

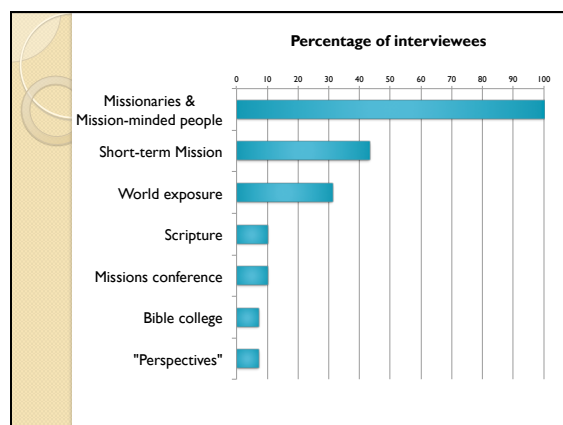
## Mobilising People into Mission: Strategy or Spirituality?

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*“Ask the Lord of the Harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.” (Mt 9:38)*

### What is God using to guide Australians into long-term mission?

- 42 current, recent missionaries
  - begun work on field after 2002
- 23 men, 18 women
- 75% married
- Serving with 10 agencies in Asia, Europe, Africa, and Middle East



### I. Meeting missionaries

- 100% of interviewees
- At church or at college

### I. Other Mission Minded People

- Pastors
- Mission Agency Reps
- Mission Minded Friends

## 2. Short-term mission

- Functioned in two ways:
  1. To give an experience of missionary life
  2. To give an awareness of the needs

## 3. Exposure to world and needs

## Ingredients in a prospective missionary's journey

## God's part and ours

- *Guided by the Spirit*
- *In the Christian Community*
- *Considers Core Qualities*
- *Individual Conviction*

## Working with / under God to help people along the journey

1. *Nurture Emotional Bond by Giving Time*
2. *Provide appropriate input to where someone is at*
3. *Take Time to find the Best Fit*
4. *Expose People to Missionaries*

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