



Some ideas to

Advance

Your

Church's

Mission

Commitment.



Brainstorm ideas. Get together with several of your people and take one or more ideas from the previous pages and “brain storm” the idea - what might be done - how can it be done better.

Some things to think about before you meet:

- “If our church was considered to be missions minded, what would we have to do to get there?”
- What is possible to do but is not being done?
- What do we wish we could do, achieve, accomplish?
- If our Church becomes the “ideal” place, what would we have to do to get there?
- What are our hopes, dreams, wishes, ideas and visions of what we’d like to do in great commission mission?

The importance of team for making creative ideas blossom cannot be overlooked. Bringing ideas forward in a team setting is the beginning of gaining buy-in and is much more effective than pursuing problem solving alone; as an individual, or in an independent stream. Great innovations tend to happen in teams. Great problems are almost always solved by a group.

Do you have a **question** about missions and advancing? **Contact** us as below:

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Pastor - we know you are more than busy. You don't need any more work on your shoulders. But, we trust the ideas below will help you and your people advance in your missions commitment.

Our mission from God can be carried out in many different ways -but is ultimately based on Math:28;19-20 - "make disciples of all nations etc...or Acts 1:8 you shall be by witness etc...."

How then can we advance?

Prayer. As a pastor I always was concerned about getting the members to pray. I believe they need prayer reminders. Perhaps a sheet of paper with requests to keep with their devotional material.

Do you have a staff person or member who can prepare such information to be put in a church bulletin, special prayer sheet or shown on your screen.

At IATW we have a monthly prayer bulletin we email -sign up at office@iatw.ca - and we have a prayer request on Facebook most days - our page is Into All The World.

SERMONS. In preaching there are many subjects to cover-hopefully "mission" is a regular one. John Piper of Bethlehem Baptist Church would once a year choose a pioneer missionary -and share his life with the congregation, people like William Carey, Hudson Taylor, David Livingstone.

Also use a mission illustration in other sermons - there are many sources for such information - one on world news can be found at: JustinLong.org for weekly news from around the world.

GUEST SPEAKER - If your church is supporting a mission worker have them come and speak when on home assignment. Not all are good speakers -so you may wish rather to interview them for 10 minutes and then preach for 10 to 20 minutes. If you don't have such a worker most mission organizations have people who could come and share. Some churches have such a speaker when the pastor is on holidays.

Missions Task Force (Committee) Would you have three people (or more) who would like to meet together to make plans to advance missions in your church? Even if there is only one who could be a "Missions Champion" to make plans to promote Acts 1:8 activities.

A helpful book for such people is "The Mission Leadership Team" by David Mays. Some are available from the IATW office. (office@iatw.ca)

YEARLY EMPHASIS - Churches known for missions such as "Peoples Church in Toronto" have a yearly mission conference. Years ago there would be meetings every night of the week. This is not usually possible in today's world - but a week-end - or even a special Sunday are possible to encourage your people that God is on the move.

There are a number of resources that can help keep you up to date on the current advance of missions - such as misionfrontiers.org, 24:24now.net, joshuaproject.net, finishingthetask.com to name a few.

Help your people to know the meaning of such terms as unengaged people group, unreached people groups, BAM (Business as mission), CPM -church planting movements, DMM -discipleship making movements.

MOVIE NIGHT - Do you ever have a movie night? There are quite a few good movies on DVD you could show in connection with missions. Such as "Mully", "A candle in the dark"- story of William Carey (not for little children), Hudson Taylor, "The Case for Christ." To name a few.

Weekly Bulletin - Overhead Announcement. Have one of your people provide a weekly "blurb" for your weekly bulletin or to put on the screen during announcements with info, a prayer request, a praise report. If your church has a missionary or more that they support feature their information as much as possible -serving as a prayer reminder.

Short Term mission visioning trip. Contact our office about a small group from your church visiting one of our workers on a visioning trip - learn more by doing and meeting brothers and sisters in another nation and working side by side.