

Congregation Strategy Survey - Sample

Dear Church family,

The CHURCH Missions Team has been discussing ways to increase the focus and effectiveness of OUR CHURCH's missions outreach. We are convinced that God has a purpose for OUR CHURCH and wants to use our church - not only to minister to our church body, but also to significantly contribute to the fulfillment of the Great Commission found in Matthew 28:18-20.

Many encouraging things have taken place in the past few years through facilitating the launch of local cross-cultural churches, support of missionaries, and short term missions trips. We believe that it is time for OUR CHURCH to seek God as to whether he is calling us as a body to be even more "intentional" in reaching specific groups of people vs. taking the path of reacting to missions requests which come our direction. As outlined in Acts 1:8, these specific missions focal points could include specific local as well as international missions objectives.

One option for OUR CHURCH is to research and pray about adopting an Unreached People Group (UPG). UPG's are groups of people (some of these groups are millions of people) in the world that do not have the knowledge of Jesus. To adopt one of these people would mean that OUR CHURCH would do everything in our power to allow them to hear about and respond to Jesus. We would work with this people group until a congregation is established and church leaders are trained. Overall this would mean a multi-year missions focus at OUR CHURCH. To see this UPG come to know Christ it will take the people of OUR CHURCH praying, giving and going, or partnering with others.

To help with the process of discerning the missions focus which God has for OUR CHURCH, we have adopted the attached questionnaire. Because this is more than just a typical marketing survey, we would ask that you complete it carefully, prayerfully considering what God is placing on your heart and the heart of OUR CHURCH as you answer the questions.

The Missions Team will be providing feedback of the results of the survey. We very much appreciate your participation, and look forward to further partnering with you for the furthering of His Kingdom.

The CHURCH Missions Team

"Attempt great things for God. Expect great things from God." Hudson Taylor

OUR CHURCH Missions Strategy Questionnaire

1. Should OUR CHURCH concentrate future missions efforts/giving on a few target areas (focus resources to get key objectives accomplished), or spread out broadly throughout many different areas (includes responding to many different requests from mission enterprises)? Please circle one.

Focus on target areas 1.....2.....3.....4.....5 Spread resources broadly

2. What kind of balance should we have in our missions program in terms of foreign vs. local missions? (out of 100% give a percentage to each):

Foreign (overseas) ministries _____ “Local” missions _____

3. In the world today, there are people that are:

- Hearing about Jesus and responding to the message (in places like Eastern Europe, South America and Sub-Saharan Africa, the Gospel is going out and people are responding)
- Hearing about Jesus but not responding (in places like Western Europe and Japan the Gospel has been preached for many years, but few people are coming to the Lord)
- Not hearing at all about Jesus so they cannot respond (many areas of the world still have little access to the Gospel)

Out of 100% give a percentage breakdown you think would be appropriate to focus on each area.

Hearing/responding to Jesus _____ Hearing/not responding to Jesus _____

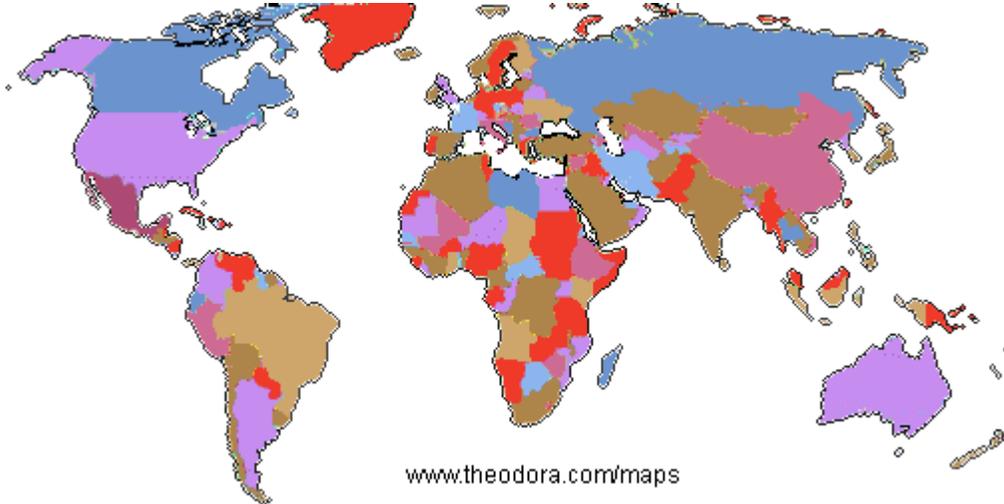
Not hearing/cannot respond to Jesus _____

4. Do you have a particular priority/preference as to what religion(s) OUR CHURCH missions should focus on? Please circle one or more areas of preference:

Animist/Tribals Muslim Atheist/Secular Nominal Christians

Buddhist Hindu What others believe is not important

5. Has God given you a special concern for one or more parts of the world? Do you feel that missions ministry in one area would be more strategic than another? Please circle on the map the geographical areas you feel we should be ministering in:



6. Indicate your priority/preference in terms of methods for accomplishing missions objectives. Please circle one or more areas of preference:

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| Administration | Bible translation | Church planting | |
| Discipleship | Evangelism | Funding national workers | Literature |
| Radio | Relief & development | Research | |
| Training nationals | Urban ministry | Other | |

7. Let's say you personally only have \$100 to give to missions this year, and each of the 10 following people is asking you to make a four year commitment. How would you give that \$100 (you can support just one, two, three, etc. or all of these)?

- A friend/church member going to a place you have a lot of interest in
- A friend/church member going to a place you have no interest in
- A person you know going to a place you have a lot of interest in
- A person you know going to a place you have no interest in
- A person you do not know going to a place you have a lot of interest in
- A person you do not know going to a place you have no interest in
- A national worker in a place you have a lot of interest in
- A national worker in a place you have no interest in

What were your top three key motivations in giving the way you did above?

- 1)
- 2)
- 3)

8. After we have compiled all these questionnaires, and we start to see an OUR CHURCH consensus develop about a few different areas of missions focus, to what degree should future CHURCH missions efforts focus on those areas? Please circle one.

Total focus 1.....2.....3.....4.....5 Use as a loose guideline only

9. Churches that have been successful in adopting unreached people groups have had strong and on-going support from church leaders and the congregation. If adopting a people becomes an approved missions strategy of OUR CHURCH, how do you envision your involvement?

10. What percent of OUR CHURCH's budget should ultimately be targeted toward missions?

11. As the CHURCH missions strategy process develops, how would you like to be kept informed? written reports _____ serving on task force _____
e-mail (address) _____ bulletin board _____
no involvement in the process _____

Name:

Date:

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