



# IDEA SHEET

## Missions Ministry

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### 7 Components of an Effective Missions Conference

- **Purpose.** Have a detailed list of your purposes for creating this conference. These should include but are not limited to: inspiration, encouragement, and enlightenment about missions, as well as to enlist participation from the congregation regarding the affairs of missions—to go, pray, or give.
- **Planning.** Planning for this conference should begin well in advance. Next year's conference should already be well into the planning stages by the end of this year's conference. When planning, try to include enough activities so that everyone in the church can be involved. Plan for speakers' lodging and transportation also. You might also begin preparing for meals.
- **Personnel.** When inviting missionaries, try to get some from all stages of missionary work—veteran, deputation, and at least one that your church currently supports. You may ask guest speakers to come and participate in the conference as well.
- **Programs.** This element of planning the missions conference entails the planning of music, and the order of the service. Songs should be missions-centered and at least one missionary testimony should be given every evening.
- **Provision.** This element includes financial provision but also takes other things into consideration. If your missionary guests have children, care should be provided for them. You might also provide gifts for the missionaries and your guest speakers, to be placed in their hotel rooms before they arrive.
- **Commitments.** At the conclusion of the conference, you should have a definite time for people to commit how much they will give to missions over the next year. An encouragement for the attendees to pray for the missionaries over the course of the next year should also be made.
- **Evaluation.** At the end of the conference, ask several questions to help identify ways that the conference can be improved. What was a special blessing during the conference? Were there any hindrances that need improving next year?

### Missions Ministry Calendar:

- **November:** Create a Thanksgiving-themed bulletin board that reads "Thankful for Our Missionaries." Have members post letters that are addressed to the missionaries supported by your church.



**Sacrifice Is Necessary.** While it is important to be realistic when it comes to finances, the benefit of spending money on a missions conference cannot be stressed enough. The statement still rings true, "You Get What You Pay For." If this is your first time hosting a missions conference, remember that if your conference goes successfully and everyone in the congregation is happy about it, they will be far more likely to help support another one when the time comes the following year. Sacrifice is never easy to make a missions conference successful, but it is always necessary.

#### Resource Files for You

MIMA04.txt

"World Missions and the  
Local Missions Conference"

*Effects of having a missions conference.*

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"The Importance of a  
Missions Conference"

*Preparation and its effects.*

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