



## HOW TO DO EVANGELISM ON A ZERO BUDGET

Some churches are fortunate enough to have the hi-tech data projectors and sound systems on which to present all the latest evangelistic DVD's and videos. Others have a commercial kitchen for meals and a dining facility from which to host a series of well prepared events. If we add the truckload of free 'give away' materials we are encouraged to make available it can make the church treasurer ask for heart pills.

Do you sometimes get the feeling that before any evangelism can take place we need to have a Christian philanthropist standing by just to assist with the cost?

It doesn't have to be this way.

For 2,000 years Christians have commended Jesus to an antagonistic and disinterested world. They did it without electronic technology and so can we.

Here are 6 easy steps by which you can do **Evangelism on a Zero Budget**.

### STEP 1

If you are the pastor of a church then:

- Become familiar with either Mark's gospel or Luke's gospel by reading it through 3 times.
- Start praying for the lost.

or

If you are a member of the church then:

- First speak to your pastor and two mature members of your congregation seeking support for your evangelistic efforts. (Show them this article)
- Ask them if they can see any reason why you should not undertake some evangelism in the name of the church and request their support.
- If they are willing to support you then select either Mark's gospel or Luke's gospel and read the gospel right through at least three times.
- Start praying for the lost.



## STEP 2

Become completely familiar with an evangelistic tool based on the particular gospel you have chosen:

- Purchase the training materials for either Mark (*Christianity Explained*) or Luke (*Simply Christianity*) and familiarise yourself with them. This is the only cost and it may be that the church council could pay it.
- Pray for wisdom and then select a committed Christian person (trainee), of the same gender, who has a strong desire to see people won to Christ.
- Ask the person to read the gospel with you over a few weeks.
- Both of you begin praying, together, for 3 persons whom you both believe to be unconverted. It is highly desirable for the three persons to be of the same gender as you.

## STEP 3

The trainee is a crucial part of the program as they are serving an apprenticeship:

- Take the trainee carefully through the material you have selected for either Mark or Luke.
- Practice the course on each other.

## STEP 4

The non-Christian you meet with needs to be prayerfully approached:

- Ask one of the three persons for whom you have been praying if they would like to spend 30-45 minutes per week over a few weeks learning about Christianity/Jesus/God's will for us.
- Arrange the meeting at an appropriate venue where you will not be disturbed.

## STEP 5

Encourage and enthuse the trainee:

- Pray with your trainee before going and indicate that the trainee should say as little as possible for this first meeting.
- Make the first meeting as simple as possible but ensure that you explain what you are doing and what is required of the person to whom you have gone.

## STEP 6

Thank God together and open yourself up to feedback:

- After the first meeting go off somewhere separate and 'de-brief' the trainee on all points of the meeting. It is important that the trainee be left with no questions or queries unasked or unanswered.
- Keep praying and continue carefully studying the material you purchased back in Step 2.

## **STEP 7 (BONUS STEP!)**

Repeat the process while looking to expand it. The selection of the right trainee is a crucial element. Start identifying potential trainees from the outset. If the 6 steps are repeated over 3 years it will soon be apparent that more and more people will be able to explain the gospel.

In the final analysis our evangelism is not dependent on anything other than our willingness to be used by God. He is in charge of making people Christians.

The slow, but gradual, prayerful development of human resources is all that we ultimately need. A committed Christian with a Bible can be mightily used by God.

The training of others, no matter how slow it might take, is the means by which we will grow even long after we ourselves have been called to glory.

And we kept to our zero budget!

