



The Missions Toolbox

Missions Today

What Mission Boards Do for Missionaries

Mission boards exist as a creation of the church to assist with practical matters associated with modern missions. This action by the church is based on the pattern of the early church creating the office of a deacon. Most churches do not have the resources to deal with missionary issues on foreign soil. Churches can delegate to the mission board the practical matters required by missionaries for the spread of the gospel of Christ.

Mission boards vary in purpose and types of ministry. Some specialize in a particular type of ministry (church planting, radio, Bible translation) and others specialize in a particular country. Most provide the following services to missionaries and to supporting churches:

- Supplies churches with information about missions
- Assists churches in discerning a person's call to missions
- Provides training to missionary candidates
- Sets support amounts
- Counsels missionaries about the work
- Coordinates the work among missionaries on the same field
- Facilitates inter-church cooperation relating to the missionary
- Receives contributions and transmits them to the missionary
- Educates missionaries and churches about the work
- Represents the missionary to governments
- Aids communication between the missionary and supporting churches
- Cooperates with supporting churches regarding missionary accountability.

"Therefore seeing we have this ministry, as we have received mercy, we faint not;" II Corinthians 4:1