

Team Time Line

This module is designed to help your mentee understand and appreciate the history of MTW's work in your area. Your mentee will research how the MTW team was formed, the key players in the development of the ministry, and any relevant events that impact present ministry.

Step 1 Select the most relevant questions about your team from the list of possible questions below.

1. When did the first protestant missionaries arrive in your country?
2. When did the first MTW missionaries arrive in your country? Your city? Your team?
3. List all of the MTW missionaries with their years of service who have worked in your country for more than 1 year over the last decade.
4. When the first MTW team arrived in your area, who was part of the team? What was their vision for ministry?
5. What national leaders have emerged as a result of the ministry?
6. What are the high points in the ministry?
7. What have been the challenges, conflicts, or difficulties that the team has experienced?
8. List all of the teammates, their children, and national partners currently working on the team.
9. How does the team see God at work right now in the team's ministry?

Step 2 Give your mentee the questions that you feel are most important and relevant to their situation.

Ask him/her to interview at least 3 people to gather information about the team. If appropriate, ask him/her to interview a national worker or church member.

Step 3 Ask you mentee to write up a timeline for the last 10 years (or since the beginning of the ministry). Above the line, your mentee should list key people's arrival and departure dates. Below the line, note key events such as starting new ministries, leadership responsibilities given to nationals, conflicts, or milestones in life of the team or church. (See next page for example.)

Debrief

Ask your mentee about his/her experience.

- Review the timeline and summarize the contributions that each team member has made over the years.
- Ask the mentee, "Are there any themes you see in the timeline?"
- Ask the mentee, "How do you see God at work in this ministry over the course of time?"
- Ask the mentee, "Did anything surprise you as you spoke with others about our team's history?"
- Review components of the ministry that the mentee is involved in. Ask the mentee, "How does the history of the team impact current ministry plans?"

Timeline Example

