

This week 2 couples left to pioneer. Have answered some of their basic questions. We need to consider some practicals

I. PRACTICAL PIONEERING BEGINNINGS

A. Housing:

1. Where to live: In a larger city – don’t live far away from where you intend to Pastor
 - a. *In Joburg a guy got a house 1-1/2 hours away!*
2. How much to pay: You will have limited support
 - a. The more you pay – you have to earn...and the harder it is to go full time

B. Where to locate your church

1. Consider the other pastors in a large city
 - a. It would be foolish to locate close to them and tick them off: Put some distance between!
 - b. Speak to the guys and find out if there are areas they ‘claim’ as their own
 2. Identify where people gather – potential evangelism spots
 - a. *Acts 16:13 And on the Sabbath day we went out of the city to the riverside, where prayer was customarily made; and we sat down and spoke to the women who met there.*
 1. Go at different times: Things look different/the factors change day/night
 3. Ask questions
 - a. Local people have a good idea of where is good or bad: Listen to their opinions
 - b. Local Pastors: Listen to their opinions – but take it with a grain of salt
 1. Men without faith tend to make theologies out of their experience: Some can discourage you
- a. *SA: Every missionary told me something different/totally opposite than others*

C. Find a place to meet

1. You need to get going reaching people: Have a place to bring them or draw them to
 - a. Your house: Bible studies & outreaches
 2. A place to have church
 - a. In a small town it is not so crucial to experiment: Everybody sees & knows
 - b. In a larger city you could go to several different areas: Some may not be good
 1. So you’re not looking for a building: You might change your mind about the area
 3. In larger cities: Go fishing
 - a. Witness personally in some different areas to gauge response
 - b. Try some outdoor/quick outreaches if weather permits
 - c. Try some outreaches in a few different buildings
1. *Recreation centers/community halls/banquet rooms at hotels, etc.*

D. Remember the overriding question: *What are you there for?*

1. Make that a focus – even while arranging business/getting to know the city, etc.
 - a. *Acts 16:13 And on the Sabbath day we went out of the city to the riverside...*
 1. *Mark Aulson witnessed to taxi driver/got saved – when arrived in Davao*
 2. *Us: Every contact at bank/real estate agent – we invited/witnessed to*
 3. *Had Bible study at someone’s house before our things arrived*
 4. *Had Bible study at our house the night our things arrived*