

In conducting Nehemiah Teams (NT), there are 4 objectives:

1. Providing strategic opportunities for students among the unreached and hard to reach,
2. Mobilizing students to fill all requests,
3. Equipping and Training students to go to the unreached and hard to reach,
4. Nurture and follow up of students.



In a typical NT situation, NT **sets up** teams with imb personnel, **mobilizing** mainly through the Baptist Campus Ministries/Baptist Student Unions and some church based student ministries. In the church-based setting, the responsibilities in various areas are shifted to the church.

NT conducts **pre-field training** for all teams in Alabama (field partner should plan an additional 1-2 day on-field training that just focuses on culture and strategy). NT is trying various ways **to follow up** with the students after they come through NT by conducting post-field training and sending out materials and emails after the students returns home.

A church partnership would work like this:

1. **The church** and on-field partner would **set-up** the team(s), deciding what the team would do for 8 weeks to help in moving forward in strategy to reach the target people group. NT is available to consult in this phase, but the strategy belongs to the church or on-field partner.
2. **The church** would **mobilize** students to fill the team(s).
3. **We would partner together in training** your team. We have noticed that there are very few churches that send out teams for more than 1 or 2 weeks. We feel like we have a good process for training a team for the whole summer. There are **10-15 hours** of the 4 day pre-field training that the church would be responsible for. Basically, **your church would provide training in culture and strategy**. Our 4 days of pre-field training are divided into 4 blocks:
  - Day 1- security training,
  - Day 2- Team building,
  - Day 3- Basic Discipleship,
  - Day 4- Job specific training. Whoever was training your team in specific strategy would need to be there for Day 4.
4. **Your church** would **welcome your team back** after the post-field training and continue to help them move forward in their World Christian lifestyle. We have a thorough post-field training that helps them come home with purpose in taking responsibility for the Great Commission.

Other things NT can do to help in this process:

1. NT has an online application process that is very similar to the one used by imb student department. Your church will have access to these applications and will approve them. NT will also have access to these and can be a sounding board to help in the approval process, but your church will have final say in member approval. We have seen that in a church setting, it helps to have some outside eyes looking in.
2. NT can help with your travel by providing names of a recommended travel agent.
3. NT can help with travel insurance if your church does not have a system set up.