



# The Missions Toolbox

## *Missions Today*

### **Why do Missions Boards Exist? Are Mission Boards Scriptural?**

The Bible never mentions mission boards, and yet many mission boards exist and contribute significantly to the work of Christ today. Note the primary teachings of the Scriptures about another service organization:

Scripture	Teachings
Matt.16:16-19	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Christ established the church (16:18)</li> <li>2. Christ gives authority (keys) to the church (16:19)</li> <li>3. Christ gives the church the authority to make decisions in the kingdom of God (16:19)</li> </ol>
Acts 6:1-7	<p>(Early church using its authority to meet needs)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Church experiences growth and new needs (6:1)</li> <li>2. Church affirms spiritual priorities (6:4)</li> <li>3. Church establishes deacons to meet physical needs (6:6)</li> <li>4. Church experiences more growth (6:7)</li> </ol>
I Tim. 3:8-13	<p>(Paul affirms, under inspiration, the creation of deacons)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Deacons must have a good testimony for Christ (3:8+)</li> <li>2. Deacons participate in spiritual and physical work (3:13)</li> </ol>

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.