



Budgeting Categories for Missions Resource Distribution

For most churches missions is broad but not all ministry opportunities are equally strategic. It is helpful to categorize the ministries supported or being considered in order to analyze where your church is deploying its resources, set priorities for the future, establish percentage goals, and make financial decisions.

For an example of how to use a grid, see the first one below:

| Deployment of Missions Resources | Local/Regional | International/Global |
|--|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| NOW | Ministry in near cultures | Ministry to internationals |
| % of missions dollars | | |
| # of missionaries | | |
| Strength of partnerships (scale of 1 to 5) | | |
| GOAL – 5 YEARS | | |
| % of missions dollars | | |
| # of missionaries | | |
| Strength of partnerships (scale of 1 to 5) | | |

Here are some possible ways to categorize your missions involvement.

| Jerusalem | Judea | Samaria | Ends of the Earth |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Local witnessing ministries | Regional witnessing ministries | Cross-cultural witnessing ministries | International witnessing ministries |

| Local/Regional | International/Global |
|--|---|
| Ministry in near cultures in our city, state, or country | Ministry to internationals locally or globally. |

| U.S. Ministries | International Ministries | | |
|-----------------|--------------------------|----------------------|---|
| All types | Missionary Support | Organization Support | Partnerships with Indigenous Ministries |

| Local/Same Culture | U.S. Cross-Culture | Global |
|--------------------|--------------------|--------|
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| Local and U.S. | International and Global | Internal/Mobilization |
|---|---|--|
| Same or near culture evangelism and social ministries | Cross-cultural evangelism and cross-cultural ministries, local and global | Administration, conferences, resources, missions events, travel, mission trips |

| U.S. Ministries | International Ministries | | |
|---|---|--|---|
| | Direct Ministry | Support Ministries | Aid & Social Ministries |
| Evangelism and social ministries, both same, near, and cross-cultural | Evangelism, church planting, leadership development | U.S. staff of international ministries, aviation, medical, missionary care and support organizations | Relief, development, persecuted church, justice |

| Same/Near-Culture Ministries | Timothy-type Ministries | Least Reached/ Unreached | Mobilization |
|--|---|---|--|
| Reaching and serving Americans at home or abroad | Overseas missions where the church exists | Ministries to people in least reached areas | Internal education and trips, Helping other churches |

| Local and U.S. | Domestic Church Planting | International and Cross-Cultural |
|---|--------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Same or near culture evangelism and social ministries | | |

For instructions on using grids for prioritizing and budgeting, see helps from DualReach:

<http://www.dualreach.org/missions/bm~doc/GI-8.doc>

<http://www.dualreach.org/missions/bm~doc/bdt-t7.doc>

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