



THE MISSIONS COMMITTEE

However you designate yourselves, you are the hub upon which rests the mobilization, coordination, implementation and evaluation of the total global outreach of your congregation. It is yours not only to embrace local, area, and wider United States outreach but to go beyond our borders and to circle the globe in obedience to the Biblical mandate.

It is a momentous undertaking but one which you do not shape or carry alone. You received “power” when the Holy Spirit came upon you... power to be witnesses, power to take the Good News to the ends of the earth. He is your Enabler, your Counselor, your Encourager.

Your Global Ministries Commission stands by you. We are partners with you in this great cause and are available to answer questions and to be of any assistance we can. Call on us. (717-866-7581) Call on your district missions coordinator. Consult this handbook for additional resources.

Now to the nitty gritty.

WHO SHOULD BE ON THE MISSIONS COMMITTEE?

Answer:

1. Those with a heart for the lost.
2. Those who are teachable.
3. Those who have global vision.
4. Those willing to make a long term commitment.
5. Those who will make missions the primary focus of their service in the church.

This work is too demanding to be diluted with other major leadership positions, vital as they, too, are in the total functioning of the Body.

It takes time to develop missiological expertise. It doesn't happen in a one or two year term. It requires intensive hands-on experience over a continuum. Mission committee members steep themselves in every aspect of missions in order themselves to grow strong as world Christians and to inspire others in the congregation to become world Christians, too.

HOW MANY MEMBERS SHOULD THE COMMITTEE HAVE?

Answer:

Enough to function smoothly. Six + the chair or co-chairmen, depending on the size of your congregation. Some subcommittees can be composed of members of the congregation not serving on the Missions Committee itself. (see section on subcommittees)

HOW OFTEN SHOULD WE MEET?

Answer:

Consider two meetings a month.

1. One entirely devoted to prayer. This is absolutely crucial. Without prayer, you will simply be spinning wheels and going nowhere and doing it in your own body heat. You will have more than enough to pray about. Try using our E.C. publications: "HeartCry", "Windows on the World", and "Partners" for prayer requests in addition to seeking God's guidance for your local mission's ministry.
2. One to handle business.

THIS IS ALL NEW TO US. WHERE CAN WE GET SOME TRAINING?

Answer:

There are many opportunities:

1. Courses of study - see appendix?
2. Reading (see bibliography in appendix?)
3. A.C.M.C. regional and national conferences
4. E.C. Mission events & workshops

WHAT DOES A MISSIONS COMMITTEE DO?

Answer:

A typical list might include:

1. Draft your mission statement.
2. Establish policies for your local congregation - see sample in appendix. Writing policies permits thoughtful evaluation of critical issues and prevents decisions being made on personal whims. Include at least the following:
 - a. How you will raise funds
 - b. How you will distribute funds
 - c. How you determine what efforts and individuals to support
 - d. Policies on short-term volunteer mission trips
 - e. Care of missionaries

It could also include policy statements on missionary housing (if you have a house or apartments.)

3. Do an annual assessment of your mission's ministry using the evaluation form obtainable from APMC.
4. Set short and long term achievable and measurable goals based on this evaluation.
5. Develop a budget and present it to the Finance Committee of the congregation and/or treasurer.
6. Keep minutes of each business meeting. A secretary should be appointed for this purpose and also someone to be a liaison to the church treasurer.
7. Appoint a standing and ad hoc committees, such as hospitality, publicity, program, short-term missions, etc. This gives opportunity to include many others in the congregation in serving roles without their having to be on the Missions Committee. The Committee itself is primarily an administrative body.
8. Make provision for the inclusion of missions education in the Christian educational curriculum of the congregation at every age level. Missions education can not be haphazard. It must be intentional, planned, and well executed.

Encourage S.S. teachers to include prayers and projects for missionaries on a regular basis in their classes.

Encourage small groups to schedule a mission study and/or to adopt a missionary family or project.

9. Continually keep missions before the congregation in as many creative ways as possible. (see suggestions in appendix)
10. Keep the congregation apprised of missions giving. They have a right to know how much is coming in and where it is going and if there is a shortfall.
11. Suggest mission resources to the church librarian - books, videos, DVDs, flags, artifacts, etc.
12. Stimulate missions giving. Be aware of what classes and small groups are doing for missions. Be encouragers.
13. But teach prayer as a priority over giving. It's the first step in every member involvement.
14. Plan special events for the year. Get them on the church calendar early to avoid scheduling conflicts. See ideas in appendix.
15. Promote and be the clearing house for all short term mission teams.

These trips are the most powerful mission motivators for baby boomers, and a few people in your church will develop a passion for missions that could not be attained in any other way. In fact, total Christian commitment will be strengthened as a result of these volunteer experiences. Make them a focus in your church!

16. Always hold career missions before your people and be looking for youth and adults to challenge to go all out for God. Too often we wait for individuals to tell US they want to be missionaries. Pastors, Ministry Councils, Mission Committees should be much in prayer over this.

SUB-COMMITTEES

Members of the Missions Committee cannot possibly do all the nitty gritty detailed tasks that need to be done if the missions ministry is to function smoothly. Nor should they even if they could. This is an opportunity to enlist other members of the congregation for service - and in ways that will stimulate interest and expose them to the many aspects of missions.

Occasionally there may be need for ad hoc committees - for example, if your church is hosting a regional or district conference - a "one shot" event so to speak.

Usually, though, the sub-committees will be standing ones. They might include the following:

- Hospitality
- Short-term missions/work teams
- Publicity
- Program
- Special Projects
- Spend-A-Day
- Missionary Care
- Prayer
- Food/refreshment
- Decorations & Displays

Job descriptions can aid in recruitment, but flexibility should be allowed. Chairs may or may not be members of the missions committee, but in all cases, accountability and lines of supervision flow to and from the Missions Committee.

(The structure of your congregation will determine to whom the Missions Committee is responsible.)

Those on the sub-committees can be responsible for special areas within their division, e.g., Samaritan Purse Christmas show boxes, angel trees, material collections for Katrina victims might fall under Special Projects.

Be creative. Break out of the molds. Variety is still the spice of life. Allow your sub-committees freedom to use their gifts and be affirming of their efforts.

Missions is a team effort!

FUNDING

Hudson Taylor was right when he said that "missions is not an option to be considered. It is a command to be obeyed." It's that and so much more. It's a privilege! It's a joy! And it's biblical! A congregation is not intended to focus all of its attention on itself - not even primarily.

Where is your church now in proportionate giving? One of your responsibilities as a missions committee is to raise the sights of your people - to give them such a vision of the world's need for Christ that as the Macedonian Christians they will want to give "to the limit of their means and beyond" for the sheer privilege and joy of having a part in carrying the Gospel to the ends of the earth.

One of your goals should be to annually increase the level or percentage of giving for missions. Realistic increments - perhaps 1%, 2%, 5%. Maybe God is leading your church toward eventual 50-50 giving! 50% for self, 50% for others. Wow! "Blest to be a blessing!" Wouldn't that be exciting!

How do you do it? Start where you are. Your church may not move from 5% to 20% of total monies over night, though God could certainly do this. Who was it who said, "Expect great things from God! Ask great things of God!"

Missions stewardship involves strategy. We can be so focused on missions that we lose perspective on what's important to the many people in the congregation who are not yet in the "mission" crowd. We want to bring them in. We want them to see missions as the responsibility of the whole church, not just the few who are off in some sub-culture of their own. Too long missions have been relegated to almost an auxiliary position. We must constantly be forming relational bridges, not with judgmental attitudes but with the recognition that God IS growing world Christians. We are but instruments in His hand - called alongside to help Him.

I CAN SEE THAT THIS INVOLVES TOTAL LIFESTYLE, BUT WHAT ARE SOME PRACTICAL WAYS WE CAN INCREASE FINANCIAL GIVING?

Answer:

Here are some questions you should ask yourselves first, before answering that one - questions that deal with philosophies of giving.

1. Do we want to do missions giving through a proportion of the total church budget? This provides guaranteed funding.
2. Do we want to use the "faith promise" system? (see brochure in appendix) This makes mission support something that is considered by every individual member. It stimulates spiritual growth by encouraging expectation of the Lord's provision.
3. Do we want to use a combination of these? Or perhaps use one and supplement with other opportunities to give us individual needs arise?

The choice is yours to make. One church growth consultant claims that giving will increase 25% when people realize a mission budget exists apart from the church budget. "Ownership" is especially important to the younger generation. People tend to give more when a cause is presented, when they can "see" and "touch" and "embrace" a need as their very own.

4. Do we use free will offerings, fund-raisers, or a combination?

5. If fund raisers, do we keep this within the congregation or do we want to ask “the world” and/or “other faith communities” to help us?
6. Do we want to ask another E.C. congregation in our area to join us in raising funds for a specific cause or individual missionary?

MORE ON FINANCES

1. Present needs clearly and communicate a “can do” attitude. With God ALL things are possible.

If a need is clearly presented, the people will respond. Dare to dream big dreams, to pray big prayers, and then rely on God “to bring the cargo ship to port.” Be there to unload it! We have a prayer answering God. “In everything with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God.” His heart is bigger than ours. “My God shall supply all your needs!”

This is why you need to have at least one meeting a month when you come together for earnest, concerted prayer. We “have not because we ask not.”

2. Communicate the spiritual benefits the dollars are buying – that the people’s gifts are bringing glory to God. Use every means you can, to let them know this. You must be Barnabases – encouragers. Lead the way.

Under Responsibilities of the Missions Committee, add:

DEVELOP PRAYER CONCERN – on-going as well as SPEND A DAY.

HOW DO WE ALLOCATE SUPPORT FUNDS?

Answer:

You will have to make some decisions:

1. Do we want to support 10 E.C. missionaries at a low level per month? Or do we want to support 5 at a higher level?
2. Are we committed to continue support for the same missionaries forever or is there a time when we need to re-evaluate and what guidelines do we use?
3. Can we increase our commitment to personalized support in this coming year? How should we do this?
4. Can we partner with one or more E.C. congregations in our area to completely support one missionary family? Think what this could mean when the missionary is on home assignment – the adopt a family concept.
5. What % of our monies should be allocated locally – for needs within our own congregation and community? What % for Judea and Samaria? What % for the remaining world?

6. Of the remaining world, have we included ministry to unreached peoples? Currently, only .5% of all mission monies cross denominational lines are given to reach the
7. What is our geographical spread? Do we want to put more emphasis on any one continent, country or? Or do we want to divide somewhat evenly?
8. What types of mission activity are we now supporting? Medical, Bible translation, Muslim world, support services, administration? Do we want this to be a consideration in our allocations?
9. What agencies do we want to fund? What special causes? Where are we in our support of our own E.C. ministries? Are these considered under the general budget of the church or are they the responsibility of the missions committee?
10. How should we decide to take on new support? What do we do with the list of support needs appearing in issues of Window on the World? Forget about them? Or make them a matter of prayer and see how God leads?

MISSIONS BUDGET

Accountability is extremely important at all times and especially so in handling the Lord's funds.

1. Work closely with your church treasurer. He is your partner and it is important that communication lines be good.
2. Have receipts for bills you submit for payment.
3. Be sure the treasurer knows the schedule for support payments and the names of the missionaries, agencies, etc. into whose accounts the monies are to be deposited. This must be transmitted to the GMC and clearly designated.
4. However mission funds are handled in your congregation, be sure that annually a complete report is given to the membership with details on all missions income and expenses. Frequently this does not appear with breakdowns in the treasurer's report to the congregation. As a Missions Committee, it is your responsibility to see that a report is prepared and distributed, together with the presentation of your next year's budget.
5. Most people do not think about the cost of operating a Global Ministries office. Our GMC keeps its staff to a bare minimum and works sacrificially to exercise good stewardship of the Lord's funds. It is far more "glamorous" to support missionaries on the field. This is a plea to ask you to consider a line item in your budget for the home office.
6. Remember that our foremost responsibility is to take care of our own E.C. missionaries. Personalized missionary support should receive the highest percentage of your funds.
7. Encourage Sunday school classes and small groups to adopt a missionary, to be generous in support of global mission causes.
8. In order to have a handle on what they are doing, it is recommended that they give the Missions Committee a report of their disbursements and activities periodically. These probably are not channeled through the church treasurer.

WHAT SHOULD WE INCLUDE IN A MISSIONS BUDGET?

1. Personalized missionary support, listed individually with the field and agency under which the missionary serves.
2. Commitments to EC ministries and institutions.
3. Commitments to other agencies. These would include World Hunger as well as state and local ministries, like battered women shelters, new life pregnancy centers, rescue missions, etc.
4. Special projects that may be on-going or that may arise.
5. Short-term missions - scholarships for members, office supplies, etc.
6. Committee Administration
 - a. Program supplies
 - b. Speaker honoraria (unless love offerings are taken)

- c. Resources/books/subscriptions
- d. Continuing ed. – conference registrations, housing, transportation
- e. Office supplies/postage
- 7. Pastor’s discretionary or care funds might be included here if it is not a line item in the congregational budget.
- 8. Miscellaneous

HOW TO RAISE FUNDS

Be sure you understand your congregation’s policy on fund raising. Many congregations are on a totally free-will offering basis and do not hold money raising events. Others do not have fund raisers for the local operational budget but do allow sales, etc. for missions. Some restrict fund raising events to the congregation. Others include the community at large.

This perhaps is another area in which you can brainstorm. Usually people respond more generously as their vision and interest deepen. But remember that there are other ways of giving, too – time and talent are equally as important as money.

Suggestions – depending on your church policy on giving.

1. Love offerings
2. Faith promise offerings
3. Proportion of congregational budget
4. Monthly mission envelope in church offering boxes
5. Door offerings
6. Loose change offerings
7. Thankofferings
8. Lord’s acre concept
9. Seed or “talent” money
10. Class offerings

Here’s what some of our congregations have done:

- Easter peanut butter egg project of youth, with all ages participating in the making
- Silent and regular auctions of donated items
- Car washes
- Home repairs, odd jobs, leaf raking

TEN COMMANDMENTS FOR MISSION TRIP PARTICIPANTS

Healthy attitudes on short-term mission trips

1. You shall not forget that you represent your home country and the Lord Jesus Christ.
2. You shall not expect that things will be the same as they are at home, for you have left your home to find different things. [mono-culturalism]
3. You shall not take minor things too seriously. Accepting things as they are paves the way for a good mission trip.
4. You shall not judge all insert name of target people by the one person with whom you have had trouble.
5. You shall not let other group members get on your nerves. You raised good money and set aside this time. So, enjoy yourself.
6. You shall not be overly worried. The person who worries has no pleasures. Few things people worry about are ever fatal.
7. Remember your passport (or other identification document) so that you know where it is at all times. A person without documents is a person without a country. [passport info]
8. Blessed is the person who says “thank you” in any language. Verbal gratefulness is worth more than tips.
9. When in insert name of country (Rome), do as the insert name of people (Romans) do. If in difficulty, use common sense and your native friendliness.
10. Remember, you are a guest in insert name of country. He who treats his host with respect shall be treated as an honored guest.

Okay, so these aren't the 10 commandments given to Moses on Mt. Sinai. However, the principles enunciated here are foundational to success in short-term cross-cultural experiences. So, violating these 10 commandments (even if Moses didn't get them) can spoil your short-term experience and even tarnish your attempts to witness for Christ.

Ten ways to ruin short-term mission trips.

Want to purposefully have a bad mission trip? Here are 10 things that will guarantee you a bad experience!

FUND RAISERS FOR SHORT-TERM TRIPS

Fund raiser ideas based on material by Kevin Paszalek, Houston (TX) Southway Community Church.

Building financial support through the mail

1. On the average, \$2500 can be raised through well-written letters sent to about 75 people who know you: family members and friends
2. Some groups prepare a fund raising letter on computer diskette so participants can easily personalize it
3. Spread the word widely; don't limit the letters to Christian friends and family
4. Send thank-you letters for every financial gift. Sometimes, "thank-you" notes will even bring follow-up gifts.

How local churches can help come up with the needed money

1. Give official blessing or sanction
 - Provide letters of endorsement on church stationery
 - Let individuals share with the congregation in services
 - Allow pleas for donations during services
 - Host informational meetings about the trip
2. Publicize the trip
 - Information in the congregation's monthly newsletter
 - Inserts in the weekly church bulletin
 - Call attention to those that get involved in local ministry when they return or decide to go long-term as a result of going short-term
3. Provide direct financial support
 - Provide partial funding from the church budget
 - Help in getting out a support raising letter
 - Organizing prayer support
4. Organize fund raising events within the church
 - Sell salvation bracelets
 - Auction off 6 hours of the trip participant's time
 - Hold dinner/auction of baked goods
 - Auction of baked goods with a pie-in-the-face
 - Penny drives

Other ideas

1. Car wash: sell car wash coupons
2. Collect old cell phones
3. Organize dinners or dinner theaters and sell tickets
4. Chicken catching
5. Government quotes
6. Hold giant garage/rummage sale
7. Sell barbeque

8. Organize and teach an Internet beginners' course
9. Sell tubs of frozen cookie dough
10. Find restaurant that will donate part of the cost of a meal or provide meal
11. Sell restaurant meal tickets
12. Car-hopping for tips
13. Selling computer games
14. Selling t-shirts

VISION TRIPS

Don't underestimate the value of travel to inspire an interest in missions. Some of your church who may not be ready for a work team will respond to opportunities to visit fields, coupling vacations with a purpose. Having fun while at the same time seeing what God is doing in the world. Explore a ministry! Experience a blessing!

1. Contact our Global Ministries office to ask about up-coming vision trips or to talk about the possibility of visiting a missionary your church supports.
2. HCJB World Radio has a division just for vision trips. They have several well-planned first class trips scheduled for two or three years in advance. Write for some brochures or log onto www.hcjb.org and click on Vision Journeys. The nominal cost will surprise you and these truly are exciting trips - to every continent except Antarctica - at least at present!

WAYS TO KEEP MISSIONS BEFORE YOUR CONGREGATION

Brainstorm as a committee how to do this. You may want to have a half day retreat with your sub-committees and include this as an activity. Reject nothing. Let the ideas flow, no matter how wild or impossible they seem. No judgments are to be made at the time. Just be sure someone writes down all the suggestions. Then LATER as a committee go over the list. The ideas will fall into categories. Weigh the feasibility of each. Weed out... Prioritize. Assign responsibilities. Move out with God!

Here are some suggestions to get your started:

1. Bulletin boards (changed frequently)
2. Power point presentations - short 1-2 minute clips before or during the worship service
3. Church web site page
4. Newsletters
5. Mail slots
6. Missions table in hospitality center
7. Global Prayer Digest (subscribe to 10 or 15 copies/issues)
8. Window on the World (copies for every member family)
9. Posters
10. Flags of nations where you support missionaries
11. Enlarged pictures of missionaries you support
12. Conference phone call to one or more of your missionaries during a worship service. Question/answer format perhaps.
13. Invite worshipers to come forward on random Sundays and empty their pockets/pocketbooks of all the loose change - tell them where it is going.
14. Tape names and addresses of missionaries under the pews or chairs in a S.S. class with instructions to write that week to the missionary. This can be done also for prayer.
15. Mission moments - weekly or monthly - as a part of the worship service.
16. Squibs in Sunday bulletins
17. Skits, puppet shows
18. Missions fair
19. International dinner
20. Missionary speakers
21. Field trips, e.g., to one of our church plants
22. Intergenerational events
23. Country of the month
24. Hands on - work at a soup kitchen
25. Sponsor a child or a pastor in another part of the world
26. Become a sister congregation to a church in the city or on the mission field
27. Adopt a people group
28. Summer book reading contest
29. Library focus on missions

ADDITIONAL IDEAS

1. Ask your pastor to preach a specific mission sermon once a year.
2. Send your pastor to a mission field if he's never been before. He will return excited about what God is doing, and his enthusiasm will be contagious!
3. One church's goal is to get every youth and adult to a mission field at least once - think vision trips, work teams, etc. Remember that the frail elderly can "travel on their knees" in prayer! Don't leave them out.
4. Host an international student. Connect with a university in your area or with an Intervarsity group on International Students, Int'l for names. China Outreach Ministries has an active program and welcomes opportunities to bring groups of students for an outing. Most international students never get inside a Christian home while they are studying in our country.
5. Visit one of our multi-cultural EC congregations and invite them to your church for a service or fellowship time.
6. Sunday school still reaches more people of more ages for more time during the year than any other agency of the church. Utilize your 5th Sundays for missions emphases. Combine classes and/or departments.

Remember that junior age children are the most open to responding to a missionary challenge. Capitalize on this!

7. It has been shown that on the average no more than 50% of Sunday morning worshippers will return for a special missions event. (some of you may wish you had even 25% or even 10%!) So give missions exposure during the worship hour as often as you can. Vary your methods. Commissioning your short-termers can have a powerful impact.
8. Take intergenerational groups to retirement homes, to feed the hungry...
9. Get families involved - working together in special projects.
10. Have your pastor take the catechetical class to the GMC office during a school holiday period if you are geographically close. Schedule it for a time when the director is there or ask other staff members to talk about what the Commission does.
11. Talk to missions committee members in other congregations in your area - across denominational lines. Pick each other's brains. What are they doing that has worked well? Share ideas. Get copies of their policies. Adapt what you can use in your own church. We are all in this great task together. There can be a real camaraderie that develops. The job is too big for any one congregation or denomination. We need each other!
12. Start a small group focused on missions. Study the book of Acts or a contemporary mission book. It could be an on-going group or one with a definite term. See the resource pages.

BOOKS AND OTHER RESOURCES

1. E.C.C. Library www.eccenter.com Click on resources, then missions catalog. These materials are available for borrowing.
2. William Carey Library of the USCWM
www.missionresources.com
3. YWAM books - www.worldchristian.com

SUGGESTED BOOKS FOR YOUR MISSIONS COMMITTEE:

Telford, Tom, BABY BOOMERS: The Future of World Missions

Telford, Tom, MISSIONS IN THE 21ST CENTURY

Pollard, Mike, CULTIVATE A MISSION ACTIVE CHURCH

Richardson, Don, SECRETS OF THE KORAN

OPERATION WORLD - Reference book on the religious situations in every country of the world.

Sjogren, Bob, UNVEILED AT LAST - the unifying theme of God's heart for the world from Genesis to Revelation.

MORE RESOURCES FOR MISSIONS COMMITTEES

Available through www.davidmays.org

1. BECOMING A WORLD CHANGING CHURCH
2. BUILDING GLOBAL VISION: 6 Steps to Discovering God's Mission Vision for Your Church
3. HOW TO GET YOUR CHURCH INVOLVED IN MISSIONS
4. HOW TO OPERATE AN EFFECTIVE MISSIONS LEADERSHIP TEAM IN YOUR CHURCH
5. STUFF YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT DOING MISSIONS IN YOUR CHURCH: A Handbook of Lists on CD
6. STUFF YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT DOING MISSION TRIPS IN YOUR CHURCH - 230 Documents on CD

A comprehensive website - www.missionresources.com An excellent source!

MORE BOOKS

O'Donnell, Kelly, MISSIONARY CARE

O'Donnell, Kelly, DOING MEMBER CARE WELL

Hale, Thomas, ON BEING A MISSIONARY

Pillal, Rajendra, REACHING THE WORLD IN YOUR OWN BACK YARD

Hoke and Taylor, SEND ME: YOUR JOURNEY TO THE NATIONS

Chinn, Lisa, RE-ENTRY GUIDE FOR SHORT-TERM MISSIONS LEADERS

Tanin, Hill, and Howard, SENDING OUT SERVANTS (available from www.MTI.org)

Pirollo, Neal, SERVING AS SENDERS

Pirollo, Neal, I THINK GOD WANTS ME TO BE A MISSIONARY

Pirollo, Neal, THE RE-ENTRY TEAM

Piper, John, LET THE NATIONS BE GLAD

Telford, Tom, TODAY'S ALL STAR MISSIONS CHURCHES

ADDITIONAL WEBSITE: www.Emercy.org

They have a short-term missions toolbox available as of October 2006 at a special price of \$19.95. Everything can be reproduced. They also produce a missionary resource handbook.

COURSES OF STUDY

1. Our Global Ministries Director teaches several courses at ETS scheduled on weekends to allow maximum participation by lay people. If you live in the general Myerstown, PA area, check them out.
2. PERSPECTIVES ON THE WORLD CHRISTIAN MOVEMENT - a dynamic and intensive course to help you understand God's plan for the world and your life in particular. Explores the biblical, historical, and cultural and practical aspects of missions. Offered at extension sites throughout the USA. www.perspectives.org
3. VISION FOR THE NATIONS - a 13-week video-based curriculum to introduce missions to your church. Something of a mini-version of the Perspectives course above.
4. OPERATION WORLD VIEW - an 8-lesson video curriculum for small groups to mobilize them for missions. Combines some of the basics of the Perspective course with classic mission videos.
5. ENCOUNTERING THE WORLD OF ISLAM - a 12-lesson course. With more than 6 million Muslims in the USA, and growing daily, we need to know how to reach Muslims for Christ. www.encounteringislam.org

RECOMMENDED WEB SITES FOR MISSIONS LEADERS

Ethnic Harvest - resources for cross cultural church connections within the USA
www.ethnicarvest.org

Global Mapping International - produces and presents research that fuels mission movements and leaders.
www.gmi.org

Initiative 360 - merger of ACMC and the Caleb Project - indispensable in equipping the local church to reach the nations.
www.takeitglobal.org

MisLinks - a web based missions directory
www.mislinks.org

Missions Finder - classified directories of global mission opportunities. Will give you great breadth of possibilities, but we strongly suggest that those interested in short-term or career missions contact our own GMC for counsel on how to proceed.
www.missionsfinder.org

US Center for World Mission - resources to motivate and equip you to reach the world for Jesus. Special pages for mission committees.
www.uscwm.org

SPECIALIZED FOCUS WEB SITES

1. Adopt a People Campaign www.adopt-a-people.org
2. Bible Translation www.wycliffe.org
3. Bibleless Peoples Prayer Project www.wycliffe.org/bppp
4. Persecuted Church Ministries
 - a. Christian Freedom Int'l www.Christianfreedom.org
 - b. Compass Direct www.compassdirect.org
 - c. Int'l Christian Concern www.persecution.org
 - d. Jubilee Campaign www.jubileecampaign.org
 - e. Open Doors www.opendoorsusa.org
 - f. SAT7 www.SAT7.org
 - g. Voice of the Martyrs www.persecution.com
5. Magazines
 - a. Global Prayer Digest - request a sample copy or receive by e-mail. Daily glimpse of what God is doing around the world and what still remains to be done. www.global-prayer-digest.org
 - b. Mission Frontiers - bi-monthly news publication of USCWM. Excellent links to other resources + cutting edge articles. www.missionfrontiers.com
6. Radio Ministries
 - a. HCJB World Radio www.HCJB.org
 - b. Far East Broadcasting www.febc.org
 - c. Trans World Radio www.TWR.org
7. Muslim Ministry
 - a. Arab World Ministries www.AWM.org (click on USA)
 - b. 30 Days of Prayer for Muslim World - published annually for use during Ramadan. www.30-days.net
8. Unreached Peoples of the World
 - a. Joshua Project www.joshuaproject.net