

Signing up for an adventure

An article for churches preparing for mission

“It’s an adventure, following Jesus ...” so goes one of the songs on my children’s praise tape. Is that true for us? Are there times when we adults have lost the childlike wonder that Jesus said would be needed to enter the kingdom of heaven?

In what sense is your faith an adventure – something my dictionary calls “an enterprise full of risk, an experience of unforeseen events, an unexpected and remarkable incident”?

A life-changing week

A while ago I was in Lincoln talking with a group of people many of whom had been on their first Walk mission in Kent in 1999. I never cease to marvel at the transforming effect these Walks have on people. I remember training some of this group, and how nervous they were. Yet without exception they spoke with delight at how God had helped them as they stepped out in faith on the mission. They had also enjoyed the support of more experienced team members. And now I was meeting with them because they wanted further help to be effective in sharing the gospel in their home churches. Mission accomplished, at all levels!

What are you doing when the mission takes place?

We have always worked hard to recruit local Christians as team members for these Walks. You don’t have to have any experience, just to be available. We will provide training. To be practical, this is what you need to do:

- **Pray** over the matter. Be open to God and ask Him if this is for you.
- Fill in an **application form**, available from TFM, 58 High Street, Coton, Cambridge, CB23 7PL (01954 210239; E-mail, admin@throughfaithmissions.org).
- You’ll need your **minister’s support**.
- You’ll need to attend a **training event** (these run from a Fri – Sat evening).
- You need to be available for the whole mission (**one whole week on the Walk mission**).

“Come, follow me,” Jesus said, “and I will make you fishers of

men.” (Mark 1.17). This is his promise. He made it to fishermen, who

worked together as a team with nets, not to solitary anglers with rod and line.

A group of “fishers” are coming to join you to be part of your mission and they are hoping to team up with local Christians in a common task. **Will you be one of them?**