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Creative Ideas for Outreach in 21st Century World

Outreach in a 21st century world is more often about creating effective entry points than making visits in the home or community. Outreach is more about creating relationships than visitation programs on Tuesday night. Outreach is more about finding the right language to use with non believers than finding the right time to visit. Outreach is more about being intentional about the paths of life we live in than creating additional paths and tasks. Jesus wants us to serve him and reach others 'as we go' and through the relationships we have as we meet people where they are (John 4). These are some ideas I've discovered recently you might want to explore. Though this listing doesn't necessarily bring with it my endorsements but my encouragement for you to explore and adapt so the ideas work for you in your context.

Dinner and a Testimony – Cook for friends and share your story. The outreach of Clive Berkman – minister at Second Baptist Houston, TX
www.second.org

Golf Ministry – Reach persons while playing golf. www.inhisgripgolf.com

Subway in the Church/As the Church? – www.truebethel.org

Church on Wheels – www.homelesschurch.org

Upward Basketball – www.upward.com

Reaching the Drug Culture www.mamasite.net

Reaching the Hip Hop Culture – www.christtabernacle.org and
www.nickycruz.org

Reaching those with tattoos – www.hotmetalbridge.com

God According to Bart Simpson – www.saint-marks.com

Marriage – www.covenantmarriage.com

Servant Evangelism – www.servantevangelism.com

As you go – www.off-the-map.org

Using Secular Movies for Spiritual Formation – www.screenvue.com and www.movieministry.com and www.hollywoodjesus.com

Creative Pastors – www.creativepastors.com

Community Makeovers – www.marananthachapel.org

Resources Suitable for Creating Entry Points:

Facing Messy Stuff in the Church by Kenneth Swetland – Essays on handling the tough issues of ministry today – abortion, sexual harassment, pornography, divorce. Discussion starters etc.

Avoiding the Greener Grass Syndrome – How to Grow Affair-Proof Marriages - by Nancy Anderson

Living Together: Guide to Counseling Unmarried Couples – by Jeff VanGoethem
Kregel Publications 800-733-2607

Back from Betrayal: Saving a Marriage, a Family, a Life by Suzy Farbman
www.backfrombetrayal.com

People Driven Software – www.peopledrivensoftware.com - Helps track assimilation, discipleship etc.

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