



The Missions Toolbox

Missions Today

Types of Missionary Work and Ministry

The New Testament indicates that Paul engaged in various types of missionary ministry. In many places, he simply entered the synagogue and preached Christ. At Corinth, Paul made tents during the week to support himself, which led to interaction with people. At Ephesus, he taught in the school of a man named Tyrannus. At Melita, Paul healed a man of a physical ailment and was able to minister the gospel to many souls.

Modern missionaries actively participate in many types of ministries. Paul and missionaries today share the united purpose of preaching Christ and discipling believers. The following list highlights a few of the methods used by missionaries all over the world.

Ministry	Strength	Challenges
Evangelism Church Planting Discipleship	The goal of all missionary activity is to reach people. All other ministries should support evangelism and church planting.	Language, culture, false religions, apathy
Bible Translation	People respond better to the gospel in their native language.	Knowledge of languages, time
Bible Schools	Believers must be trained for leadership.	Time, cost, books, teachers
Literature	Inexpensive way to communicate to the gospel to large groups of people in private.	Production, translation, distribution
Radio	Anyone can listen. Ministers to large groups of people that missionaries cannot reach.	Technical issues, government approval, broadcasters and music
Aviation	Access remote areas. Transport nationals and missionaries for training and ministry.	Expensive, skills, regulations, insurance
Medical	Shows the love of Christ through caring for the body.	Medical skills, supplies, communication

Therefore whether it were I or they, so we preach, and so ye believed.
I Corinthians 15:11