

Pre-Arrival Training Resources

It is our experience that those teams who spend time together thinking seriously about their upcoming learning-experience have the most fruitful trips. While we do not currently have any required pre-arrival curriculum, here are some helpful books, articles and training materials to consider utilizing before your time with us at Sunshine. Descriptions, links and QR codes are available wherever possible.

Curriculum designed for Short-Term Missions teams

Helping without Hurting in Short-term Missions is designed to guide leaders and teams through the process of thinking about how to create healthy, truly helpful missions trips. There is both a leader and participant guide which are based on the book *When Helping Hurts*; each of these works are written by Steve Corbett and Brian Fikkert. There have also provided a number of helpful videos that are available online at:

<https://www.chalmers.org/media>

Their books are available at the following link:

<http://goo.gl/DeZLw5>

Bridgebuilders highly recommends the use of their materials prior to arriving on site. We will draw from the theory and work of these two authors during our time together.



The Justice Mission by Jim Hancock and the International Justice Mission (IJM) is a curriculum which is designed to help readers begin grappling with issues of injustice on a global scale. Participants are introduced to the work of IJM and asked to consider carefully how they may become involved in the fight for justice locally and abroad.

The curriculum is available at: <http://goo.gl/vKnX3p>

While this curriculum is specifically designed for engagement in issues in majority world countries (i.e. not the USA), the topics which are broached are similar and consistent with issues which will be raised during your time with us in Woodlawn.



Recommended Articles

There are a number of articles written or endorsed by David Livermore which are very helpful and can be found at the following web page: <http://goo.gl/VSeDS2>

The following article written by Kurt Ver Beek is a list of further reading on justice-related topics. Each book has a short description: <http://goo.gl/Yo8kLr>

The following article written by Peggy McIntosh is an account of how she has come to understand white privilege and what it (in part) consists of: <http://goo.gl/UkP4zr>

The following article by Darren Carlson of The Gospel Coalition is a brief summary of effective ways to engage in short term missions in a healthy way. It is in many ways a summary of the previously cited works: <http://goo.gl/GZD2E2>

The final article is an easy and captivating read, written by Shannon Ericson. She provides insight on how to engage cross-culturally from her experiences in Kibera, Kenya: <http://goo.gl/zUYOS3>

Recommended Videos

The *Urban Entry* series is a video-based curriculum which is geared towards preparing Christians to think seriously about engagement with Inner-City communities. It is a learning tool for Christians across the US to begin interacting with issues of poverty, race relations, justice etc... They can be found and purchased at www.urbanentry.org

A Raisin in the Sun is the award-winning story of an African-American family's struggle to purchase a home in an all-white neighborhood. Based on the real-life story of author Lorraine Hansberry, this story is a powerful depiction of life in America prior to the abolition of restrictive housing covenants. The actual Hansberry home is located less than a mile from Sunshine.

Remember the Titans is a powerful story of race-relations in the United States. Based on the true story of the racial integration of T. C. Williams High School in Alexandria, VA. The movie depicts the struggle through the eyes of the head football coach and through the eyes of the team.

Selma is a new, provocative and faithful representation of the Civil-Rights movement under Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. The movie depicts the enormous struggle for equal voting rights for whites and blacks, particularly in the South. We deem this movie to be a must-watch for anyone interested in thinking about justice or race-relations in the US.



Recommended Books

The following list of books will be instrumental in assisting you and your team to begin learning about various aspects of your time with us. The following is a short list of books on various pertinent topics. Several of the following works have been reviewed by our Executive Director, Joel Hamernick: <http://goo.gl/Re2YpR>. A longer bibliography is available on arrival or upon request. While each book is really helpful, the “if you only read one, read this one” book is the first in each of the following lists.

African-American History

Free at Last? by Carl Ellis: <http://goo.gl/qEw0cW>

Warmth of other Suns by Isabel Wilkerson: <http://goo.gl/nBbmiQ>

Black Like Me by John Howard Griffen: <http://goo.gl/HFvq34>

Cities

Sidewalks in the Kingdom by Eugene Peterson and Eric Jacobsen: <http://goo.gl/vDXszv>

The Triumph of the City by Edward Glaeser: <http://goo.gl/LJtoaJ>

Community Development

Linking Arms, Linking Lives by Ronald Sider and John Perkins: <http://goo.gl/qOvTMq>

To Live in Peace by Mark Gornik: <http://goo.gl/E4aMyo>

Toxic Charity by Robert Lupton: <http://goo.gl/b2MRAc>

Justice

Generous Justice by Timothy Keller: <http://goo.gl/va0ivU>

The New Jim Crow by Michelle Alexander: <http://goo.gl/hYTRza>

Journey towards Justice by Nicholas Wolterstorff: <http://goo.gl/20j0fv>



Racial Reconciliation

Divided by Faith by Michael Emerson and Christian Smith: <http://goo.gl/SNrFCA>

Exclusion and Embrace by Miroslav Volf: <http://goo.gl/kVRDbP>

Reconciliation Blues by Edward Gilbreath: <http://goo.gl/u0wK1X>

Short Term Missions Preparation

When Helping Hurts by Steve Corbett and Brian Fikkert: <http://goo.gl/SgYyaA>

Serving with Eyes Wide Open by David Livermore: <http://goo.gl/unRIVg>

Beyond Charity by John Perkins: <http://goo.gl/NOhqRj>

Vocation

Entrepreneurship for Human Flourishing by Peter Greer: <http://goo.gl/IWGnSm>

Kingdom Calling by Amy Sherman: <http://goo.gl/mQvO9e>

Every Good Endeavor by Timothy Keller: <http://goo.gl/9veb14>

