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From the Author

For the last few years, we've set out to help the Church think and act like missionaries at home and abroad. This book is a collection of nine basic missionary skills that we believe all Christians everywhere can learn and apply. As practitioners ourselves, the skills we outline here aren't just theory, but lessons we've learned on our various "mission fields." We believe that this book will help you learn the skills that international missionaries employ every day.

Of course, this is just a start. There's much more to be learned. We invite you to visit theupstreamcollective.org to let us know how you're applying missionary thinking in your everyday life and to share other missionary lessons you're learning.

About the Author

Larry E McCrary co-founded The Upstream Collective. He has a wonderful wife who loves working with Third-Culture Kids. His children Megan and Parker have spent most of their lives in Europe. They were involved in church planting in the States during the 90s and have been in Spain and Germany since 2001. He loves working with young churches and helping them begin to engage their community and their world.

Caleb Crider co-founded the Upstream Collective in Spain in 2007. He lives in Portland, Oregon, with his wife, two children, a dog, and some chickens. He works as a communications specialist, but he is really a missionary and church planter who believes that all Christians everywhere should think and act like missionaries.

Wade Stephens has lived on mission with his family for 10 years in Eastern Europe. For the past several years, he has been in the U.S. while helping churches, companies, and individuals that are seeking to live as missionaries. Working as a missionary and/or tentmaker over the years, he recognizes an opportunity for the gospel to advance through creative endeavors.

Rodney Calfee was a product of the Upstream Collective before he ever considered joining the team. He joined UC as a young pastor on a trip to Taiwan, where everything he knew about church planting and missional living was stretched and challenged. He works full-time with Upstream in Birmingham, where he lives with his wife and three daughters. His hope is that other leaders would have a similar experience to his and be impassioned and equipped to lead their people to think and act like missionaries.

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