INF Ambassadors

What is an INF ambassador?

An INF ambassador is a person who is committed to our vision of "Life in all its fullness for Nepal's poor and disadvantaged people and communities" and who works to inspire others to share and support our work. An INF Ambassador is committed to hearing and learning from the church and communities in Nepal and encourages others to do so.

INF Ambassadors work in:

- their own church
- and/or the wider community

to raise awareness about the work of INF and to provide practical ways for people to take biblically-informed action for and with people in Nepal who experience poverty and injustice.

What do ambassadors do?

Every church or community is different, and every person's time and capacity to volunteer varies, so there is no "one size fits all" position description for an INF Ambassador. We value anything and everything our ambassadors are able to do to support and share the work of INF.

However, below are a few of the key *tasks* and *opportunities* available to our Ambassadors.

1) Share about INF's work

- Share INF's resources (quarterly *Today in Nepal* magazine and *Prayer Notes & News* along with occasional Bible study and other resources) with their church.
- Invite INF speakers/preachers to their church or event to inspire the church for mission & justice.
- Host or run one of INF's powerful simulation experiences to challenge and enthuse your church.
- Share about INF at a missions event, community festival or other gathering.

2) Pray for INF's work

- Share INF's prayer notes and regularly updated prayer points with their church.
- Host a church-based or regional prayer and action group.
- Organise a prayer gathering or vigil.

3) Speak up for justice

- Invite others to take action through INF campaigns (through letter writing, petitions or visits to politicians) on issues of global justice which affect our Nepali neighbours. INF is developing campaigns and working with others on issues of justice such as:
 - o human trafficking,
 - o climate change,
 - o Australia's aid program,
 - & the persecuted church in Nepal.
- Organise a *prayer and action group* in their church to be powerful Christian advocates for justice.

4) Give to support INF's work

- Invite their church to support INF's community development and health work or to support an INF Australia worker serving in Nepal.
- Represent INF in a community fundraising event.
- Organise a fundraising event, such as our *Night in Nepal* dinner.

5) Go to be inspired and challenged by INF's work

• Invite church members to participate in one of INF's annual, transformative Vision Trips to Nepal.

How does INF support ambassadors?

As well as providing them with the print or online resources they use in their roles, we organise quarterly video meetings and webinars with our network of Ambassadors to provide support, prayer and learning opportunities.

We also provide ongoing training and coaching (in-person and online) in a range of topics related to:

- INF's theory of change and community development approach
- Effective outreach and inspiring people
- Biblical perspectives on poverty, justice and mission
- Becoming effective Christian advocates
- Experiential learning and how to run engaging simulation events

How do people become INF ambassadors?

The first step is to get in touch with us so we know a little more about you, your church or community context, and your interests and capacity to volunteer. As a volunteer ambassador, you will agree to abide by INF Australia's code of conduct and hold a current working with children check. INF Australia will help you organise this if you take on the role.

The second step is to let your church leadership know that you would like to take on this role. While we don't require formal permission from a pastor, minister or elder for someone to become an INF ambassador, it's important to have the support of church leadership in taking on this role. It will help the ambassador and the church have clarity about the role and activities and helps ensure that busy church communities don't become overloaded.

We welcome enquiries from pastors, ministers or elders about how an INF ambassador might be able to support, encourage and engage the church.

By the way, we love to meet our Ambassadors and supporters, so please feel free to get in touch with us if you'd like to talk about any of this in person. If you have any questions or would like to order any of INF's Ambassador resources, please contact Phil, Ben, Jin or Cherry at the INF Australia office 02 9411 1195 or email relationships@au.inf.org