



## CALL FOR WORKSHOPS AND PAPER PROPOSALS

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### THE OKLAHOMA SYMPOSIUM: FOREIGN MISSION METHODS TODAY

Character Inn Conference Center, Oklahoma City, USA

Date: March 21 - 25, 2011



Character Inn Conference Center

The challenges of foreign missions are diverse. They range from cultural, linguistic, economics, administrative to interpersonal contact, conflict and resolution. What are the viewpoints of those in the academy on how to deal with these challenges? What do those in the field say are the real challenges and repeatable outcomes? Interdisciplinary understanding of this polarity represents a problem of great importance for both academics and practitioners in missions flow. Through Workshops and theoretical presentations, the symposium will explore what works today in the mission field- from the academy to the rural spaces- and what does not work in age-specific, ethnic-specific, or the global market place of ideas. We plan to divide the symposium sessions into Asia, Africa, Europe, South and North America missions. We are accepting proposals from missionaries, scholars, psychologists, arts and cultural practitioners, oral historians, and interested others from around the world.

Proceedings from the symposium will be published in DVD/e-format. We seek to commission an expert in filmmaking or the media arts to do the DVD documentation and create the e-publication of the conference proceedings; the commissioned participant's registration fee will be waived. Submit the abstract of your paper (200 words maximum) or workshop proposal in English with a brief biography of the presenter (200 words maximum) to [info @ nkafoundation.org](mailto:info@nkafoundation.org). The submitter should include title of the contribution and author(s) information – name, affiliation, address, phone contact, and e-mail. Upon acceptance, author(s) can decide to publish the whole paper or only the abstract in conference proceedings. The full paper (6,000 words maximum in APA format) should also be submitted electronically to [info @ nkafoundation.org](mailto:info@nkafoundation.org) and/or [nkaprojects @ gmx.com](mailto:nkaprojects@gmx.com).

### Important Dates

Symposium will be held from 21st to 25th of March, 2011  
Submission Deadline: January 15th, 2011 or until space is filled  
Early Registration Deadline: November 15th to February 15th, 2011  
Full Paper Submission: Until March 15th, 2011

Registration: \$499 and \$690 after March 15th (registration fee includes conference publication, lunch, and admission to all programme activities)  
Hotel Group Rate: \$40 single or double occupancy in Character Inn  
Venue: Character Inn Conference Center (Institute in Basic Life Principles Oklahoma Training Center), 520 West Main Street, Oklahoma City, OK 73102.  
PH: +1 (405) 526-0001. FX: +1 (405) 526-0002

**More Information:** For detail on the symposium venue and to book accommodation go to [www.conferenceokc.com](http://www.conferenceokc.com). The project web site is <http://www.nkafoundation.org/OK%20Symposium,ForeignMI.html> Additional information related to the symposium will be sent to all participants well in advance of the conference. Come with your instruments of mission. If you play a musical instrument, or create with another tool, bring it along for impromptu performances, Short Takes, or large audience performance.

**Symposium Coordinator:** Barthosa Nkurumeh, PhD, Oklahoma City.

### Preliminary program

March 21, 2011 Monday	10.00 am – 11.50 am 2.00pm – 5.30pm	Symposium Registration Opening Ceremony
March 22, 2011 Tuesday	8.30 am -12.00 pm 12.10 pm –1.50 pm 2.00 pm – 5.00pm	Symposium Lunch Break Symposium
March 23, 2011 Wednesday	8.30 am -12.00 pm 12.10 pm –1.50 pm 2.00 pm – 5.00pm	Symposium Lunch Break Symposium
March 24, 2011 Thursday	8.30 am -12.00 pm 12.10 pm –1.50 pm 2.00 pm – 5.00pm	Symposium Lunch Break The Great Walk
March 25, 2011 Friday	8.30 am -12.00 pm 12.10 pm –1.50 pm 2.00 pm – 4.00pm 7 pm – 9 pm	Symposium Lunch Break Closing Session Closing Banquet

### Next Step:

## AFRICAN MISSION LABORATORY: A SHORT-TERM MISSION TO GHANA

(Voluntary Work Abroad / Volunteer Abroad in Africa / Service Learning Abroad)



Results from The Oklahoma Symposium will be tested through a mission method laboratory in sub-Saharan Africa. The mission methods laboratory seeks people to work side-by-side with local people on a design and construction project and their community goals. There is room on our mission field for all.

### Join

The voluntary project seeks individuals and teams of engineers, builders, architects, artists, after-school teachers, development partners, interns, gap year students, and interested others. Participant can stay for a few weeks or the whole year from June 2011 through August 2012 according to own project. Participants will be provided with project site and housing. Housing will be at our Arts Village in the Abetenim traditional area (15 kilometers from Kumasi) and homestay for cultural immersion is another option. Food will be by cooperative kitchen at \$7 per day; participants will also have to raise funds for own travel costs and proposed project.

Come to Abetenim and help us! You will have memories of a lifetime. We will use local schools, churches, market places and other spaces as sites for implementation of our projects.

### Volunteer

Also we seek a volunteer Site-Program Coordinator, who has knowledge about fundraising to help on our After-School Community centers, and live-in cottages.

If you are unable to go now, but would like to support this trip financially or in some other way, please contact us at [info@nkafoundation.org](mailto:info@nkafoundation.org). Thank you.

