

**Who?** are tentmakers today?

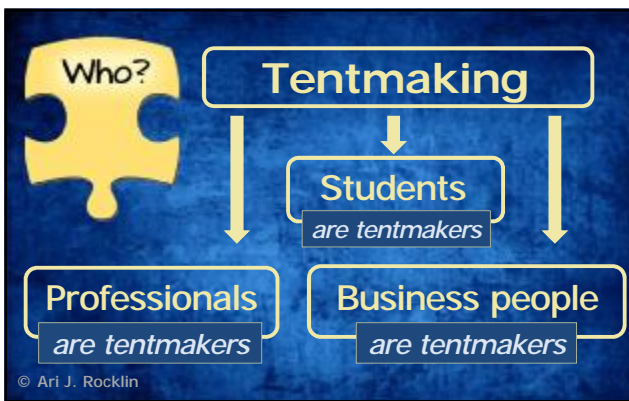
They are 18 year old English teachers to 80 year old retirees, going abroad with their studies, professions and business skills to make disciples of Jesus through their work and witness.



**Who?** are not tentmakers?

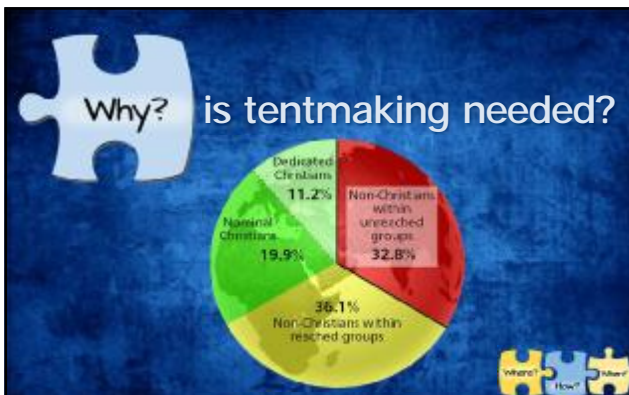
“Christian professionals with overseas jobs are not tentmakers unless they intentionally seek to make Jesus known to the local people of the host country”

*Ruth Siemens*  
founder of Global Opportunities

**Why?** is tentmaking needed?

1/3 of the world still remains outside the reach of traditional missions strategy. This same area is open to Christian professionals, business people and university students to live out their faith in everyday life.

**Why?** is tentmaking needed?


**3 major religions**  
Islam - Buddhism - Hinduism

**65 nations**  
2/3 of worlds population  
3% of mission workers  
97% of unreached

**NO RESTRICTIONS**  
**CHRISTIAN PROFESSIONALS**






**Why?** is tentmaking needed?

*Why should anyone hear the Gospel twice as long as there are still people who have yet to hear it once?*



**Why?** is tentmaking needed?

*The world needs to see a model of faith and work integrated  
To abolish the sacred and secular divide – all work is God honouring*



**Where?** do tentmakers go?


There are no closed countries for Christian professionals with the needed skills, education & experience.



**Where?** do tentmakers go?


We have trained people from 58 countries who have gone to 98 countries

Global Opportunities & Tent



**How?** do tentmakers prepare?

Tentmakers should prepare well for what is undoubtedly going to be the most challenging job they have ever done.



**How?**

**What you should know**

1. Biblical basis of tentmaking & work
2. Today's tentmaker challenges
3. Cross cultural preparation
4. Working in sensitive areas
5. Spiritual challenges
6. Sharing your faith at work
7. Hospitality as ministry
8. Starting a Bible study in your home
9. Making disciples that make disciples
10. House church planting steps
11. Teams that work
12. Tentmakers and their churches
13. The preparation process



**When?** should **YOU** go?

when all the pieces fit together...

...and you have found answers to the questions

**When?** John 4:35

*I tell you, open your eyes and look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest.*

**When?**

*The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.* Luke 10:2

*"The jobs are plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out tentmakers into his harvest field."* Ari J. Rocklin

**What?** now?

Attend an intensive 4.5 day **GO Equipped!** Tentmaking Course

[www.globalopps.org](http://www.globalopps.org)

**GO Equipped! TENTmaking Course**

Time	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
07:00 - 08:30			BREAKFAST		
08:30 - 10:15	God@Work	Discipleship	Crossing Cultures	Evangelistic Missions	Spiritual Challenges *
10:15 - 11:30	Biblical View of Work			Food & Job Issues	Steps to Tentmaking
11:30 - 12:30			COFFEE		
12:30 - 14:00	Real Life Examples	Your Personal Story *	Scouting Patterns	Business as Mission	Practicing Tentmaking
14:00 - 15:00	Today's Challenges	Field@Work			Thanksgiving Today
15:00 - 16:00			LUNCH		
16:00 - 17:15	Global Job Market	Evangelistic Bible Study	8 (Failure of TRF) **		Sharing & Prayer
17:15 - 18:00	Sensitive Areas	Case Studies ***	Disciples Making Disciples		Training of Trainers
18:00 - 19:00			COFFEE		
19:00 - 20:30	Registrations	Breaker Area	This Ministry of Hospitality	Disciples Making Disciples	
20:30 - 21:30	Case Studies ****	Alpha@Home@Work	Business Evaluators *		
21:30 - 22:30			DINNER		
22:30 - 23:30	Tentmaker Story	Tentmaker Story	Tentmaker Story	Tentmaker Story	
23:30 - 00:30	Introduction		CONNECT2008		

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Download Seminar Handout

[tentmaking.org/resources](http://tentmaking.org/resources)





### 1. Practice Devotions

- § Develop a "pray first" habit – *Psalm 50: 15*  
*Call for help when you're in trouble— I'll help you*
- § Spend meaningful times in Scripture to feed yourself
- § Keep a diary of your journey
- § Become accountable
- § Find websites where you can download sermons, resources & study aids

Bible, journal, hymnal & devotional

[www.insight.org](http://www.insight.org)   [www.oneplace.com](http://www.oneplace.com)   [www.globalmembercare.org](http://www.globalmembercare.org)

### 2. Read Books & Key Papers

Articles on GO Website

- "Why did Paul make tents?"
- "The accidental tentmakers"

Books on Tentmaking

- Today's Tentmakers – *Christy J. Wilson*
- Authentic Lives – *Thomas Hale*
- Business As Mission – *Dr. Neal Johnson*

[www.askamissionary.com](http://www.askamissionary.com)   [www.globalopps.org/101](http://www.globalopps.org/101)

### 3. Form a Prayer Team

- § Pray – *to find them!*
- § Share your vision
- § Communicate regularly
- § Share information
- § Prayer breakfast

"Don't leave without one!"

Tentmakers and their churches – Ruth Siemens article on GO Website

### 4. Bring Your Faith to Work

- § Read "Fishing Evangelism" & books on evangelism
- § Place yourself in situations where your faith will be stretched
- § Interruptions could be openings
- § Pray for co-workers situations
- § Be a value added worker

Book Recommendation: Coffee House Gospel

### 5. Connect With Pastor & Missions Rep

- § Be submissive to their leadership
- § Let them know of your vision
- § Ask them to pray for you
- § Keep them updated
- § Inform them of the challenge
- § Find a way to serve in your church

"All of you together are Christ's body, and each one of you is a separate and necessary part of it" 1 Cor 12:27 NLT



### 7. Join or Start a Small Group

- § JOIN - *if you need more experience*
- § START - *if you feel confident*
- § Alpha Course – *many versions*  
[www.alphacourse.org/workplace](http://www.alphacourse.org/workplace)
- § Kairos Course  
[www.kairoscourse.org](http://www.kairoscourse.org)
- § Perspectives Course  
[www.perspectives.org](http://www.perspectives.org)

### 8. Practice Hospitality

- § Work at being intentional
- § Budget for hospitality
- § Be creative
- § No believers!
- § Identify stress points - *then remove them*
- § Find restaurants where you can talk
- § Make your home a place people enjoy

*"Hospitality is a vehicle through which a number of spiritual gifts are practically displayed – mercy, serving, giving, evangelizing & helps."*

## Simple Steps to Planting a House Church

NATURAL

1. RELATIONSHIPS

Befriend & Invest time

Get involved

Start initiatives

Send names

Meet regularly – café

Become a regular customer

Answer questions

Share your story

Show websites

Show holiness

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INTENTIONAL

2. HOSPITALITY

Invite

Accept invitations

Celebrate!

Food

Music – *no Hipsong!*

Videos

Games

Handmade cards

Well chosen Bible verses

Bless & Pray

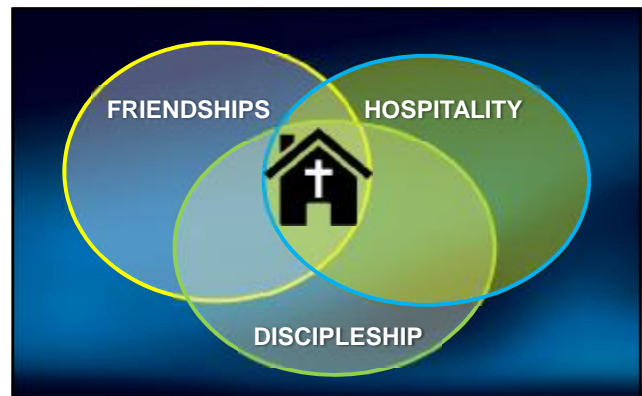
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**MAKING DISCIPLERS**  
3. DISCIPLESHIP

- Pray
- Invest time
- Study Scripture
- Discuss Scripture
- Applications of Scripture
- Shared books
- Meet regularly
- Miracles?

**OBJECTIVE:**  
Make disciples that know how to make disciples

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**9. Prepare Culturally**

- § Get to know your target people  
History, culture, heroes, politics, jokes etc.
- § Learn the *basics* of their religion
- § Visit a mosque or temple
- § Reach out to a people group before leaving

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**10. Research the Global Job Market**

- § Dedicate time to researching
- § Know the opportunities
- § Update your CV (Resume)
- § Submit resume

"Finding a job *opening* is the easy part"

GO GLOBAL [myworldabroad.com](http://myworldabroad.com)

**11. Take a TESL Course**

*"Teaching English as a Second Language is perhaps the best Tentmaking opportunity."*  
Ralph Winter

- It deals with people face to face
- Leads to faith discussions
- Is needed everywhere in the world "

*"an estimated 1 billion people are studying ESL"*

**You probably will teach English**

GO GLOBAL [davesesl.com](http://davesesl.com) [esllist.com](http://esllist.com)

**12. Upgrade Your Skills**

- ü Public speaking [toastmasters.org](http://toastmasters.org)
- ü Consider *basic* language lessons
- ü Pursue your interest, hobby, sport or activity.

**TOASTMASTERS INTERNATIONAL**

*"I believe that God made me for a purpose. But He also made me fast, and when I run, I feel His pleasure."*  
Eric Liddell Gold Medalist 1924 Olympics





**Be Encouraged!**

- § All tentmakers have done this
- § Be submissive to this process
- § Time of preparation - *God's gift*
- § 8-12 months average
- § God's time
- § *God's delay never destroys his purpose.*

*There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven* ECC 3:1

*But you will not leave in haste or go in flight; for the LORD will go before you, the God of Israel will be your rear guard.* Isaiah 52:12

*He who goes out weeping, carrying seed to sow, will return with songs of joy, carrying sheaves with him* Psalm 126:6

*"But these things I plan won't happen right away. Slowly, steadily, surely, the time approaches when the vision will be fulfilled.*

*If it seems slow, do not despair, for these things will surely come to pass. Just be patient! They will not be overdue a single day!"* Habakkuk 2:3

**What's Next?**  
Tentmaking Today

an independent publication of the worldwide tentmaking movement

Tentmaking Briefs Monthly  
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**What's Next?**



GLOBAL Opportunities  
becomes  
GLOBAL Intent  
**intent.org**

**My Prayer**

*That you will live wisely and well  
shining brilliantly, like the cloudless,  
star-strewn night skies.*

*And put others on the right path to  
life and thus glow like stars forever.*

Daniel 12:3