

# Mission Education Strategy Proposal

## Purpose

The purpose of this document is to provide a framework and strategy to increase missions education at Our Church.

## Key Drivers

- The need to build a missions education foundation.
- The need to weave a global mindset into Our Church’s cultural fabric.

## Definition

Missions *education* is the teaching (or learning) of the basics of missions. It is distinguished from missions *promotion* (advertising and recruiting) and missions *awareness* (what’s happening), and missions *exposure* (introductory missions involvement like mission trips or developing a relationship with a missionary).

Missions education includes:

1. What the Bible teaches about God’s heart and desire for all nations.
2. The history of the spread of Christianity throughout the world.
3. The goal and means of mission.
4. The spiritual dimension of how God works through people by His Spirit.
5. The human dimension of what God expects of his people and of individuals.
6. The history and geography of the spread of Christianity throughout the world.
7. Stories of changed lives, cultures, and peoples.
8. The lives and testimonies of former and current missionaries, mission leaders, and participants in the missionary movement.

## Strategy

- Identify* Identify ministries that potentially have the greatest influence to increase missions education in the congregation.
- Recruit* Identify and recruit individuals within those ministries who can do missions education.
- Encourage* Encourage and equip those key people to incorporate missions education in their areas of influence.
- Resource* Resource people and ministries with missions related materials (books, study guides, opportunities, etc.).

Priority	Target Ministry	Key People	Approach/Ideas	Resources
	Cell Group Leaders		- Cell Groups have a missions-focused Bible study. - Appoint a missions “point person” within each Cell Group.	Borthwick study
	Children’s Ministry	Pat Jenny Kathy		
	Mom’s CARE Group	Judy	- Teach mothers how to teach their children about missions.	“You Can Change the World”, “Wold Changing

				Families"
	Students	Clint Jen	- Short Term missions trips. - Begin to identify potential full-time missionaries.	
	Staff	Jayne		
	Elders	Richie		
	Men's Group	Hosea Clarence		
	Worship Team	Brad	- Use the lyrics in worship songs to teach about God's heart for the nations.	
	Homeschoolers	Cindy D		
	Medical vocation			
	Hands-on/technical	Carl		

### Definition of Success

Short-term (1 Year):

- Three selected ministries understand their role in the Great Commission.
- Key missions influencers are identified, recruited and mentored.
- A missions resource is provided to every family with elementary age children.

Long-term (5 Years):

- The creation of a contagious, spontaneous church-wide culture that every Sunday asks, "What are we doing to expand God's Kingdom overseas?" or "How are our missionaries doing?"
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### Next Steps

1. Prioritize and select 3 ministries.
2. Begin identifying and meeting with key people within those ministries.
3. Select a missions-focused Bible study guide.
4. Select a missions resource for families.