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Ghana is a country with many distinct social and cultural people groups. Therefore, in order to ensure more effective discipleship it is important for the various ministries to intentionally take the uniqueness of the individual people groups into account. Unfortunately much of Adventist ministry and mission are done from a monolithic cultural perspective which is not consistent with the Gospel Commission. This project addresses this problem.

Library research, interviews, and participant observations were used to develop an understanding of a people group—the

Ahanta—in the context of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Ghana. The data from the research was used to develop a program of teaching and training Adventist pastors and lay leaders to develop a passion for a people group focused mission and ministry.

Pastors and lay leaders were trained, resourced, and motivated. Church members were also trained so that they too could understand people group concepts. As a result a much more focused ministry approach was developed that is sensitive to the culture of the Ahanta people.

The Gospel is to be preached in the context of every people group. In order to do this, church leaders and members must become passionate about allowing every people group to hear the Gospel in understandable ways in their own language and within their own cultural setting. Mission and ministry must be done from a people group perspective. Continuous training and teaching on the principles of people group ministries seem to be the most productive approach in changing attitudes and methods.

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