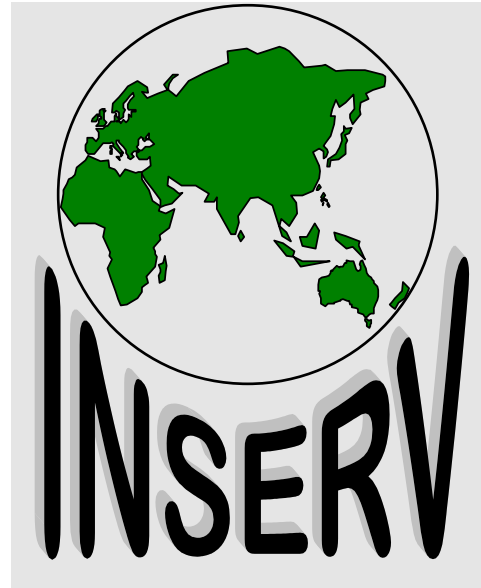


COURSE CONTENTS

The Course has more than ten Modules including:

- Biblical Perspective of Research
- Research Process
- Sources & Interpretation of Information
- Research Methods
- Compilation and documentation of Data
- Culture
- Worldview
- Planning a Strategy
- Analysis
- Participant observation
- Awareness
- Interviews
- Management
- Teamwork
- Partnerships
- Concept of change
- Questionnaires



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INSERV is a South African based mission organization that serves the mission cause of the church through strategically selected projects. These projects include (more details available upon request):

Vision Statement

“Serving the Church through Missions Research.”

Mission Statement

“Mission empowerment through mission research support to the church in advancing the Kingdom of Christ amongst the least reached.



Missions Research

We assist with research, research training and strategic planning to effectively reach unreached people groups with the Gospel. Inserv’s research involvement commenced about ten years ago and it is through our experience that the development of this course evolved. Apart from commissioned research, our research projects up to date include the compilation of comprehensive reports on the Yao, Makwe, and several coastal people groups in Mozambique. In addition we have contributed towards facilitating the involvement of various churches and mission organisations in working among these people groups. In South Africa we presented the research workshops at two annual LSA mission conferences, amongst others. The course has also been presented in other countries and to Bible Schools, mission organisations, churches and individuals contemplating work amongst the unreached.

Why Mission Research?

Through applicable research we can:

- Be better prepared by learning from others
- Avoid mistakes such as culturally wrong approaches
- Become aware and make use of the available resources
- Be more effective in our mission involvement by following locally viable strategies
- Discover and understand better what God is busy doing among the target people group so that we can join Him.

The bottom line is that God’s kingdom can be more effectively furthered if we search and make use of the available information and resources.

Though others may see research as an unspiritual exercise, however, God’s word affirms that the usage of research information has been God’s strategy from the beginning of creation. The Israelites used the power of information to conquer the promised land (Num. 13; Joshua 2). The Apostles wisdom in being well informed (Luke 1: 1-4).

Missions research is a combination of three important elements: **SPIRITUAL** (praying & discerning), **DATA** (Searching & sorting) and **STRATEGY** (evaluating and strategizing).

RESEARCH TRAINING

In terms of research training, as an Institute we are aware that to merely do research ourselves will have little effect in reducing the amount of work in reaching the unreached for Christ. Therefore specific training of other people who have no knowledge of doing research becomes necessary.

One learns to do research by doing research. Therefore we present the materials in such a way that participants learn the principles by applying them to the area or target group that they want to reach. We try to tailor our course presentation to match as closely as possible the needs of those attending.