

# One Person at a Time

*Transforming Lives in a Wide, Wide World*

## LESSON NOTES

### I. Introduction (10-15 minutes)

#### A. The World (5-10 minutes)

I want to tell you a little about the world. As I'm talking, I want to see if you can keep this globe up without letting it fall. [Throw out globe or large rubber ball. You'll probably have to speak very loudly. It could get wild!] Let me tell you a little about the world. [Could ask in the form of questions.]

1. The world weighs  $6.6 \times 10$  to the 22<sup>nd</sup> power tons.
2. The circumference of the earth is about 25,000 miles. If you drove around the equator at 60 miles an hour without stopping for anything (not even to sleep or go to the bathroom) it would take you 417 hours to go all the way around. That's 17 days.
3. The total area of the world is 510 million square miles.
4. Most of that is water. About 70%. That leaves just a little over  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the world as dry land, and a lot of that isn't even habitable.
5. The deepest part of the ocean is the Mariana Trench (Challenger Deep) at 6.8 miles in the Pacific Ocean between Japan and Indonesia.
6. The lowest point on the earth is Bentley Sub-glacial Trench in Antarctica. It's 2,540 m or 1.6 miles deep.
7. The highest point is Mount Everest between Nepal and China. It's 8,850 m or 5.5 miles.
8. The population of the world is 6.5 billion.
9. Religions - Christians make up 33% of the population, Muslims 20%, non-religious and atheists 14%, Hindus 13%, Buddhists 6%, other religions 13%.
10. Languages - Mandarin Chinese 14%, Spanish >5%, English <5%, Hindi 2.8%, Portuguese 2.77, Bengali 2.68%, Russian 2.2%, Japanese 2%.
11. 192 nations
12. GDP per capita (PPP) - \$9,300.

13. 1.2 billion telephone lines; 1.8 billion cell phones
14. 1 billion Internet users
15. 50,000 airports

#### B. One Person at a Time (5 minutes)

That's the world. Take out a piece of paper. We're going to have a quiz on all that information. Just kidding! You can toss the world back to me.

Now I want to tell you about the work of missions. What do you think missionaries do? What's the work of missions all about? [Solicit feedback.] Missions is about giving glory to God by proclaiming the gospel, making disciples of all nations, advancing the kingdom of God, and transforming lives and communities. What does all that involve? Who do missionaries proclaim the gospel to? Who do they make disciples of? Where does the kingdom of God advance? Who is transformed? People. Missions is about people. How many people did we say were in the world? About 6.5 billion. That's a lot of people. How many of them aren't Christians? About 4.6 billion. There's a lot of work to do. But that's what missions is about. Right now the mission agency of the Christian Reformed Church (CRWM) has about 220 missionaries in 20 countries around the world. They're telling the world about Jesus – one person at a time. They're doing that in a lot of different ways – through word and deed. But they're doing it one person at a time.

### II. One Person at a Time in Haiti (30-45 minutes)

#### A. Haiti Clues (5-10 minutes)

I want to tell you about one place in the world where Christian Reformed World Missions is telling people about Jesus, and where lives and communities are being transformed. But you have to guess where that is. I'm going to give you

a bunch of clues, and you see if you can guess what country it is. Ready? [Pause between each question and solicit answers. Give out candies, pens, or magnets for guesses – right or wrong.]

1. It's in the Northern Hemisphere (show on globe or map).
2. It's in the Western Hemisphere.
3. There are about 9 million people there. The U.S. has about 300 million people.
4. It's on an island.
5. The people speak French and Creole.
6. It's in the Caribbean Sea.
7. Many people practice voodoo there.
8. It's the poorest country in the Western Hemisphere.
9. It's between Florida and South America.
10. It shares an island with the Dominican Republic.
11. It's right next to Cuba.

The country is Haiti. World Missions has had missionaries working in Haiti for a number of years. There are Christian Reformed Churches there with about 3000 members.

- B. Play Video Introduction (5 minutes) [Only available on Plugged-in to Missions Haiti DVD.]  
Now I'd like to show you a video about Haiti and then have a brief discussion about the video. [Hand out Discussion Questions. Point out # 3, 5, 7, 9, 10.] If we have time, I have an activity we can do and even some Haitian food we can try.
- C. Play Video – Long (15 minutes) or Short (4 minutes) Version
- D. Play and Discuss Questions – #3, 5, 7, 9, 10 [Available only on Plugged-in to Missions Haiti DVD. Or use handouts.]

III. Activity – Creole for the Soul (10 minutes)  
Does anyone remember the two official languages of Haiti? Can any of you speak French? How many of you think you can learn Creole? I think you can. And I want to teach you a verse in Creole. This is Matthew 28:19 – it's part of the Great Commission. Let's give it a try. [Play Activity on the Plugged-in to Missions – Haiti – DVD. Use handout.]

IV. Activity – Haitian Food (10 minutes)  
I hope you're hungry because we made some Haitian food for you. [You can explain what's in it and enjoy eating some together.]

V. Conclusion (5-10 minutes)  
Ok, we looked at Haiti and we looked at the world. How many people are there in the world? About 6.5 billion. How many don't know Christ? Over 4.5 billion. That's a lot of people. How will we ever be able to tell all those people about Jesus? How will all those lives be transformed? We do it one person at a time. That's how most of our missionaries do it. They live with different people and develop relationships with them. They tell them about Jesus and demonstrate God's love to them. That's called relational evangelism or friendship evangelism. You don't have to stand up in front of hundreds of people to tell them about Jesus. You don't have to go through a neighborhood knocking on doors to tell people about Jesus. Some people do this and it can be a good way to tell people about Jesus. But the most important way is just to tell people you already know about Jesus and to live a life transformed by God's love.

- A. Bookmark  
[You can hand out Haiti bookmarks and ask the students to remember to pray for Haiti. See *Other Resources*.]
- B. Prayer  
[Close in prayer. See *Other Resources*.]

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