

Cadets and Gems Mission Badge 2021

Counsellor Helps.

I suggest you visit Reach Beyond's website reachbeyond.org for more information about Reach Beyond's ministry. On it you can find stories from listeners and there are some short videos. (Just a heads up, some of the videos tell of a listener contemplating suicide. Please use your discretion if showing to your cadre).

Go to reachbeyond.org.au for information about Reach Beyond's Kununurra site.

Please also look out for Janice Reid's SALT newsletters. Consider having her latest newsletter handy to show and share with your cadre when you are working on the Mission Badge.

1. Why Radio Ministry?

Have the children come up with their own ideas first, before offering suggestions.

Radio can reach many, many people at one time. There's no limit to how many people can tune in to a radio programme. Radio signals can reach people living in remote areas, in closed countries or hostile areas where missionaries can't go. Listeners from other religious backgrounds who are interested in finding out about Christianity, can tune in in secret. The medium of radio is really helpful in times of natural disaster and emergencies. Challenges might be that you are not able to develop personal relationships with those you are sharing the gospel with.

On the ground mission work has the advantage of person to person contact and relationships. There is often connection with a physical church. The missionary can respond to physical and spiritual needs in the community they serve. Challenges for on the ground missionaries are that they can only be in one place at a time.

2. Map Challenge.

Hidden in the wordfind are the names of 9 countries and their capital cities. I'm not going to give them to you, that would be too easy! Pull out an atlas. The South East Asian countries are shaded in green on the map. I have used the most common English names for the capital cities, ie, Yangon, Vientiane. The only one the children might trip up on is the capital of Singapore, which is...Singapore.

3 (b). Someone living in an area with no churches and few or no Christians may only be able to hear about Jesus through media, ie radio, tv, internet. For many poor families a radio is their only contact with the outside world.

5. Imagine starting a Radio Station.

Reach Beyond has many partner stations, particularly in Thailand that have been started by a pastor, or local church. The children will no doubt have never dreamed of such a thing, and probably have little knowledge of what's involved. In New Zealand, you would have to apply for a Commercial FM Broadcasting Licence. This is handled by the Radio Spectrum Management at (MBIE). You need to get an Approved Radio Engineer to apply on your behalf. You need to purchase, or bid for a frequency to use. A radio station will need to have a studio to work from. Studio equipment is needed and a transmitter and mast. A station will need announcers, and probably a Manager. Then the announcers will need to have some training to learn the necessary skills to communicate well and share the gospel to listeners. As an interesting alternative, some cities have local community stations that users can rent air time to air their own programmes. One such station is Plains FM 96.9 in Christchurch. Check if there is one in your area. Many churches are using Youtube or other internet sites to broadcast services and other programmes.

Janice is returning to New Zealand permanently in February 2021. She hopes to be able to visit with as many Cadets and Gems clubs as possible on her deputation visits around the country. Janice will be able to give more information about individual radio stations that she has been involved with, as well as more specifics on what the fundraising money will go towards.

Encourage your children to have questions ready for Janice when she visits.

May God bless you and your cadets and gems as you work on this badge together. I pray God will use it to encourage us all have a concern for the lost, and a desire to share the gospel in countries overseas as well as here in our own country.

Blessings, Elaine Borger, Nelson Cadets and Gems club.