

MEANING BEHIND THE LOGO

Picture for a moment that you move to Thailand to serve as a missionary. Besides language study, what would you do to begin reaching that place with the gospel? What actions would you take?

At QSBC, we have identified four practical steps that we can take to serve as missionaries here in America, four intentional actions that help us engage our world. And, we have designed a logo to encourage us to remember and apply them. Here they are:



- **See** the lost people around you. Sometimes we are so busy with our day-to-day responsibilities that we don't notice the perishing people where we live and work. The first step, then, is to slow down and look around. "Do I know the person three houses down?" "Who is the new person at the office?" "What is the name of the teller at the bank?" These kinds of questions help us take time to "see," which is essential for outreach.

Principle #1: As a farmer surveys a field before working it, a home missionary surveys their field in order to minister in it.

- **Pray** for the people that we see. God intends to reach every tribe, tongue, and nation, and he has appointed prayer as an indispensable means for carrying out his plan. Andrew Murray insisted that the person who mobilizes the "church to pray will make the greatest contribution to world evangelization." What might God do if we prayed fervently for lost souls?

Principle #2. As a farmer removes rocks before plowing the soil, a home missionary prays to remove barriers to the gospel.

- **Develop** relationships with the people. We can witness to people that we meet once, but we can invest more time, prayer, and love in those near where we live, work, and play. Moreover, those with little church background often need the extra exposure to the gospel.

Principle #3. As a farmer tills soil to prepare it for seed, a home missionary builds relationships to facilitate sharing the gospel.

- **Share** the gospel. Paul asked, "How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in?" (Rom. 10:14 NIV). His rhetorical question reminds us that living a good life is not enough. People must hear the gospel in order to be saved. As a result, we should explain the good news gently, respectfully, and clearly when the opportunity arises.

Principle #4. As a farmer sows seed before reaping a harvest, a home missionary shares the gospel before souls are saved.

Now you know the meaning behind the logo. It is a simple concept designed to help us engage our world. The question is, are you ready to begin serving as a missionary? If so, set aside few minutes to take step one, and then find someone to join you on the journey.