

Tribal Watchcare

Suriname, South America

Length of Service

Long-term with a first-term commitment of living among the tribes to learn language, culture and customs

Ministry Description

The tribal churches are planted and autonomous with a plurality of leaders, but they are not yet “established.” There is still a need for further leadership training to meet felt needs. A team composed of Trio and Wayana-speaking missionaries is needed to provide watchcare to develop and release leaders. Missionaries will spend the first term living among the tribes in order to learn their languages, customs, and culture. They will be mentored by a missionary experienced in the language and culture. Afterwards they will live in the city of Paramaribo but make scheduled trips to the villages.

Language

It is essential to learn to speak Trio or Wayana, and to have a working knowledge of one of the major national languages: Dutch or French.

Ministry Focus and Impact

- Working together to develop a watchcare plan that will develop leaders
- Developing and implementing a training curriculum to meet felt needs
- Coaching and mentoring emerging leaders
- Encouraging the missionary passion and vision to reach unreached tribes

Skills, Gifts & Abilities

Initiation of this watchcare ministry requires team members who exhibit a strong and intimate personal relationship with God, and spouse, to endure periods of isolation from urban living. They will need an understanding of the tribal worldview, and possess the ability to communicate within the context of the culture and team. Specifically, the following would be beneficial:

- Teaching and training
- Leadership mentoring and coaching
- Strong oral communication skills
- Mobilizing, encouraging and facilitating others

Experience and Training Needed

World Team is looking for flexible, servant-leaders who demonstrate solid Christian character. Applicants should be able to articulate the main doctrines of the Bible. Bible training, or equivalent life experience, is preferred. Previous involvement in varied ministry roles is necessary. Candidates must successfully complete World Team’s candidate orientation program. Additional pre-field training, including cross-cultural study and a focused study on the Gospel, are prerequisites for all World Team missionaries.



World Team exists to glorify God by working together to establish reproducing churches, focusing on the unreached peoples of the world. We are an interdenominational mission family with more than 400 missionaries sharing the Gospel in 28 countries among 59 distinct people groups.

While drawing upon 200 years of cross-cultural ministry experience, we prayerfully look ahead to embrace the opportunities God is creating in the world today. Our vision compels us to become a global missionary fellowship working with national and sending churches to see vibrant communities of believers within reach of every person.

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