

# Church Mission Committee Purpose Statement

- 1) **Provide** intelligent, intentional, passionate "beating on the door of heaven" prayer for the missionaries and ministries of the church weekly. Should **ask for** and also **post** prayer requests you get weekly in bulletin or church email for the missionaries you support, ask your missionaries for answers they have seen, etc.
- 2) **Communicate** with the missionaries you serve. **Ask** them how you could help them in their ministry, if they won't answer you, **give them real consequences or dump them**.
- 3) **Be** the ministry training arm/field discipling arm of the church. Mission committees should **find** "training grounds" locally and then **drive, tempt, shame, call, encourage, lead** your church people outside the church walls onto those training grounds. **Pray for** every regular attender to be in a small group Bible study three nights a month and in a "training ground" ministry outside the church one night a month. This is what the church is for and this will help grow your church population up into the image of Jesus. (We'd recommend you **find** "training grounds" even for your elementary kids and jr. high kids at least monthly so they don't grow up thinking life and church are all about them.)
- 4) **Find** solid short term missions trips to send your adults into pro-actively to grow future leadership. This should be a combined effort between the elder board, pastors, and missions committee. **Put together** a list of people who are and will be leading the church ministries in the next 10 years and **set a goal** to send 6-8 of them each year. The elders or pastor should go to those people and challenge them to go and offer \$\_\_\_\_\_ and assistance in fund raising to help them go if they will consider it. **Choose** the short term ministry carefully so they get good training (while they are trainable) and so they are actually doing front-line ministry (evangelism and discipleship) as a main function of their trip. Visitation is for the elderly, not missionary teams. Construction teams should be invested in the locals during the evenings and on prayer walks in the mornings. The mission committee should then **work with** these folks to help the family while they are away and **help** them re-acclimate to the church when they return so they don't waste what they've learned.
- 5) **Challenge** the congregation to give sacrificially to mission crises when they occur and **host** "all nighter" prayer events in those situations.
- 6) **Lead the charge** to encourage parents regularly to pray their kids into missions and to **keep missions** in front of the congregation weekly. (video clips during the offering, missionary stories, etc.)
- 7) **Be looking** for solid marriage couples to challenge, pray up, and send from the church. Every church has these kinds of folks using their faith and walk to make money. **Kick them out of** the nest into a short-term trip or two to see if you can change their world view before eternity hits and does that for them.
- 8) **Be pro-actively involved** in staff care with the sending mission organization for career missionaries going from the church. (Regular **encouragement** for their children, **sending** a team to work with them yearly, **continuation** of relationships/friendships pro-actively, **care packages, live call** to congregation regularly on Sunday AM, **marriage encouragement**, etc.) SEE STAFF CARE DOCUMENT