



## 3 Who shares

Four missions experiences on the theme that God uses short-term workers in long-lasting ways during mission trips

**Location:** *Argentina*

**Focus verse:** 1 Peter 2:9 – “But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.”

**Overall message:** Missionaries rely on others to help them minister and share the Gospel in the communities and places they serve. We can minister in our own communities to help others and share the Gospel.

**Overview:** While God calls missionaries to serve in every nation around the globe, missionaries alone cannot reach everybody. God calls people to share His story through short-term mission trips too. All believers can be a part of what God is doing around the world by not only giving money to support missionaries but giving their time as well.

- Each missions experience is designed to last 10-15 minutes.
- Use as an addition to a weekly meeting or combine for a longer missions focus.
- Customize these resources to fit your needs



# Taking it in

## Who shares — MX 1

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*A 10- to 15-minute cultural experience*

### *Prepare*

- Fill a small paper cup (one for each child) with tea you have prepared. (If possible, make it a little bitter).
- From the DVD-ROM, prepare to play the **Music from Argentina audio**. This will play from a DVD player or a computer.
- From the DVD-ROM, download and print:
  - **Criollo people photos**
  - **Latin America and Caribbean map**
  - **Who shares focus verse**

### *Activity- Criollo customs*

- Play the **Music from Argentina audio** and invite kids to have a cup of “matte,” a kind of tea enjoyed in Argentina.
- Share that you will be talking about a group of people living in Argentina.
- Point out Argentina on the **Latin America and Caribbean map**.
- Ask for 4 volunteers to hold up one of the first 4 photos in the **Criollo people photos** set. (You will hang on to the other photos.)
- Explain that you are going to be talking about the Criollo [Cree-Oh-loh] people of Argentina. The photos are of objects that relate to the Criollo culture.
- Ask the group to guess what they think those objects might have to do with the Criollo people.
- After the kids have made their guesses, give the correct explanation:
  1. **Broom:** Keeping the front of your house clean is a big priority for Argentines. The first order of cleaning your house each day is to sweep outside. This can be very interesting if you don't have a sidewalk or a driveway. With a broom, they will sweep the grass or the dirt that is in front of the house.
  2. **Horse:** In Latin America, the Criollo people are considered the cowboys, or gauchos, of South America. They hold annual rodeos where the gauchos showcase their talents.
  3. **Thermos:** Criollos love matte (a somewhat bitter tea). It is carried in thermal jugs to every social occasion. It is drunk by the group, from one cup and one straw.
  4. **Hands clapping:** Not all houses are equipped with doorbells. It is a common custom to clap to attract the attention of the house occupants.
- Introduce the Criollo people by sharing the rest of the Criollo people photos with the group.
- Share that the Criollo people are a festive people, but they are looked down upon in Argentina. It is hard for many to find work. Most are fishermen or brick makers.

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# Taking it in

## Who shares — MX 1 (continued)

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*A 10- to 15-minute cultural experience*

- Add that many Criollo people don't know the saving faith of Jesus Christ. They are struggling financially and spiritually.
- More than 1 million Criollo live in Northern Argentina and only a few missionaries are there to reach them with the Gospel. Missionaries count on short-term teams for help. Short-term teams are Christians who come to minister for short lengths of time, like two weeks or one month.
- Read the **Who shares focus verse** as a group.
- Explain that God has made believers stand out to be used by Him to share His story with those who have not heard. Just like missionaries in Argentina are using short-term teams to help them, God can use you, too!

### *Pray*

Pray for the Criollo people, for short-term ministry teams and for the missionaries who have been called to reach this group.



# Taking it up

## Who shares — MX 2

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A 10- to 15-minute prayer experience

### *Prepare*

- From the DVD-ROM download, and print
  - **David and Alisha Holt photo**
  - **Prayer walking made simple**
- If necessary, arrange to have a few extra volunteers to help facilitate a prayer walk.

### *Recap (optional)*

The Criollo people are a festive people living in Argentina. They are the cowboys of Latin America. Many Criollos live in this country and most don't know the saving faith of Jesus.

### *Discuss*

- Share the **David and Alisha Holt photo** and introduce kids to these missionaries.
- Tell them that the Holts depend on people just like you and me to travel to Argentina to help them in reaching the Criollo people with God's love.
- Ask how they think people can help the Holts reach others.
- Allow for responses and then share that the Holts use short-term mission workers in a variety of ways, but one of the best ways people help them is by prayer and prayer walking.
- Share that the visiting teams go out in groups and pray around the city and in the areas where the Holts are ministering. At the same time, they look for opportunities to share the Gospel and minister to others.

### *Prayer activity – Take a prayer walk*

- Tell children that they are going to experience a prayer walk around the area and neighborhood of the church. (Refer to **Prayer walking made simple** for more information on prayer walking.)
- Introduce your extra volunteers and divide the kids into small groups.
- Encourage kids to give it a try and to be sensitive to what they see as they walk through the neighborhood.
- Also consider a prayer walk in the church parking lot or specific area of the church.
- When teams return, invite kids to share their prayer walk experience with the group.
- Encourage kids to take a prayer walk with their parents during the coming week in their own neighborhood.



# Giving it up

## Who shares — MX 3

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*A 10- to 15-minute giving experience*

### *Prepare*

- From the DVD-ROM, prepare to show the **Family mission trip video**. This will play from a DVD player or a computer.
- From the DVD-ROM, download and print:
  - **What can I give game sheet**
  - **I can give form** (one for each child)

### *Recap (optional)*

The Criollo people are a large people group living in Argentina. Missionaries David and Alisha Holt know they cannot reach them all by themselves. Short-term teams, visitors who come to minister for a short time, help the Holts with the work.

### *Activity—What can I give*

- Create two equal groups.
- Stand in the middle of the room and ask the teams to go to opposite sides of the room.
- Explain that you're going to call out items on a list of things they may or may not have to give. If someone from their group has the item, they need to quickly bring it to you in the center of the room. (To cut down on confusion, you may want to place two baskets or boxes with a different color cardstock in each. Assign a color to each team and put their items in the corresponding basket/box.)
- The team that is able to give the most items to you will be the winning team.
- Begin reading off the items on the **What can I give game sheet**.

### *Discussion*

- Ask kids how many were able to contribute something that helped their team. How did it make them feel to be able to contribute?
- Ask them to think about some things they could give to help the Holts with their ministry to the Criollo people.
- Ask kids if money was the first thing they thought of. What about our time?
- Share that God asks us to give our time to missions and that's what short-term teams are doing with David and Alisha Holt in Argentina.

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# Giving it up

## Who shares — MX 3 (continued)

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*A 10- to 15-minute giving experience*

### *Video- Family mission trip*

- Play the **Family mission trip video**.
- After the video, share with the group that God may ask them to go on a mission trip with their family or church. In the meantime, they can minister to people right here in their own community.
- Distribute a copy of the **I can give form** to each child.
- Encourage each child to make a commitment to give of their time by serving in their own community or on a mission trip at some point this year.
- Ask them to take their commitment form home to share with their family.

### *Pray*

Ask God to send out missionaries from this group. Pray that each child would be willing to give their time to help reach other people for Christ.



# Taking it personally

## Who shares — MX 4

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*A 10- to 15-minute serving experience*

### *Prepare*

- From the DVD-ROM, prepare to show the **Missionary Kid is my day job video**. This will play from a DVD player or a computer.

### *Recap (optional)*

Missionaries like the Holts depend not only on people giving their money but also giving their time. The Holts depend on short-term mission groups coming and helping them minister to the Criollo people in Argentina by prayerwalking and ministering throughout the community.

### *Video - Missionary Kid is my day job*

- Share that the Criollo people in Argentina are just one of many groups in Latin America who need to hear about Jesus. We're going to watch a video about a missionary kid who volunteers her time to help other people. Her name is Abbey and her parents are missionaries serving in Chile. Knowing that people need to hear about Him in other places, Abbey went on a short-term mission trip to a country in Middle America, Nicaragua.
- Show the **Missionary Kid is my day job video**.

### *Activity - Instant clean-up*

- Discuss with the group how Abbey gave her time to the people of Nicaragua.
- Ask kids about some things they could do in their own community.
- Tell the group that they are going to put action to what they've been learning by helping to clean the building where they meet.
- Provide dust rags, brooms and trash bags for the kids and go with them as they clean up the meeting space. (Ask people ahead of time about projects they would like the kids to work on.)
- Allow kids some time to clean the building and then gather back together.
- Encourage them to think of ways they can serve others in the next few weeks.

### *Pray*

Pray that God will provide opportunities to volunteer in the community during the coming week and that as we serve, we'll be able to share about the love of God.



# Going further

## Who shares



*Ideas for mission projects based on this theme*

Plan an organized class project at the local homeless shelter, soup kitchen or even a community clean-up day. Enlist several parents to help and encourage the entire class to come and participate. Consider making this a semi-annual event for your group.

Write a letter to the parents explaining the emphasis of this missions package. Encourage them to consider taking a family mission trip during the coming year. You can find some short-term mission trips through IMB at: <http://going.imb.org/volunteers/>

Plan a family mission trip opportunity locally and provide the opportunity for many of your group and parents to participate. Consider doing it over a weekend.

