



[insert Date]

Dear [insert name of key partner contact],

This is a formal proposal for a commitment to ministry partnership.

I want you to join me and a few other partners in taking the Omega Challenge; to systematically engage two people groups in ministry that are related to each other: One local and unreached, one overseas and unengaged.

Local unreached people group: <<Local Diaspora People Group>>

Unengaged people group: <<Unengaged People Group>>

Before we get too far into describing the details, I want to explain why I've included you. I believe you are a Great Commission thinker. You are not satisfied with the undone task. You are compelled to act by the thought of whole people groups who remain unengaged with the gospel. You agree it's unacceptable. And I think you will enjoy working together with the other partners I've included.

Still, you may have never considered engaging unengaged peoples in far away places. It's not hard to imagine why. By definition there is nobody working among them with which to partner. There aren't people with a lot of information about them to tell us because Christians haven't gone there yet to learn about them. What kind of steps does one take to even begin? Who is capable of taking on such a task?



First of all, let me share the Caleb Project definition: An Unengaged Unreached People Group (UUPG) has no known active church planting underway. According to the IMB Global Research Office: "A people group is engaged when a church planting strategy, consistent with evangelical faith and practice, is under implementation. In this respect, a people group is not engaged when it has been merely adopted, is the object of focused prayer, or is part of an advocacy strategy."

At least four essential elements constitute effective engagement:

1. apostolic effort in residence;
2. commitment to work in the local language and culture;
3. commitment to long-term ministry;
4. sowing in a manner consistent with the goal of seeing a Church Planting Movement (CPM) emerge

I believe we can do this together with the right partners and an embryonic plan that we can customize to fit our team context. I've identified three core partners to focus on a common location. Each of these partners represent a different facet of the body of Christ with unique perspectives and assets to bring to the table:

Church: <<Church>>

Sending Agency: <<Sending Agency>>

Practitioner Community: <<Local Practitioner Community>>

The common location that we have in common is: <<Location>>

We'll also have access to Omega Challenge coaches, who are global network leaders, offering their consultancy without charge.

Here's the template that I'd like us to flesh out together with details that match our specific context:

Year One: Foundation Laying

<<Church>> in <<Location>> will engage in ministry among local <<Local Diaspora People Group>> and join the existing ministry of <<Local Practitioner Community>>, or form a new local practitioner community to begin engaging them (www.peoplegroups.info).

Leaders of <<Church>> will research <<Unengaged People Group>> and highlight their intention to adopt and engage them in the congregation (www.peoplegroups.org). They should begin to identify qualified church members whom they'll challenge to relocate among <<Unengaged People Group>> at the end of Year Three. Perhaps the most daunting aspect of the Omega Challenge is this idea of pastoral and lay leaders discerning apostolic gifting in members of their congregation, and working with the Holy Spirit to stimulate *calling* for overseas work. Implementing such an active role will demand courageous leadership.

The overseas team should join and experience team life with <<Local Practitioner Community>> as early as possible. The partners will conduct research to discover other existing ministry networks (www.linkingglobalvoices.com).

Year Two: Framing

About this time there should be members of <<Church>> working with <<Local Practitioner Community>> from both the prospective overseas team and those intending to engage their local Muslim friends among <<Local Diaspora People Group>>. It's likely that <<Local Practitioner Community>> will also include people from the surrounding community that are not from <<Church>>.

<<Sending Agency>> offers training specific to the overseas location, their own cultural requirements, assesses readiness, and provides other logistic helps that are needed. <<Local Practitioner Community>> may be invited into this training for their mutual enrichment in ministry, as well as to empathize with the needs of the goers so they can become part of a fruitful sending team.

Year Three: Finishing

The team who <<Church>> will send to <<Unengaged People Group>> will hopefully be clearly formed by the beginning of the third year. <<Church>> and <<Sending Agency>> will both be coaching and assisting them in any needed support-raising. It may be that a Business For Transformation (B4T) plan has been implemented in conjunction with <<Local Practitioner Community>>, which could be further facilitated through relational connections between <<Local Diaspora People Group>> and <<Unengaged People Group>> through kinship connections.

At the end of this three-year project, a fully integrated global/local outreach plan among two similar people groups will exist, capable to maintain ongoing fruitful ministry in the following areas:

- Engagement of <<Local Diaspora People Group>> with the intention of establishing reproducing fellowship of new Jesus Disciples in <<Location>>
- Increasing local impact through <<Church>>'s contributions in growing <<Local Practitioner Community>>'s influence and growth
- A knowledgeable and equipped sending team, kept active and engaged through the ongoing activity in the midst of <<Local Diaspora People Group>>
- A thriving, equipped church planting team among a formerly Unengaged People Group, helping to ensure perfect attendance in the throne room picture of Revelation 7:9.
- A successful story to share that will encourage others who would take the Omega Challenge, and the expertise to take on a coaching role for three other such partnerships that could be catalyzed.

We'll follow this plan as outlined only until our vision outgrows it. It's important to note that we have no obligation to limit ourselves to these generic starter ideas.

Initial Meeting

If this idea resonates with you, and you'd like to investigate the idea together, I'd like to propose that we start by setting a meeting between key representatives of <<Church>>, <<Local Practitioner Community>>, and <<Sending Agency>>. In our initial time together, we'll work through the Omega Challenge Quarterly Meeting Outline (see chart on following page) to get us started. We'll revise that template meeting plan to match our specific needs.

I look forward to hearing your response to this proposal. I believe that we can make an eternal impact on the kingdom of God by partnering together to ensure that God has the worshippers he deserves from every people group.

Sincerely,

<<Name>>

<<Email>>

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Omega Challenge Quarterly Meeting Outline

