



The Missions Toolbox

Helping Missionaries

Focus on Missions

The New Testament suggests a dynamic relationship between churches and missionaries for spreading the gospel of Christ in the world today. Both parties should play an active role. Missionaries tend to be very motivated and enthusiastic about God's work in a foreign land. Churches, on the other hand, seldom see the missionary and have legitimate ministries at home. The following practical suggestions may help churches keep an active focus on missions and so follow in the pattern of the New Testament.

- Preach and Teach on Missions
 - a. What: Christ's life, Great Commission, Ascension Charge, Acts, Paul's life (other topics found in the Missions Toolbox)
 - b. When: Services, Sunday school, Youth meetings, chapel
- Be Friends with Missionaries
 - a. Pray for missionaries
 - b. Visit the mission field to help a ministry
 - c. Communicate with missionaries
- Promote Missions
 - a. Create missionary bulletin boards
 - b. Start a missionary library
 - c. Show missionary films
 - d. Distribute missionary prayer letters
- Do God's Work Locally
 - a. Bus ministry, visitation, rescue mission, etc.
 - b. Sunday school, discipleship classes, etc.

A church's vision for missions is seldom "taught" but almost always "caught." One person recognizes God's will to reach all people through Christ, and soon his enthusiasm and vision spreads to others. Will you be that one person in your church? "Speak Lord, for thy servant heareth."