sept 29 - Oct 9
Estonia Church Launch	Oct 13 - Oct 22
Croatia Fall	Oct 19 - Oct 30
Brazil Starting Point and Groups	Nov 11 - Nov 22
Queretaro, MX Church Development	Nov 12 - Nov 18