



BRIDGING THE GAP

OUR ROLE IN THE MISSIONS WORLD

Cafe 1040 exists as an answer to several hard questions concerning Christian missions throughout the world. 2.9 billion people have little to no access to the story of Jesus and the next generation of missionaries passionately desires to go and tell them.

But there are common obstacles that keep them from serving – a **GAP IN THE PROCESS** between their desire to go and being sent. When you look at a mountain range from the distance, crossing from one ridge to another doesn't seem that difficult; the gap doesn't seem very large.



THE GAP

When you stand at the edge of the gap you want to cross, your perspective changes, and you realize how far it is to the other side. How are you going to cross? What will it take to get to the other side? Who will help you?

It is a giant leap from sitting in a church pew to walking through the doors of a long-term sending agency, ready and willing to move your life to the other side of the world.

This monumental gap is what motivated us to start **Cafe 1040**.

Through hours of research and thousands of interviews, we discovered the steps that young adults need to get them from one side of the gap to the other.

Simply describing the need for missionaries or what is involved with living overseas wasn't enough to move people across the gap. This generation needed to see it for themselves.

So, we invited them to come and be discipled in some of the hardest places in the world, also known as the 10/40 Window. We offered them a real experience, without the fear of being there alone.



THE CHURCH

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THREE-MONTH OVERSEAS MISSIONS MENTORSHIP

Our primary strategy to bridge this gap is our three-month overseas missions mentorship. This mentorship provides the experience needed to answer the question, "Is God calling me to a life of missions?"

For 48% of program participants, this step is enough to commit to long-term work. One firm place to stand gave them the clarity and confidence needed to cross this gap and tell the story of Jesus where it has never been told.

"Before Cafe 1040, I knew God had called me to do full-time overseas work, but I was scared. Was I really cut out for the job? Now being in North Africa, I am becoming more and more confident in the gifts God has given me and the ways He is going to use these gifts for His name's sake. I can now say without a shadow of a doubt that I am called to the 10/40 Window."

- A Cafe 1040 Student



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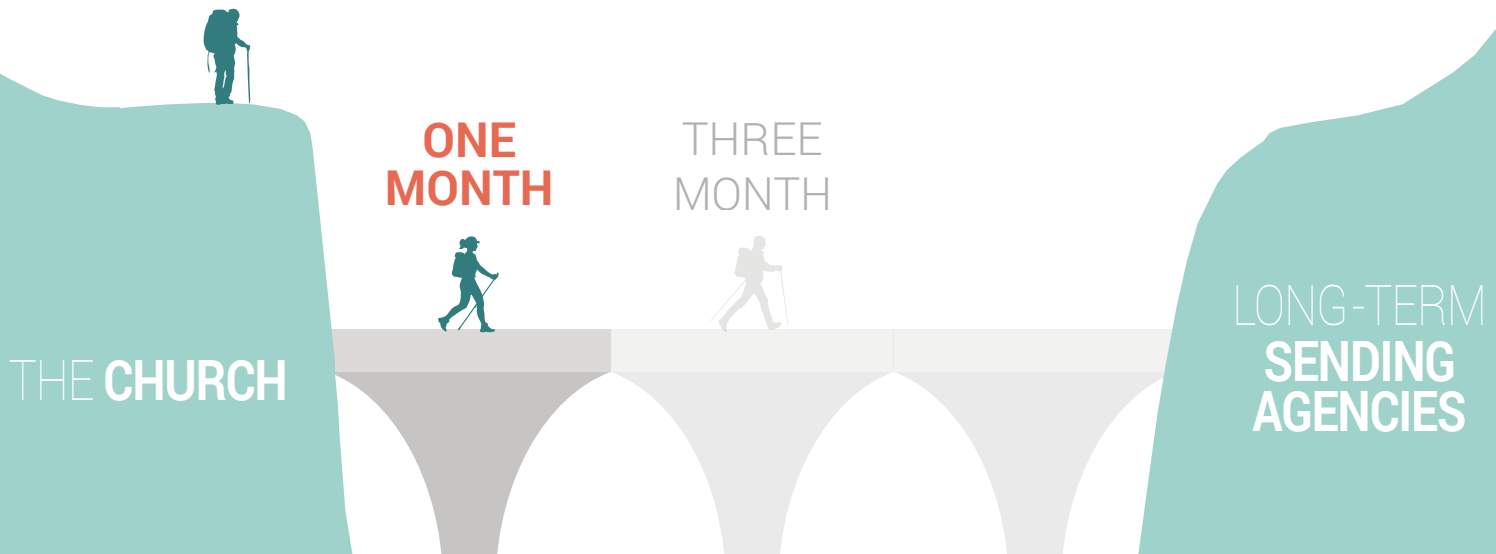
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ONE-MONTH PROGRAM

We know, however, that there are millions of young adults who aren't quite ready for a three-month commitment.

So, instead of an endless cycle of short-term trips, we created a one-month program that takes the deeply experiential lessons of our three-month program and condenses them into a one-month time frame.

This allows participants to live among an unreached people group, walk alongside a long-term missionary and gain the necessary exposure to missions in the 10/40 Window so they can begin to consider missions as a career.



MISSIONS APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM

Even with these two planks in the bridge, the gap is still too wide for some. They need another step in order to gain the training necessary for long-term work in the 10/40 Window.

“I have a desire to make a global impact and I know God is preparing me for something big, but I need more training before I’m ready to do it on my own.” - A Cafe 1040 Graduate

Long-term work inside the 10/40 Window is not easy.

This area of the world has the highest concentration of people who have little or no access to the story of Jesus and the greatest amount of persecution against Christians. It’s hard to get there and it’s hard to stay there. Knowing this, we created a step to ready the emerging generation of missionaries for this work in these places.

Our Missions Apprenticeship Program is a year-long training in disciple-making. It is for those who know God has called them to cross-cultural missions among the least reached people in world.

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We know there may be other steps to closing this gap. We know there are people who can make the leap in one jump. We know there are people who need a few steps to confidently cross.

We are committed to listening, engaging, and innovating so we can best mobilize the church to cross this gap.

Think About It.

What would it take for you to confidently move to Saudi Arabia as a missionary? What about Northern Iraq? What do you need to discern God's call? How many steps do you need to confidently and faithfully walk in obedience?

WHAT WOULD IT TAKE FOR YOU TO CROSS?

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WHY DOES IT MATTER?

Why does it even matter? Why are we spending millions of dollars to bridge this gap? Why not just stay on this side of the mountain? There are plenty of opportunities here.

There are 2.9 billion people on the other side who have little to no access to the story of Jesus. That is 42% of the world's population. That's a statistic we've given our lives to change. We won't stop here. We will continue building, creating, innovating and working until all have heard.

We are committed to empowering the emerging generation of missionaries to tell the story of Jesus where it has never been told. Join us.

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