

Mission Possible has three focuses:

Mission Tools and Practice
Mission Thinking
Mission People and Projects

This page looks at the first of these, Mission Tools and Practice.

- This is the development of strategic tools for mission.
- It is the communicating and coaching in the use of those strategic tools.
- It is providing information and innovation in contemporary missional practice.

1. The development of mission tools and an understanding of contemporary mission practice includes a number of areas such as the information that appears on the [National Mission section](#) of the website, the monthly ezine (see below) and the [blog](#).

Highlighted in each of these are materials produced by the National Mission Team, as well as books, articles, research, recent stats, demographics, and social trends that relate in any way to Mission.



2. Communication. Apart from the various media already mentioned, this includes:

- visits from the National Mission Enabler and the wider Mission Possible team to parishes and presbyteries;
- the presenting of workshops, (eg mission planning, leadership wellness);
- networking and connecting people and/or parishes of like mind and vision.

3. Coaching/Innovation. This includes:

- identifying and walking alongside key people involved in mission initiatives and encouraging their vision;
- creating contexts in which mission-minded people can be released to get on with their calling, and identifying the resources for them to do so;
- activities such as finding host churches for spiritual and moral oversight, integrating any new ministry and raising the awareness of the whole church.

An analogy might help explain the role of the **National Mission Enabler** further. He functions something like yeast in dough.

The only time yeast is visible is early in the piece, when it's still a separate item. Once it's sprinkled in amongst the other ingredients, it becomes part of the process. By the time you eat the bread, you've forgotten about the yeast because you can't even taste it. You'll be able to taste other items - the spices and raisins and currants and nuts - but not the yeast.

So what has the yeast done? It's given itself to the whole process, for one thing, 'sacrificed' itself for the sake of the bread. But more than that, if it *isn't* in the mix, the bread has no hope of rising, and will wind up as an inedible mass.



The yeast is the item that makes the bread become bread. The bread is nothing without it, however many extras like raisins, currants, spices and so on that you might add. It's not visible in the finished product, but the finished product would never be finished without it.

National Mission enables the final product to become what the world will see. The Enabler is there from the start, part of the ingredients. But his role in the process is to be less and less visible as time goes on, so that when a vision has been made alive and tangible in the church, his role is forgotten. That's the way it's meant to be, but it shouldn't *be* forgotten that the process was only brought to the final point because there was an Enabler involved.

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