

14 Ideas to Do Missions

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The Invitation

Ask participants to think of five people that do not know Christ. They should write these names down. Give each person five copies of “The Invitation” CD and five “Invitation” Bibles. Ask them to find opportunities to give the CD and Bible to those on their list.

Prayerwalk

The Saturday before school starts back after summer break, invite families of your church to prayerwalk around the schools where their children attend. Pray for teachers, principals, students, etc. Gather back at the church for a cook-out.

Samaritan’s Purse

Bob Pierce wrote in his Bible, “Let my heart be broken with the things that break the heart of God.” He began Samaritan’s Purse ministry in 1970. Bob traveled all over Asia. He saw people suffering. Bob had a vision of a ministry to help the people. In 1975 Franklin Graham joined in the ministry and took over when Bob Pierce died. Their most prominent project is Operation Christmas Child in which shoeboxes are filled with gifts for children. For information about this project, visit www.samaritanspurse.org.

E-mail the Good News

Go to www.thegoodnews.org for free electronic cards and over 15 electronic witnessing tracts.

Acts of Love

During “Focus on WMU,” lead the church to participate in “Acts of Love in the Community.” Allow participants to minister in the community. Have a list of projects and additional suggestions available.

Heart Language

Ask children and teenagers to work to earn money to buy Bibles in the heart language of an international family. Visit www.bibles.com (American Bible Society) and www.ethnicarvest.com to find Bibles for sale in different languages.

Moms, We Love You

Plan a cookout or picnic at your church near Mother’s Day. Invite the mothers in the area around your church (invite their young children, too). Ask youth in the church to plan games for the children. The men of the church could change the oil in single mothers’ cars. They could offer a free car wash. Make it a wonderful time where mothers will feel appreciated (offer foot rubs or manicures). Give each mother a flower and a New Testament.

Prayer Station

Set up a table with a Prayer Station sign in a public place. People at the table offer to pray for those who walk by. This will work in many places, such as a city street or a college campus. People like to be prayed for, and it often gives an opportunity to witness. For more information, go to www.himmyc.org/prayerstations.html.

Book Drive

Collect used books from your congregation and community and donate them by holding a “book fair” in an underprivileged area.

Surprise Dinner

Surprise a family in need by providing dinner for them anonymously. Call your local pizza restaurant, and ask them to deliver a pizza to the family. Include a personalized note letting them know that God loves them and cares for them. Another option is to tape a gift card for a local restaurant to their front door.

Trick or Treat

Take trick or treat bags of fruit and candy to the nursing home.

Valentine’s Cookies

Have families in your church bake Valentine’s Day cakes and cookies for the widows and widowers in your community.

Easter Baskets

Make Easter baskets for your church neighbors and hang them on their doors Easter morning.

Popcorn and DVD

Send church members door-to-door distributing the Jesus DVD with bags of microwave popcorn