

Would you like to know how to turn your next mission conference into a *SMART Conference?*

The *SMART* ministry of **Baptist International Outreach** is ready to teach classes for your missionary guests.

What is *SMART*?

SMART stands for **Specialized Missionary And Resource Training**. This unique ministry gives practical instruction to missionaries on a variety of subjects to help prepare them for life on the foreign mission field.

- The material is streamlined—covering the basics of what one might experience when living overseas, and how to deal with problems that could arise.
- Most training modules require only six hours of classroom time and will easily fit into busy schedules.

What is a *SMART* Conference?

A *SMART* conference is when daytime training classes are added to a church's regular missions conference. A local church can do this by inviting BIO missionary trainers to come to their conference. The trainer conducts sessions for the missionaries who are visiting the conference. Since the guests will already be near the training location—the local church—it is an effective way to take the training to the missionaries. This eliminates the need for missionaries to travel to a far away location for training or to schedule a separate training time into their busy schedule.

Turn the page to find out how *SMART* can also benefit the overall missions ministry of your local church.

Unique benefits of *SMART*

IT BENEFITS THE MISSIONARY

- Pre-field training strengthens them—making them more durable—much like basic training for soldiers before they're sent into battle.

IT BENEFITS THE MISSIONS MINISTRY OF YOUR CHURCH

- Think about your partnership with a church-planting missionary. When the missionary stays on the field long enough a church gets planted—and that means: **MISSION ACCOMPLISHED**.
- However, in the case where a church-planting missionary leaves the field prematurely an **UNACCOMPLISHED MISSION** results.
- It is vital that missionaries are able to endure the difficulties of pioneer living. Such missionaries can remain on the field for multiple terms doing the job your church has sent them to do.

IT CAN BENEFIT CHURCH MEMBERS PERSONALLY

- The *SMART* ministry can provide *Mission-Trip Training* for individuals or church groups *before* they travel overseas. The classes on *Personal Protection Matters* and *Disease Prevention* are especially helpful for youth groups, summer teams and construction teams.

Here are some *SMART* classes

- Personal Protection Matters
- Disease Prevention
- Basic Vehicle & Equipment Maintenance
- Outfitting & Moving to a Foreign Country
- Basic Construction Principles
- Leadership Development

Make plans now to turn your next mission conference into a *SMART* Conference. Contact BIO today!

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