



Objectives:

1. To **raise money** for Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for International Missions,
2. To **involve** participants in **learning** about **and praying** for unreached people groups,
3. To **raise awareness** of the ministry of *Nehemiah Teams*.



Materials needed:

- Hike 4 Missions sponsorship form (one per participant)
- world map
- compass with “Rev. 7:9” written on a piece of paper where the arrow is pointing North.
- “*Nehemiah Teams: Passport to the Nations*” (one per participant) [Email](#) for more information
- People group profile page for each group selected for hike (5 groups to be chosen) (Available online at <http://www.nehemiahteam.com/people-group-profilestickers.html>)
- People group profile sticker for each group selected (one sticker for each participant) Available online at <http://www.nehemiahteam.com/people-group-profilestickers.html>)
- Bible for leader
- several pens

Preparation:

1. Schedule a date for the Hike 4 Missions for your group. Ideally the hike will be at least a ten mile route. Plan a hike that is appropriate for the age/level of the participants involved. Announce the hike to the group. Distribute flyers and put up poster announcing event.
2. A month before hike: Distribute sponsorship forms to each participant, encouraging each participant to get as many sponsors as possible.
Have a contest. Set a goal of how much your group will target to raise for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.
3. Choose 5 different people groups in 5 different countries.
4. Order one *Nehemiah Teams: Passport to the Nations* for each participant. Cost of \$1 each includes shipping. These can be purchased from Tammy Story (tkbstory@gmail.com) cell # 256-996-1002
5. Print off people profile page for each group. (folder on Hike 4 Missions webpage) Additional background study on the country where the people groups live would also be helpful.
6. Print off stickers for each people group. (folder on Hike 4 Missions webpage) One sticker per people group for each participant. (These will print off nicely on Avery shipping labels)

7. Map out your hike. Plan to make 5 stops along the hike. At each stop, the group will learn about 1 of the chosen people groups.

Vocabulary:

people groups: A group of people having their own language and culture. Ethnic group and tribe are other words used for people group.

unreached: A people group in which less than 2% know Jesus as their Lord and Savior.

Conducting the hike:

Today we are going on a hike, not only through (name of park or trail), but around the world.

(Give an overview of where you are going on your hike.) *Today, we will visit 5 different people groups in 5 different countries. Does everyone know what a people group is? (Define people group as needed.) The 5 countries we're going to visit are:*



1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

So that we won't get lost on our journey today, I have brought along 2 important things. Can anyone guess what these 2 things are? (a map and a compass)

Take the map out & spread it out in front of the hikers.

Take 5 minutes and find the countries that we will visit today. (refer to list above)

After finding the countries, show them the compass.

God loves the whole world. What verse comes to your mind that talks about God loving the whole world? (John 3:16 Read or quote the verse.)

God wants everyone to know Him so He has told us to go and tell others. Can you think of a verse in the Bible where God commands His children to go? (Matthew 28:18-20 Read or quote the verses) In fact, the message of the Bible is that all nations, people groups, tribes would hear about Him, know Him, and worship Him. Read Rev. 7:9. In this verse, God lets us see into the future. What is happening? (People from every tribe & language will be worshipping Him)

This has not happened yet. In fact, there are over 6,000 people groups that are unreached. Many of these have never heard the gospel. This compass helps us not get lost in life. It should also remind us to make sure every person gets to hear about God and what Jesus has done for them.

There is one more important thing you need in order to travel outside of our country and to enter another country. Can anyone tell me what that is? (Passport)

We need a passport. A passport is your legal ID that says you are a citizen of a certain country. When you enter a new country you have to pass through immigration. The immigration officials of that country will look at your passport and decide whether or not to let you in their country. If they choose to allow you to enter, they will stamp your passport or place a special sticker in your passport showing that you have permission to enter. This stamp/sticker will also tell you how long you can stay in the country.

Hand out a "Passport to the Nations" to all hikers. Let them fill in their personal information and sign on the signature line. Read the first page of the passport together and look at the world map.

Today, as we visit each country and people group, you will receive a sticker for your passport showing that you have journeyed there. Do you have any questions? Let's pray & begin our journey together.

At each of the 5 stops along the hike:

1. Take out the compass, reminding the hikers that we should live our lives to reach unreached people groups.
2. Take out the map. Find the chosen country locating where the people group lives. Share any additional information you have learned about the country.
3. Read the people group profile.
4. Pray for the people group.
5. Put people group profile sticker in the passport.

After the hike:

1. All participants should **contact their sponsors** to let them know how much they need to collect & when it will be collected.
2. **Set a date** for all participants to turn in the funds raised from the hike. This could be given on the first Sunday of the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering emphasis. (First week of December)
3. **Celebrate** the amount raised by your group for the LMCO. Register this amount through the International Mission Boards website (www.imb.org)
4. The Hike 4 Missions can help **fulfill requirements** for the following programs:
 - RA "World Walk" patch
 - GA "Giving to Missions" Badge
 - GA "Lottie Moon Christmas Offering" Badge
 - Children in Action "Giving to Missions" pin

