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INTRODUCTION

Special books can change our lives. When the writer of this book was a young man, he read a book entitled *Every Christian's Job*. He learned that it was his responsibility to be very active in winning lost people to Christ. Later he discovered that one of the best and fastest ways to win people to Christ is by starting many, many new churches. God has given the writer of this book the opportunity of helping to start more than 150 new churches.

The aim of this book, *Starting and Strengthening New Churches*, is to help you bring many people to Jesus. You will be doing this as you start new churches and keep these churches growing for the glory of God.

The main purpose of churches is to glorify God. Churches help to reconcile God and man. Living, active, working churches are the primary witnesses to Christ. *You* can join in this great work of God by starting new churches.

As you read this book you will begin to see how very important churches are. So much is wrong in our world which only God can change. Churches are at the center of God's world-changing purpose. Churches can speak to life's most important issues.

Many church leaders are discovering the joy of starting new churches. Have you made this discovery? This book will be your guide as you, too, plant churches. You will learn new ideas about how to start and develop churches.

Some of the most important advances in God's Kingdom on earth are being made through establishing new churches. As the population of the world is rapidly increasing, churches need to be multiplied. So God invites you to enter the joy of His strategy of world evangelism and church planting.

In this book you will have the opportunity to learn by doing. Step by step you will learn the very best ways to start and strengthen churches. You will also learn how to start churches in difficult places, in cities, and among unreached people. Nine lessons are given on strengthening churches so that they continue to grow.

Why should we start new churches? The Bible is full of reasons! "Christ loved the church and gave himself for it" (Eph. 5:25). The church is Christ's plan for making disciples, teaching the faith, and reaching out to win the world. "I will build my church," Christ said. How fortunate we are to be invited to join Christ as "fellow-workers for God."

Churches are being started by leaders who have a strong desire to share the Good News of Christ. A church is born as more and more people come to Christ

by repentance and faith. Then these new believers begin the wondrous process of Christian growth. They live in fellowship with God and care for one another. The believers serve Christ as His stewards and His witnesses. Eventually this new church will be able to reproduce itself by helping to start another new church.

Harold Cummins, who wrote this book, was trained at the University of California and Golden Gate Baptist Seminary. He and his wife have been missionaries in Kenya since 1963. Cummins has helped to write other books which will help you in your ministry, such as: *How to Help*, and *Preaching from the Old Testament*, a TEE text.

HOW TO USE THIS BOOK

This book is your teacher. It will teach you a lesson each day. Obey carefully what the book says just as you would obey a teacher. When the teacher tells you to take your Bible and read, you do not just look at him. You take your Bible and read. This is what you must do with this book.

In school the teacher tells the students something. He explains it carefully. Then he asks questions. When students answer well, the teacher goes on to the next teaching. This book uses the same way of teaching. First it gives you a small part of the lesson. Then it asks you a question. If you read carefully, you will be able to answer well. If you answer well it shows that you have understood. It also helps you to remember what you have read.

Usually you will be able to give the right answers. If you are not sure of the answer, read again the teaching from the last question. If you are still not sure, then write the best answer you can. Then go on. As you do the lesson you will find out if you are answering well. But it is very important that you always write your best answer before you read the next part. It will help if you use a piece of paper to cover the rest of the page as you read.

Move the paper down to the heavy line which looks like this:
===== . Read the teaching and answer the question. Then move the paper down to the next heavy line. In this way you will not read the answer before you are ready for it. As you read the answer, think about it. It will correct you if you are learning wrong.

It will take you 10 weeks to finish this book. Do one lesson each day for five days of each week. Do not try to do two or three lessons in one day. The last questions for each day are the most important ones. They show what the teacher wants you to remember. We call these the objectives of the book. At the end of the week, you have learned well if you can answer these questions.

This book should be used with a discussion meeting each week. You should have a leader to help you with your problems. The leader should also help you discuss with other students what you have learned. If you have not studied the lessons before class, you will not understand what is being said.

If there is no leader to help you with these lessons, call together some of your friends. Ask them to study the lessons. Then meet together and let someone in the group lead a discussion. We believe you will like this kind of learning. When you come to the end of the book, you will be surprised how much you have learned.

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WEEK 1: WHY SHOULD WE START MANY NEW CHURCHES?
DAY 1: CHRIST LOVED THE CHURCH.

1. Welcome to this book of lessons about starting and strengthening new churches. Many church leaders are finding joy in starting churches. God invites YOU to have that special joy.

1 Corinthians 3:9:

We are God's fellow workers.

Do you think God wants YOU to work with Him? _____

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2. God has invited YOU and called YOU for a special work with Him. An important part of your work for God is bringing people to Jesus and starting new churches.

This week you will learn five reasons why we should start many new churches. At the end of the week you will be asked to write these five reasons.

Why should we start many new churches?

- (1) Christ loved the church.
- (2) Churches continue Christ's work.
- (3) Population is increasing rapidly.
- (4) More churches win more people.
- (5) Starting new churches helps your church.

Today we will learn that one reason to start new churches is because: Christ loved the church.

Have you ever helped start a new church? _____

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3. If you answered NO, this book will help you learn how to start new churches. If you answered YES, that is fine. You will learn new ways to plant or give birth to new churches. You will also learn how to develop and strengthen churches.

Ephesians 5:25:

...Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her.

From this verse, what was it that Christ loved? _____

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4. Christ loved the church. He loved His followers, the people of God. They were the church. From Ephesians 5:25 we know that Christ loved the church. He prayed for the church and He gave Himself for it.

Matthew 16:18:

Jesus said...I will build my church.

What is the special thing which Jesus will build? _____

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5. Jesus will build His church. We have been invited to join with Christ in this special work. Christ died for the church because of His love for it. It is because of this same love that He invited YOU to work with Him.

John 15:16:

Jesus said, I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit.

Why do you think Christ wants us to work with Him in building His church? _____

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6. Be prepared to discuss your answer in class. I think Christ invites us to work with Him because He loves us and He loves the people with whom we work. Christ wants us to have the joy of working together with Him. We are seeing that Christ loved the church and gave Himself for it.

From Ephesians 5:25, what is one reason why we should start many new churches?

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7. The first reason is: Christ loved the church. From various nations around the world there are reports of many new churches being started.

From Brazil: We started nine churches in the last two years. The number of our churches grew from 5 to 15 in less than ten years.

From Korea: In our city we planted 18 churches in the last two years.

From Ephesians 5:25, why did Christ give Himself for the church? _____

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8. Christ loved the church; therefore, He gave Himself for it. This is the first reason why we should start many new churches: Christ loved the church. He wants His churches to spread throughout the entire world. Churches can help make a better world. Social and moral reforms in society often come from churches. Churches help bring freedom and justice and help for the poor.

What is a Bible verse which tells us of Christ's love for the church? _____

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9. Ephesians 5:25 tells us this. Perhaps you are wondering: Why did Christ love the church enough to die on the cross for it? Here are some reasons:

Why Christ loved the church:

Churches proclaim His death and resurrection.

Churches help change the world.

Churches teach the people of God.

Churches are central in God's plan for the world.

Churches help people and nations.

What was the reason Christ died for the church? _____

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10. He loved it. This is the first reason why we should start many new churches: Christ loved the church. If Christ loved the church, we also should love it. If we love the church, we will want it to grow and spread everywhere. We will want everyone to become Christians and have a church to attend.

What was it that Christ loved? _____

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11. Christ loved the church. A worker in a factory was like Christ in that he also loved the church. He wanted the church to grow. He wanted to start a new church near his home. So, he went to his home area, and visited from house to house telling Bible stories. Then, he invited people to repent, accept Christ, becoming Christians. About 40 people did this, and soon a new church was started there.

Why do you think that man gave his time to start a new church? _____

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12. He loved the church. The church he started now has over 200 members and it helped start four more new churches. Love grows! Love spreads!

Stop now and examine your life. Ask yourself these questions: How strong is my love for the church? Am I giving myself for it as Christ did? Now in prayer, ask God to bless your study about starting new churches. Ask Him to help you to love His church and give yourself for it.

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13. From Ephesians 5:25, what is one reason why we should start new churches?

WEEK 1: WHY SHOULD WE START MANY NEW CHURCHES?
DAY 2: CHURCHES CONTINUE CHRIST'S WORK.

1. From Ephesians 5:25, what is one reason why we should start new churches?

2. Christ loved the church. If He loved the church, we too should love it. So, we have considered one reason to start new churches: because Christ loved the church. Today we will learn that another reason to start new churches is because:

Churches continue Christ's work.

John 14:12:

Truly, truly, I say to you, he who believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I go to my Father.

What did Jesus say that those who believe in Him would do? _____

3. Jesus said that they would do the works that He did. Believers would do even greater works than Jesus! Amazing! Christ did so much. How could His followers ever do greater works? Jesus was returning to His Father, but Christians would continue His work. Christ's followers have spread all around the world. They have won millions of people for their Master. They have helped to change the world. Churches are continuing Christ's work. This is another reason why more churches are needed.

Do you think more churches are needed in your town or area? _____

4. We will discuss your answer in class. Take your Bible now and read Matthew 9:35-37. Read verse 35 again.

What is one work which Jesus did? _____

5. You may answer: He went about all the cities and villages, teaching, preaching, healing. All of these answers are correct.

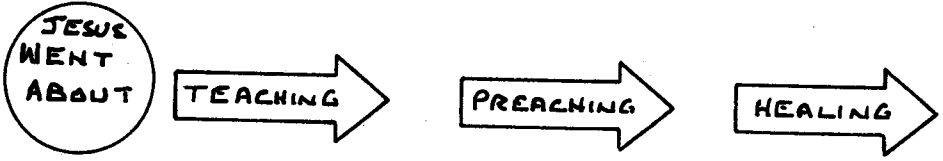
Matthew 9:35:

And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and preaching the Gospel of the kingdom, and healing every disease and every infirmity.

In the verse above draw a line under all of the words which tell about Christ's work.

6. I hope you drew lines under: went about, teaching, preaching, healing.

WORKS WHICH CHRIST DID:



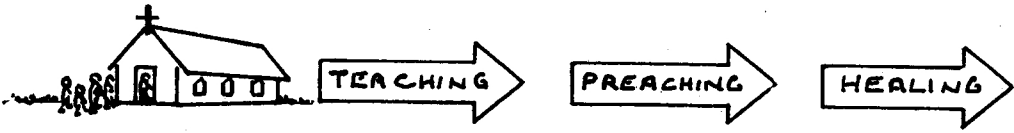
Does your church also do any of these works? _____

7. Most churches continue Christ's work of teaching, preaching and healing. Remember, we read that Jesus said:
John 14:12:

He who believes in me will also do the works that I do.

Whose work are Christians to continue? _____

8. Christians are to continue Christ's work. They work through their church.



What are 3 works which YOUR church should do? _____

9. Teaching, preaching and healing are works of Christ which churches do. Churches continue Christ's work. This is another reason why more churches are needed now. When Bible teachers teach the Word of God, they are continuing Christ's work. When the pastor preaches, he is doing the work of Christ. When we pray for the sick, we are continuing Christ's work. When a Christian doctor helps sick people, he is continuing Christ's work.

Do you think more churches are needed now in order to continue the work of Christ?

10. Yes, more churches are needed now. Read in your Bible Matthew 28:16-20. Jesus said in verse 18 and 19 that His disciples are to:

Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you....

From this verse write 2 things which Christians are to do.

11. You could have written: go, make disciples, baptize, and teach. Churches are to continue Christ's work. More churches are needed now for this work. All villages need to hear the Gospel. Every town needs more churches to teach God's Word. Many more strong churches are needed now. We must make disciples. This means that we are to tell people about Christ. We should help people accept Christ as their Saviour. Churches are to baptize people and teach them.

If churches do these things whose work are they doing? _____

12. Churches continue Christ's work. We read in the New Testament about many churches. The members of those churches served God night and day in order to continue Christ's work. Here are some reasons why they did that.

Reasons why churches continued Christ's work:

Many churches had seen Christ as their example.

The church members had a great love for Christ.

The church members wanted to obey their Lord.

They had a deep concern for their relatives.

Do you feel a strong desire to continue Christ's work? _____

13. You may wish to discuss your answer with your teacher. Look now at the first two reasons which we have learned about starting churches.

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| Why should we start many new churches? |
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| (1) Christ loved the church. |
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| (2) Churches continue Christ's work. |
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Stop now and ask yourself: Do I have enough love for the church to go out and start a new church? Am I willing to give my time to start a new church which would continue Christ's work? Pray that God's Spirit will give new love, a new zeal and a new power to your life.

14. One reason we should start new churches is because Christ loved the church.

What is a second reason to start churches? _____

WEEK 1: WHY SHOULD WE START MANY NEW CHURCHES?
DAY 3: POPULATION IS INCREASING RAPIDLY.

1. We are learning why more churches are needed. I am happy that you have completed two lessons. Now let us continue.

Write in the second reason.

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| Why should we start many new churches? |
| (1) Christ loved the church. |
| (2) _____ |
| (3) Population is increasing rapidly. |
| (4) More churches win more people. |
| (5) Starting new churches helps your church. |

2. Churches continue Christ's work. They continue His work of teaching, preaching and healing.

What is the third reason why we should start many new churches? _____

3. Population (the number of people) is increasing rapidly. The number of people in the world is now about 5 billion. See how the number of people in the world has increased rapidly:

In 1900, there were 1½ billion people.

In 1950, there were 2½ billion people.

Now, there are 5 billion people!

From these figures, what is increasing in the world? _____

4. The population is increasing very rapidly. By the year 2000 there will be about 6 billion people on earth! The cities are growing rapidly. And in most nations of the world, the rural (farming) areas are also increasing in population.

Think about where you live. In the last ten years, has the number of people decreased or increased? _____

5. In almost every city and village the population is increasing rapidly. Many babies are born each year. Large numbers of children and young people live in our towns and villages. Each year they increase. Because so many people live in the world today, many more churches should be started.

Read the first two reasons, and write in the third reason.

Why should we start many new churches?

- (1) Christ loved the church.
- (2) Churches continue Christ's work.
- (3) _____

6. Population is increasing rapidly. Jesus loves these people.

Mark 6:34:

As He went ashore He saw a great throng, and He had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and He began to teach them many things.

Jesus wants His people to have a shepherd. When there are many churches, there are many shepherds. Shepherds of the churches take care of the many people of God.

What is the third reason why we should start many new churches?

7. The third reason is: population is increasing rapidly. Peter Kioko saw hundreds of people who never attended church. So, he went from house to house telling people: "We want to start a new church here." Some people were not interested. He stopped at the house of Mr. and Mrs. Matoi. They said, "We have been praying that someone would come. We need a church which teaches the Bible near our home. There are many people here who are not yet Christians."

What was one reason Mr. and Mrs. Matoi wanted a church? _____

8. They saw many people who were not yet Christians. They wanted a church near their home which taught the Bible. Pastor Msweli was trying to begin a church. He went to an area of new houses. He talked to many people about Jesus, the Bible and the church. Mr. and Mrs. Onoko said, "We are a family of nine people. But until today nobody ever told us clearly about Jesus and His church." The Onoko family soon began attending the new church. The parents and five children accepted Christ as their Saviour and were baptized. Then, the Onoko family helped many of their neighbours become Christians.

What do you think was one reason why Pastor Msweli started a new church?

9. The answer is up to you. Perhaps it was because he saw many people in the area of new houses. He loved those people. He wanted them to be saved.

Joel 3:14:

Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision! For the day of the Lord is near in the valley of decision.

Who are these people? Who are the multitudes in the valley of decision? They are your relatives, friends, and neighbours. Some are known to you and others are unknown. God loves them all.

What do you think God wants you to do about these people? _____

10. I believe God wants us to tell the people that He loves them and that Christ died for them. Perhaps God wants a new church started near their homes. Population is increasing rapidly. God wants the multitudes to come to Him.

Acts 5:14:

And more and more believers were added to the Lord, multitudes both of men and women.

What is the third reason why we should start many new churches? _____

11. Population is increasing rapidly. We have studied three reasons why we should start many new churches.

What is the first reason?

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| Why should we start many new churches? |
| (1) _____ |
| (2) Churches continue Christ's work. |
| (3) Population is increasing rapidly. |

12. The first reason is: Christ loved the church. He wants more churches.

What is the second reason?

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| Why should we start many new churches? |
| (1) Christ loved the church. |
| (2) _____ |
| (3) Population is increasing rapidly. |

13. Churches continue Christ's work of teaching, preaching and healing. Today more schools are being started. Many more shops are being built. This is because there are so many more people in the world.

What is the third reason to start more churches? _____

14. Write three reasons why we should start more new churches?

- (1) _____
- (2) _____
- (3) _____

WEEK 1: WHY SHOULD WE START MANY NEW CHURCHES?
DAY 4: MORE CHURCHES WIN MORE PEOPLE.

1. Write in the third reason.

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| Why should we start many new churches? |
| (1) Christ loves the church. |
| (2) Churches continue Christ's work. |
| (3) _____ |
| (4) More churches win more people. |
| (5) Starting new churches helps your church. |

2. Population is increasing rapidly. Many new schools are being started because of population growth. Likewise, more churches should be started.

Look again at the five reasons given above. What is the fourth reason to start churches? _____

3. More churches win more people to Christ. This is what we will learn today.



Does your church win people to Christ? _____

4. One of the most important things for a church to do is to win more people to Christ. All Christians should be helping people accept Christ as Saviour. We need more churches to win more people for Christ. Without churches very few people would become Christians. Without churches Christians would not grow much in faith.

Why do you think more churches win more people? _____

5. The answer is up to you. Perhaps it is because there are more people working for God. Churches grow whenever more people do the work of God. I work in Kenya and our churches have increased from five churches in 1971 to more than 125 churches. We have seen that: *New churches usually grow faster than old churches.* As we started many new churches, many more people were won to Christ.

What will win more people? _____

6. More churches win more people to Christ. Christ wants His followers to work.

In John 20:21, Jesus said:

As the Father has sent me, even so I send you.

Acts 1:8 tells us the last important command of Jesus:

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

The followers of Jesus obeyed Him. They immediately began to witness. Jesus knew that the church in Jerusalem was not enough. Many churches were needed. Christ also commands us, His followers now, to go and witness. We should witness in every village, every area, every city and every country. Christ wants us to witness.

Who commands us to witness? _____

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7. Christ commands us to witness. The Christians of whom we read in Acts obeyed Christ. Soon there were many new Christians.

Acts 6:1:

The disciples were increasing in number.

One church in Jerusalem was not enough. Take your Bible now and read Acts 8:1-4. Read verse 4 again.

What did those who were scattered do? _____

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8. Those who were scattered preached the Word. Preaching the Word of God brought more people to Christ. Many Christians left Jerusalem. In Acts 8:1 we read that they went "throughout the region of Judea and Samaria". Now read Acts 9:31 in your Bible.

From this verse, what were three areas where there were followers of Christ?

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12. More churches win more people. So, more churches are needed. Even in the cities we need more churches. A few large churches are not enough. People need a church near their house or their room. Most lost people will not travel across a big city to go to church. Lost people will not walk a long distance to go to church. Unsaved people in the city need to hear the Gospel. We need more churches in the cities. More churches win more people for Christ.

In the cities, what will bring more people to Christ? _____

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13. In the cities and villages more churches will win more people. Strong churches help Christians grow spiritually. New Christians may stay at home if their church is far away. All Christians need churches near their houses. This is because they need fellowship, Bible study and a place to worship God.

Stop now and think about your town or area.

Pray that God will help you start new churches in order to win more people to Christ.

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14. We have now learned four reasons to start churches. Christ loved the church. Churches continue Christ's work. Population is increasing rapidly.

What is the fourth reason why we should start many new churches?

WEEK 1: WHY SHOULD WE START MANY NEW CHURCHES?
DAY 5: STARTING NEW CHURCHES HELPS YOUR CHURCH.

1. There are many reasons to start churches. We have now studied four reasons. Write in the fourth reason..

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| Why should we start many new churches? |
| (1) Christ loved the church. (2) Churches continue Christ's work. (3) Population is increasing rapidly. (4) _____ (5) Starting new churches helps your church. |

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2. More churches win more people. We have learned that new churches usually grow faster than old churches. New churches are needed in many places because these new churches win more people to Christ.

Look again at the five reasons above. What is the fifth reason to start new churches?

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3. Starting new churches helps your church. Pastor Zalu was talking with his friend, Pastor Syani, about starting churches. Pastor Syani said, "I think that starting a new church might make my own church become weak." Pastor Zalu replied, "well, our church started a new church at Kiba. By doing this our members have learned more about bringing people to Jesus. They are learning to use their spiritual gifts. Also, they are having joy in starting the new church."

How was starting the new church at Kiba helping Pastor Zalu's church?

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4. There are several answers. The members were learning to witness, to use their spiritual gifts and were receiving joy in that work. I told you in the last lesson that in our area we have grown from five churches to more than 125. Here is a list of ways in which I have seen churches helped:

Ways our churches were helped as they started new churches:

1. The members learned new ways to witness.
2. They studied the Bible more eagerly.
3. Our choirs were improved as they helped.
4. Our young people were revived spiritually.
5. Some new people joined the older churches.
6. Our offerings increased.
7. There were blessings of joy and power in prayer.
8. The preaching of the pastors improved.

Would you like to see these changes in your church? _____

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5. I'm sure you would like this. Our churches were helped as they started new churches.

What were our churches doing when they were blessed? _____

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6. They were starting new churches when these blessings of God came to them.

What will starting new churches do for your church? _____

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7. Starting new churches will help your church. This is what we are learning today.

What is the fifth reason for starting new churches? _____

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8. The fifth reason is: starting new churches will help your church. Of course, a few of your members may join the new church. But our experience is that many other blessings are given to us by God. Each church grows as it starts new churches.

Look again at all five reasons.

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| <p>Why should we start many new churches?</p> <p>(1) Christ loved the church. (2) Churches continue Christ's work. (3) Population is increasing rapidly. (4) More churches win more people. (5) Starting new churches helps your church.</p> |
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Which two reasons seem more important to you? Select two important reasons and write them here. _____

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9. You are free to select any two reasons. I selected reason (1) Christ loved the church, and reason (4) More churches win more people.

Take your Bible and read John 4:34-36. These verses show us that Christ did the work of God. But some Christians do not want to work for God. They do not witness for Christ. They do not tell others about Christ. Some Christians do not want to start another church.

From the list of five reasons, what is one thing you could tell someone who did not want to start another church? _____

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10. The answer is up to you. Perhaps I would tell him that starting new churches helps your church.

Do you think that starting a new church would help your church? _____

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11. I hope that you agreed. We have now studied together for five lessons. We have learned many things. In a few minutes I want you to write the five reasons why we should start many churches.

But first, let me talk very personally to you as your teacher and friend. God is ready to do some amazing things in your life. Are you ready? Are you willing? Jesus said, "I came to cast fire upon the earth, and would that it were already kindled" (Luke 12:49).

Christ desires that His churches spread and grow like fire. Stop now and pray about *your* work of starting new churches. As you pray, answer these questions truthfully:

Am I willing to DO what I am learning in this book? _____

Am I willing to go out and bring people to Jesus? _____

Am I willing to start new churches? _____

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12. I pray that you are able to write YES to these questions. We may discuss your answers in class.

Write five reasons why we should start many new churches?

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(2) _____

(3) _____

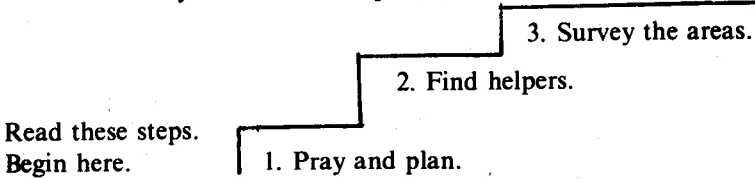
(4) _____

(5) _____

WEEK 2: STEPS ONE TO THREE IN STARTING NEW CHURCHES
DAY 1: PRAY AND PLAN

In the next few weeks you will learn “7 steps in starting new churches.” By following these 7 steps many new churches can be started.

This week you will learn steps 1,2, and 3.



Today you are learning about step 1. Step 1 is: Pray and plan. Take your Bible and read Mark 1:35.

What did Jesus do in a lonely place? _____

2. Jesus prayed. Praying was very important to Jesus. He prayed often. Jesus prayed when he was baptized. He prayed before he called his disciples. He prayed before his trial and before his death. We too must pray for God’s help. Starting churches is spiritual work. We need God’s power. Just as Jesus prayed, we too must pray.

Luke 5:16: He withdrew to the wilderness and prayed.

Why did Jesus go into the wilderness? _____

3. Jesus went there to pray. Jesus gave us an example. He showed us that we must pray. You are studying about starting churches. To start churches you must pray. Prayer is very important in starting churches.



Read Acts 9:40.

Who knelt down and prayed? _____

4. Peter prayed because he wanted God’s power. Prayer brought God’s power, and thus Tabitha was healed. New churches will be weak without God’s power. Like Jesus and Peter prayed, you too must pray for the power of God. Do not try to start new churches without praying for God’s power and guidance.

Read Acts 16:25. It tells us about two missionaries who prayed. Paul and Silas were singing in the jail at midnight.

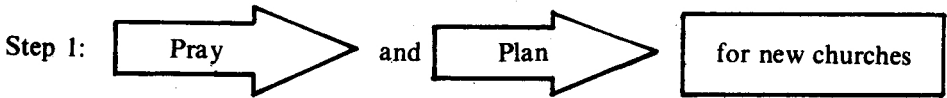
Besides singing, what else were Paul and Silas doing? _____

5. They were praying. Prayer helps you to be prepared for God's work. Think now about the important work of starting a new church. You want God to direct you. You want him to give you wisdom and power.

In starting a church, which do you think is most important? Put a check (✓) by the correct answer.

- ___ Talk with a friend about it.
 - ___ Talk with God in prayer about it.
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6. Prayer is talking with God, and prayer is most important. You are learning about Step 1 in starting new churches.



Perhaps you are a pastor. If so, it is good to teach your members more about prayer. Request them to pray much about starting new churches. Teach them fully about: Why we should start more churches. You learned about that in Week 1 of this book. Request the elders to pray for God's leadership and power in this important work.

Read 2 Thessalonians 3:1

What did Paul ask the church to do? _____

7. Paul wanted the Christians to pray for him. You too want the believers to pray for you. They should pray that God will bless his work of starting new churches. You are learning that Step 1 is about prayer.

Fill in the correct word. Step 1 in starting new churches is:

_____ and plan.

8. Step 1 is pray and plan. Today you have read many verses from the Bible about prayer. Now let us learn about planning. Read some examples of plans in the Bible. Read Luke 4:18-19. This tells us about the plan of Jesus for his work. Jesus was sent to earth to die for our sins. But before he died, he had other work to do.

Read Luke 4:18 again.

What was Jesus to do with the good news? _____

9. Jesus had to preach the good news to the poor. Preaching was one part of Jesus' plan. In Matthew 9:35 we read that there were many parts to Jesus' plan. He went from village to village. He preached, he taught, and he healed.

Let's read another plan in the Bible. Read Matthew 28:19-20. This is the plan of Jesus for sending out the good news. He wanted all the world to be saved. So Jesus planned that his followers would go and make disciples. He planned that those disciples would be baptized and taught.

Read Matthew 28:19 again.

From this verse, what is one thing Jesus told his followers to do? _____

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10. Jesus told his followers to go. He also told them to make disciples, to baptize, and to teach. This is Jesus' plan.

The church at Kaathi wanted to start a new church. The pastor at Kaathi is Mr. John Musau. Pastor Musau asked the church to pray and plan. He said that Step 1 in starting a new church was to pray and plan.

3. Survey the areas

2. Find helpers

Write step 1.

1. _____

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11. Step 1 in starting new churches is to pray and plan. People plan in order to do any good work. For example, to build a bridge, the builder must plan. He plans such things as: the place, the workers, the materials and the cost. Without planning, the bridge could not be built well. Planning is also needed in starting new churches.

As well as praying what should be done to start a new church? _____

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12. Planning is very important. Pastor John Musau taught his members to plan by helping them decide what they must DO in order to start the new church. By helping the members to see their work, Pastor Musau was helping the members to plan. Stop now and pray that God will lead you as you plan. Ask God to help you plan the work of starting a new church.

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13. What is step 1 in starting new churches? _____

**WEEK 2: STEPS ONE TO THREE IN STARTING NEW CHURCHES
DAY 2: FIND HELPERS**

1. This week you are learning some of the steps in starting new churches.

What is step 1 in starting churches? _____
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2. You must pray and plan. Here are the first 3 steps. Read these steps.

3. Survey the areas.

2. Find helpers.

Begin here. → 1. Pray and plan.

What is step 2 in starting churches? _____
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3. Step 2 is: find helpers. After you and your church have prayed and started to plan, you must find helpers. Take your Bible now and read Matthew 4:17-22.

These verses tell us about four of Jesus' helpers. He talked with them about working as "fishers of men."

From Matthew 4:17-22, who were four of Jesus' helpers? _____ , _____ , _____ .
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4. Jesus asked Peter, Andrew, James and John to be His helpers. Jesus had great power, but he still wanted helpers. You, too, must have helpers in starting new churches. You cannot do *all* the work yourself. You must find helpers.

Read now Romans 16:3-5. These verses tell us the names of 3 of Paul's helpers.

From Romans 16:3-5, who were three of Paul's helpers? _____ , _____ .
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5. Paul was helped in God's work by Priscilla, Aquila and Epaenetus. Paul was a great missionary. He won many people to Christ. Paul started many new churches. It is interesting to learn the place where Christian churches were meeting.

Read Romans 16:5 again.

From this verse, where did one new church meet? _____
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6. That church met in the house of Priscilla and Aquila. They were helpers of Paul. Priscilla and Aquila helped start a new church, and it met in their house.

Let us consider the helpers you need to start a new church. *You should find two helpers.* You may need more than two helpers, but at least two are required. You need good helpers. They must be Christians who love lost people and who love Christ.

Read this list and put a check (✓) by the things which are important for helpers in starting new churches.

- ___ helpers must be truly saved. (2 Tim. 1:12)
- ___ helpers must live clean lives. (Romans 12:2)
- ___ helpers must have the power of the Spirit. (Acts 1:8)
- ___ helpers must pray much. (Mark 11:24)
- ___ helpers must be willing to work hard. (Romans 12:11)

7. I think *all* of these are important. Starting churches is a spiritual work. So, helpers must be strong spiritual people.

Stop now and think about the members of your church. Think of two people who would be good helpers. Later you will write their names. But now, look at the list in Question 6. Read the list *again*. Also, read each Scripture in your Bible.

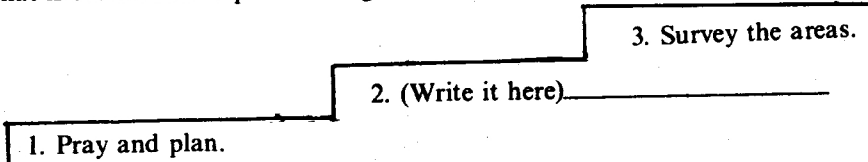
Have you read the list in Question 6 again, and have you read all the Scriptures?

8. I hope you are doing what this book is telling you to do. If so, you know the kind of helpers you need in starting new churches. Think again about the members of your church. Think of the names of two people who would be good helpers. (It is best to work with a person of your own sex.)

Now, write the names of these two people in your church who would be good helpers in starting new churches. _____, _____.

9. I hope you wrote the names of two good helpers in your church. Your aim is to enlist these helpers so a new church can be started. You and these helpers will work together with God. You will follow the steps in this book in starting new churches. Today you are learning that you must find helpers. This is one of the steps in starting new churches.

What is the second step in starting new churches?



10. The second step is to find helpers. Stop now and pray much about the work of starting a new church. Pray about the two people whose names you wrote in Question 8. Pray that these two people will agree to help you start a new church.

After you have finished *praying*, put a check (✓) here: _____

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11. If you prayed much about these two helpers, God is ready to lead you. God may want these two people to help you start a new church.

I want you to do something very special. Go and talk with these two people whose names you wrote in Question 8. Talk about the reason to start new churches. Tell these two people in your church that God has led you to them. You want them to help you start a new church. Tell these two helpers that you are learning how to start churches. Tell them that you will help them learn also.

After you have *talked with these two helpers* put a check (✓) here: _____

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12. What is step 2 in starting new churches? _____

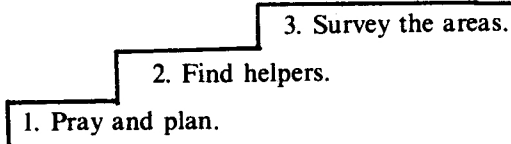
WEEK 2: STEPS ONE TO THREE IN STARTING NEW CHURCHES
DAY 3: SURVEY THE AREAS

1. This week you are reading about steps in starting new churches. You are also being requested to *DO* what you are learning in these steps. The first step which is necessary in starting new churches is to pray and plan.

What is step 2 in starting new churches? _____
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2. You must find helpers. Good helpers will go with you as you start a new church. They will pray with you. If there are difficulties, these people will help you.
Here are the first three steps in starting new churches.

Read these three steps:



What is step 3 in starting new churches? _____
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3. Step 3 is: survey the areas. In the last lesson we learned about finding helpers. You wrote the names of two people who might help you. You prayed that these two people would agree to help you start a new church. You were required to go and talk with these two people about being helpers.

Have you gone to talk with these two people? _____
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4. If you answered *Yes*, very good! You are a fine student. God will bless your work for him. If either of these two people did not agree to help you, please ask someone else. You must have helpers. You are going to succeed in starting a new church!

Have you asked God today to bless your work of starting a new church? _____
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5. God is surely ready to lead you and bless you in this special work. If you have found two people who will help you start a new church, that is very good. You may now read about step 3. Step 3 in starting new churches is to survey the areas. You and the two helpers will survey the areas.

What is step 3? _____
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6. Step 3 is survey the areas. Perhaps you are wondering about the word "survey". To survey means to look or to search. To survey for new churches means to look for places where churches are needed.

In order to survey the areas you must do two things:

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| 1. GO |
| Go to 2 or 3 areas where a new church might be needed. |

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| 2. ASK |
| Ask questions of people who live in these 2 or 3 areas. |

You and your helpers must GO to the areas. You will go to places where a new church might be needed.

Are you willing to go to 2 or 3 areas? _____

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7. I hope you answered YES. You *must* GO to these areas. You and your helpers will go to 2 or 3 areas to survey. You will be looking for a place to start a new church.

What is the first thing to do as you survey the areas?

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| 1. _____ |
| _____ |
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| 2. ASK |
| Ask questions of people who live in these 2 or 3 areas. |

8. The first thing to do is to GO. You must go to 2 or 3 areas. Stop now and think about your town. Or, think about the area where your village is. Think about people who live there. Some people live near a church perhaps. But some of the people may live far from a church. Most people do not like to walk far to attend church services. People who are not Christians will not travel far to hear about Jesus.

New churches must be started near these people. You and your helpers must go to the people.

What is the first thing to do as you survey the areas? _____

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9. To go to the areas is very important. Read the words carefully in the box.

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| 1. GO |
| Go to 2 or 3 areas where a new church might be needed. |

It is good to survey more than one area. If you survey 2 or 3 areas you will see where the greatest need is. Then, you can select the best area. Perhaps later you can start a new church in one of the other areas.

Do you think you and your helpers will go soon to survey the areas? _____

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10. I hope your answer is YES. Step three in starting a new church is survey the areas. To survey the area, you must go there.

Stop now and pray. If possible, pray with your helpers. Ask God to bless this work. Ask him to lead you as you survey the areas. May God bless you as you go out to do God's work.

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11. What is step 3 in starting new churches? _____

What is the first thing to do as you survey the areas? _____

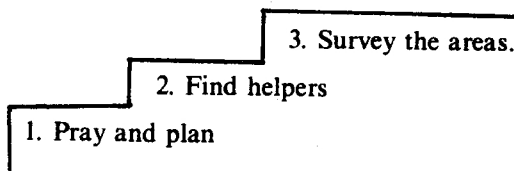
WEEK 2: STEPS ONE TO THREE IN STARTING NEW CHURCHES
DAY 4: SIX QUESTIONS TO ASK IN SURVEYS

1. You are studying about the "7 steps in starting new churches." You have now studied about the first 3 steps.

What is step 3 in starting new churches? _____

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2. Step 3 is survey the areas. Read these 3 steps:



I hope you are **DOING** the work which you read about in this book. Some books are written just to give you knowledge. This book is written to give you knowledge and also, *to help you do the work which you are learning.*

SO BE SURE YOU DO WHAT THIS BOOK TELLS YOU TO DO. It is your teacher, and you must obey your teacher.

Please read now Matthew 9:35.

Complete this sentence: "Jesus _____ about all the cities and villages."

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3. Jesus went about all the cities and villages. Yesterday you learned that *you* also must **GO**. Just reading about how to start a church is not enough. You and your helpers must survey the areas. Look again at the two things you must do to survey the areas:

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| 1. GO |
| Go to 2 or 3 areas where a new church might be needed. |

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| 2. ASK |
| Ask questions of people who live in those 2 or 3 areas. |

What should you do first as you survey the areas? _____

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4. You and your helpers must GO there. Go and look for new places to start churches. Go and learn about the areas. This is how you survey the areas. When you arrive in an area you will ask questions. Asking questions is a good way to learn.

Read Matthew 16:13-16.

In verse 13 what did Jesus do in order to learn what people were saying about him?

5. Jesus asked questions. If you wish to know something, you ask questions.

Read Acts 10:17, 18.

In verse 17, how did the men find Peter's house? _____

6. They found Peter's house by asking questions. Also, when the men came to Peter's house, they asked if Peter was inside. Likewise, when you want to know something you go and ask questions.

What should you do second as you survey the areas?

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| <u>1. GO</u> |
| Go to 2 or 3 areas where a new church might be needed. |

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| 2. _____ |
| _____ |
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7. The second thing to do is to ASK. Ask questions of people who live in these 2 or 3 areas. You want to know where there is a good place to start a church. You are asking questions so you can learn where a new church is needed.

When you survey the areas what are the two things you must do?

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| 1. _____ |
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| 2. _____ |
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8. You go and ask. You and your helpers cannot know good places to start churches unless you go and ask.

Now, I want to give you a list of questions to ask. Ask people in the areas where you go the following questions:

Questions To Ask The People

1. *How many* people live in this area?
2. What *languages* do they speak?
3. Are *more people* coming to live here?
4. What *churches* are in this area?
5. What *roads, schools and shops* are there?
6. What are the *needs* of the people in this area?

In the next lesson we will learn more about these questions.

Do you think it is important to go and ask questions? _____

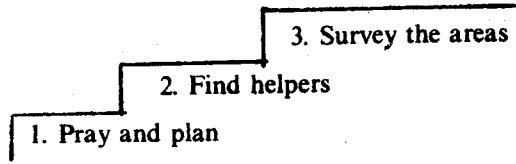
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9. When you survey the areas what are two things you must do? _____

and _____

WEEK 2: STEPS ONE TO THREE IN STARTING NEW CHURCHES
DAY 5: MORE QUESTIONS TO ASK IN SURVEYS

1. There are 7 steps in starting new churches. You have studied 3 steps.



At the end of today's lesson you will write these 3 steps.

When you survey the areas what are two things you must do? _____
and _____

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2. To survey the areas you must go and ask. You should go to 2 or 3 areas where a new church might be needed. You should *ask* questions of the people who live in those 2 or 3 areas.

Read again and think about these questions.

Questions To Ask The People

1. *How many* people live in this area?
2. What *languages* do they speak?
3. Are *more people* coming to live here?
4. What *churches* are in this area?
5. What *roads, schools and shops* are there?
6. What are the *needs* of the people in this area?

If you asked these questions would you be learning about the area? _____

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3. To ask questions helps you learn about the area. In order to survey the areas you must go and ask questions. It would be good to go to many houses, offices and shops to ask these questions. Explain to people that God may want a new church started there.

Stop now and write these questions on a paper or in a small book. Leave space in order to be able to write answers given by the people.

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4. I hope you now have these questions written on a paper. These are questions you and your helpers will ask many people.

Perhaps you remember that you should survey 2 or 3 areas. Going to only one area is not enough. You and your helpers should go and ask questions in 2 or 3 areas. More knowledge helps you to know where God wants new churches.

Read in your Bible Acts 16:6-10.

From verse 10, what did God call Paul and Barnabas to do in Macedonia?

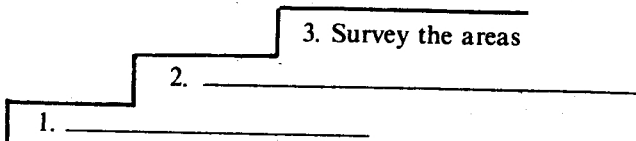
5. God called them to preach the Gospel there. God wanted the people of Macedonia to hear about Jesus. God wanted new churches started. So, Paul and Barnabas were led to go to Macedonia.

As you ask questions you can learn about 2 or 3 areas. You and your helpers will think much about the answers you receive. So, go to 2 or 3 areas and ask questions.

Do you think it is enough to go to only one area? _____

6. No, it is best to go to 2 or 3 areas. You are learning about surveying the areas. This is step 3 in starting new churches.

Write steps one and two.



7. Step 1 is pray and plan. Step 2 is find helpers. Step 3 is survey the areas. Here are some more questions.

More Questions Which Need Answers

7. Do *friends and relatives* of our members live in this area?
8. Who are the *decision-makers* in this area?
9. Have any of our church members *moved to this area*?
10. How can we *win* these people to Christ?
11. Is there a *place* where people can meet for worship and Bible study?
12. Do we need *permission* to have meetings here?

Do you think these questions are important? _____

8. Many questions such as these are important. You must discuss such questions with your helpers. You should seek for answers. You and your helpers must pray that God will help you get answers. To survey the areas you must go and ask.

After you and your helpers have surveyed the area, then, you should discuss the "findings" (answers to the 12 questions) with the elders of your church. Give a full report to your church about the survey. Together you should decide: *in which area does God want us to start a new church?*

Now, I want to ask you a very important question: are you and your helpers *willing to go to 2 or 3 areas and ask questions?* _____

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9. I am praying that you are willing to do this work. If you answered YES to that question, you will be blessed by God. God is willing to help you to survey the areas. If you answered NO to that question, you should read this lesson again.

Stop now and ask God to help you always to be willing to work hard for him. Ask God to guide you in these first 3 steps of starting a new church. May God bless you as you DO the work of God which you are studying in this book.

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10. What are the first 3 steps in starting a new church? _____ ,

_____ , _____ .