

15 Ways to help your church focusing on world mission

- 1) Include prayers for countries in crisis and for missionaries into your church intercession prayers.
- 2) Adopt a particular people group as a church, and direct specific prayer, giving, and service towards them.
- 3) Place a large laminated map in your church and ask every person to sign their name or initials on the nation for which they are burdened to pray regularly.
- 4) Host a visiting international pastor for some days to ministry to your church and interact with your church members.
- 5) Identify a good book & study guide on global missions and lead your small groups through a church-wide study (e.g. the Perspectives course; Let the Nations Be Glad DVD).
- 6) When your church sends out a short-term or long-term missionary, hang a national flag representing that country in your church as a reminder to pray each week for the missionary.
- 7) Visit the missionaries your church has sent out.
- 8) Have a mission focus in your church bulletin with famous mission quotes, statistics about nations and people groups, updates from your church's missionaries, etc.
- 9) Budget for your pastor/church members to make a cross-cultural ministry trip.
- 10) Commission individuals and teams when they go for mission, and set up an avenue for them to report on their work to the rest of the church.
- 11) Reach out to internationals in your own city. Invite them to dinner, ask them to come and fix a dinner for the congregation to share the foods of their nation, help them improve their English etc.
- 12) Dedicate a week of the year to missions at your church, incorporating things such as special messages from guest speakers, ethnic dinners, documentaries on particular nations and people groups, missionary testimonies, and prayer meetings.
- 13) Send groups to local and national missions-focused conferences.
- 14) Set goals with your church on how to be involved in missions.
- 15) Incorporate topics and activities into your youth program that foster a cross-cultural mission mindset.

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