

Here are some things you can begin to do to prepare for Inner City Ministry:

- Evangelism training. Learn how to share and teach others to share their faith.
- Work with children/youth from low socio-economic backgrounds.
- Familiarize yourself with Backyard Bible Club and VBS material. Check with local Baptist Association office and Baptist Bookstore for sample copies. Attend a VBS or BYBC training seminar offered by the local Baptist Association. One online resource for Children's Material is <http://www.missionarlington.org/resources/rainbowexpress/>
- Visit a Mission Center in your area and volunteer for a day.
- Work on your scripture memorization.
- Read a good book on Prayer Walking like: *Prayer Walking: Praying on Site with Insight* by Hawthorn and Kendrick or *Walking the Talk* by Dan Crawford and Calvin Miller.
- Physical fitness. Exercise on a regular basis.
- Spend time at a homeless shelter or inner city ministry. Try to gain an understanding of people and how to minister to them.
- Have a plan for several youth fellowships: skits, games, devotionals, music (on cd, mp3, iPod, etc.).
- Prepare 4-5 Bible studies on basic discipleship.
- The basis of your ministry will be building relationships through which you can share your faith. Read one of the books below to help you prepare for sharing through your relationships:

Just Walk Across the Room by Bill Hybels

Becoming a Contagious Christian by Bill Hybels

Peppermint-Filled Piñatas by Eric Michael Bryant

Questions to all of Your Answers by Roger Olson

Searching for God Knows What by Donald Miller

More Ready Than You Realize by Brain McLaren

God's Blogs by Lanny Donoho

Getting Your Feet Dirty: A down-to-earth Look at Following Jesus by Don Everts

The Case for Faith by Lee Strobel

What's So Amazing About Grace by Philip Yancey

- Find ways to involve your home and local church. By asking them to:
 - Pray for you and those you will work with
 - Help collect small gifts for you to give away to children: stickers, pencils, etc.
 - Help you collect supplies for VBS, like crayons, construction paper, glue, etc.
 - Have them collect supplies to make witness bracelets
 - Conduct a Prayer Walk at your church
- Visit these websites to find out about your state or country and people group:
 - <http://www.joshuaproject.net/index.php>
 - <http://www.lonelyplanet.com/>
 - <http://www.infoplease.com/states.html>
 - <http://www.peoplegroups.info/>

