

STRATEGY QUESTIONNAIRE FOR CHURCH LEADERS

PURPOSE: To survey the opinions of those serving in church leadership as to how they believe God is leading the church in missions ministry.

RESULT: After gathering the opinions of as many church leaders as time allows, a draft strategy will be written to reflect the opinions of the majority whenever possible. This draft will become the basis for setting the final strategy.

Please indicate your opinion of priority by answering each question with a percentage or a tick: HS=highly strategic, MS=moderately strategic, LS=low strategic value at this time in the church life. All categories should be answered.

Geographical Distribution

1. Should we strive for a certain balance in foreign and home ministry? If so, what percentage?

Yes _____ No _____

Foreign _____ Home _____ Cross-cultural at Home _____ Balance not needed _____

2. Indicate ministry priority in respect to geographical location:

<u>Foreign:</u>		<u>Home:</u>	
Africa, Black	_____	Asians	_____
Asia	_____	Hispanics	_____
Europe	_____		_____
Latin America	_____		_____
Middle East	_____		_____
Oceania	_____		_____
CIS	_____		_____

3. Should we seek to concentrate ministry in a few locations/one region or spread out broadly throughout many different countries?

Concentrate _____ Spread broadly _____ Don't focus on either _____

Types of Ministry

4. Indicate priority in terms of type of ministry:

	HS	MS	LS		HS	MS	LS
Church planting	_____	_____	_____	Evangelism	_____	_____	_____
Discipleship	_____	_____	_____	Teaching	_____	_____	_____
Training Nationals	_____	_____	_____	Funding Nat'l Mss	_____	_____	_____
Bible translation	_____	_____	_____	Literature	_____	_____	_____

Radio	_____	_____	_____	Medical	_____	_____	_____
Administration	_____	_____	_____	Research	_____	_____	_____
Social work	_____	_____	_____	Compassion	_____	_____	_____
Tentmakers	_____	_____	_____	Urban ministry	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

Responsiveness

5. Should priority be given in respect to responsiveness of non-Christians? In other words, should ministry be concentrated in places where the Spirit is obviously moving or in places which need more research/seed sowing? (Tick only one)

Responsive _____ Unresponsive _____ Neglected _____ Not needed _____

Distance from the Gospel

6. Indicate ministry priority in respect to distance from Christianity:

<u>Foreign:</u>	HS	MS	LS	<u>Home:</u>	HS	MS	LS
E0 Christians (Growing Christians)	_____	_____	_____	E0 Christians (Discipleship)	_____	_____	_____
E1 Christianized (example)	_____	_____	_____	E1 Nominal (most evangelism)	_____	_____	_____
E2 Unevangelized (example)	_____	_____	_____	E2 Unevangelized (example)	_____	_____	_____
E3 Unreached (example)	_____	_____	_____	E3 Unreached (example)	_____	_____	_____

Religious Beliefs

7. Indicate ministry priority in respect to religion:

	HS	MS	LS		HS	MS	LS
Muslim	_____	_____	_____	Hindu	_____	_____	_____
Buddhist	_____	_____	_____	Chinese religions	_____	_____	_____
Animist	_____	_____	_____	Atheist	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____				

Relationship to Church

8. Indicate priority of those who can qualify for support in respect to a missionary's relationship to the church:

	HS	MS	LS		HS	MS	LS
Raised in the church	_____	_____	_____	Member > 3 years	_____	_____	_____
Member/attender	_____	_____	_____	Relation not critical	_____	_____	_____

In House Training

9. Indicate priority of participation in the church's candidate preparation process (tick one):

Essential _____ Recommended _____ Helpful _____

Other Factors

10. What other factors do you feel should be reflected in the missions strategy?

- Adoption of unreached people groups _____
- Greater support for fewer Missionaries _____
- Primary involvement with fewer Mission Agencies _____
- Sending out teams rather than individuals/couples _____
- Focusing on reaching people more than sending missionaries _____

Implementing the Missions Strategy

11. To what degree should future missionaries/projects conform with the strategy? (tick one)

No exceptions _____ Rare exceptions _____ Use as a guideline _____

12. To what degree should existing missionaries/projects be brought into conformity with the strategy? (tick appropriate ones)

- Existing missionaries/projects should be exempt _____
- Conformity through normal attrition _____
- When relationship with the church has loosened _____
- or when performance is unacceptable
- Phasing out support to non-strategic ministries _____
- Slowly (3-4 years) _____
- Rapidly (1-2 years) _____
- Immediately (1-6 months) _____
- After next furlough assignment _____

Note 1: Normal conditions would allow for 8-10% growth

Note 2: Financial constraints would mean staying at the same budget amount or actually needing to cut back support because of low income.

This questionnaire is for the use of the missions committee in setting a missions strategy. It will be considered confidential. If you would prefer that your name is not identified we will honor your request. Otherwise, we would like the prerogative to interact further with you in the future if necessary.

NAME:

DATE:

Source: Developing a Church Based Missions Strategy: Tom Horn appendix 3