



MISSIONS ENGAGEMENT

PRACTICAL WAYS TO BUILD MISSIONAL DNA IN THE CHURCH

The church's role in reaching the lost is a command rooted in God's redemptive plan. The question is not if we are called to the Great Commission, but where and how. Embedding missional DNA into church culture allows leaders to disciple believers to live missionally, forming the foundation for all the church does.

Below are some beginning steps that your church can take to begin that process:

- **Mission/Vision Statement:** Develop a clear and concise mission statement and/or core values that will help guide the way the church engages missions.
- **Sermon:** Connect the text to missions; incorporate missions, sending and/or church planting into every sermon.
- **Worship Service:** Include songs that highlight God's passion for the world; celebrate missions stories and testimonies; "send" the congregation into the world at the end of the service; celebrate going/sending from the pulpit.
- **Generous Giving:** Missional living is sacrificial giving that should be evident in both the church budget and congregational giving.
- **Small Groups:** Build small groups around missional living; go on short-term trips together or adopt a missionary to pray/care for together.
- **Ministries:** Equip and encourage ministry leaders to lead missionally in their spheres of influence, ensuring that all ministries have a missional component to them.
- **Facilities:** Keep missions visible throughout the church (bulletin inserts, bulletin boards, website pages, global mission centers, etc.); balance facility excess with maximum global engagement.
- **Prayer:** Incorporate regular prayer for missionaries, unreached people groups and local outreach efforts into all ministries of the church.
- **Mission Trips:** Plan strategic short-, mid- and/or long-term mission trips that reach locally and around the world for all age groups/life stages within the church; include ways for those who cannot physically go to still pray and financially support those who can.
- **Partner with a Missionary:** Provide prayer, financial and missionary care.