

BARNABASTRAINING

Equipping You to Reach the Least Reached



Module 4 - Participate: Engaging Your UUPG

A Ministry of Reaching Unreached Nations

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Good News: You Can Unleash the Gifts in Your Local Church That May Have Been Overlooked!

- Prophets (Visionaries)
- Kings (Business Leaders)
- Scribes (Research)

Learn more about your UUPG to take a step that is uniquely yours.

- Once you discover the details of the location, culture, language, religious backgrounds and needs; and then bathe it in prayer, Holy Spirit inspired ideas will come forth so that you can take action.
- We call this RESEARCH!

- Answering questions like:

1. What do they look like?
2. How do they dress?
3. What do they eat?
4. What are their houses like?
5. What are their surroundings like (climate, terrain, etc.)?
6. What are their main occupations?
7. What are their religious practices, celebrations, festivals, etc.?
8. What is their history?



*The answers to these types of questions helps the church to see
the people group as actual PEOPLE.*

Doing research allows your church to pray more specifically for your people group.

- Many of us are used to praying for “missions” because we receive requests, such as letters or emails from missionaries or organizations.
- But how will you pray for your people group, since, at least at the beginning of the process, there won’t be any missionaries or organizations sending you prayer requests?
- The things you find out about your people group through your research will inform your prayers!
- For example, if you know that they will celebrate a festival on a certain day, pray that God will bind the enemy and will reveal Himself to them on that day.

Research can open doors you never knew existed.

- God has wired and gifted some people for research. Allowing them to use these gifts and talents in ministry in your church can be a huge encouragement to them that can spill over into multiple areas of both their lives and the church as a whole.
- Researching your people group might reveal ways that adding a research element can benefit other ministries of your church.
- Research can reveal links and connections that can be made with other churches or ministries in your area or in your network or denomination.

Research could help you discover people locally that your church can reach out to in ministry.

- The process of sharing the results of the research might get some people to start asking questions about their own lives and ministries and how they can grow or improve.
- The possibilities are almost endless!



The image displays two search results pages. On the left is the Google Books search results page for "books.google.com" with the query "Aromanians in Albania". The results list several books, with the top result being "The Albanian Aromanians' Awakening: Identity Politics and Conflicts in Post-communist Albania" by S. Schwandner-Sievers, with a link to "vifapol.de". On the right is the Google Scholar search results page for "scholar.google.com" with the query "Aromanians in Albania". The results list several academic articles, with the top result being "An ethnobotanical study among Albanians and Aromanians living in the Kraicë and Mokra areas of Eastern Albania" by A. Elezoni, A. Braku, and A. Abbas, with a link to "academia.edu".

Here are some places where you may discover more information from your UUPG:

- **Wikipedia** (www.wikipedia.org). The value here is not so much the Wikipedia article itself as it is the references cited in the article. You can look them up to find information.
- **Google Translate** (translate.google.com) to translate non-English articles.

- **Google Books** (books.google.com). You can customize the search (for example, to limit it to only books you can see online, or only books published in a certain date range).
- **Google Scholar** (scholar.google.com), for scholarly articles.
- **Here are some other links that may be helpful:**

http://www.brigada.org	Brigada
http://www.calebproject.org/	Caleb Project
http://www.bethany-wpc.org	Bethany World Prayer Center
http://www.wvi.org	World Vision
http://www.sil.org	Summer Institute of Linguistics
http://www.frontiers.org	Frontiers Web Site
http://www.pioneers.org	Pioneers Web Site
http://www.ywam.org	Youth With a Mission
http://www.coombs.anu.edu.au/WWWVL-AsianStudies.html	Asian Studies Virtual Library
http://www.ccci.org/index.html	CCC International
https://www.pioneers.org/	People Group Profiles
http://www.search.com	General Search Engine
http://www.nationalgeographic.com	National Geographic Society
http://www.gem-werc.org	Global Evangelism Movement
http://www.lausanne.org	The Lausanne Movement
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