

Missions Assessment Profile

MAP your church's global outreach priorities.

	Possibility	Project	Practice	Priority	Purpose
Supporting					
Intercessory Prayer			✓		
Missions Giving				✓	
Missionary Care		✓			
Sending					
Local Outreach			✓		
Short-term Missions				✓	
Preparing Workers				✓	
Leading					
Church Leaders				✓	
Missions Team		✓			
Mission Strategy				✓	
Mobilizing					
Biblical Motivation			✓		
Cross-cultural Awareness			✓		
Church-wide Involvement			✓		

How to Use This Profile

Does your church want to grow in global ministry? Where are you now, where might you go, and where do you start? This tool was developed to help church leaders asking those questions. Use it to assess your progress in engaging (and engaging your whole church) in global outreach.

A Diagnostic Tool

The MAP is designed to help you identify, articulate, and celebrate your mission priorities, to dream about what might be possible, and to make strategic plans to grow your global outreach effectiveness. It will help you explore both the external dimensions (the deployment of your people and resources into the world) and the internal ones (the development of those people and resources). It's not exhaustive but describes 12 common areas in a church's mission involvement.

Completing the Assessment

This tool is most effective in the hands of two or more leaders from the same church. Working separately, each should indicate his or her perspective on where the church stands in each of the 12 areas.

1. Start at the left of each row. For each row, put a checkmark in the box that best describes your church. Try not to skip any of the boxes.
2. Compile results and/or share your assessments with one another.
3. What patterns do you see? What are the holes? Can you identify the obstacles you face and recognize the opportunities? As a group, discuss both the areas of consensus and areas where your perspectives differ.
4. As you listen to one another, ask God to help you discern what He might be showing you and how He might be leading you.

Strategic Planning

As your sense of direction crystallizes, pray and choose an area or two for increased focus during the next year. Set a few clear goals and address what it will take to achieve them. Identify several capable people to provide

leadership in each area. Encourage them, support them, and ask them for regular reports on how efforts are progressing.

Watch what God will do!

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Supporting	Intercessory Prayer	<input type="checkbox"/> Some people in our church are interested in praying for the world and for missionaries and outreach ministries.	<input type="checkbox"/> When we hear about international or mission-oriented prayer requests, we lift them up and share them with the congregation.	<input type="checkbox"/> Our church has an effective, regular means for disseminating prayer requests and praying for missionaries and mission effort.	<input type="checkbox"/> We are committed to praying consistently and fervently in multiple venues for our missionaries, mission efforts, and the nations.	<input type="checkbox"/> Prayer for specific missionaries, nations, people groups, and world situations is a consistent part of our spiritual life of as a church.
	Missions Giving	<input type="checkbox"/> Our church may give occasional one-time gifts or special offerings to missionaries and mission causes.	<input type="checkbox"/> Our church raises money or has a budget line item for outreach projects each year.	<input type="checkbox"/> We give a regular, designated amount or percentage of our church budget to support missions and outreach ministries.	<input type="checkbox"/> Our church has annual goals for missions giving and gives generously to meet them.	<input type="checkbox"/> Our church gives sacrificially to provide abundant support for our missionaries and mission strategies.
	Missionary Care	<input type="checkbox"/> Our church would be open to a close and caring relationship with a missionary or ministry partner.	<input type="checkbox"/> Our church responds to our missionaries on a case-by-case basis as we hear about their needs.	<input type="checkbox"/> Our church proactively seeks to discover and meet the needs of missionaries we support.	<input type="checkbox"/> Our church actively encourages and cares for each of our missionaries and ministry partners beyond meeting routine financial needs.	<input type="checkbox"/> Our church treats our missionaries with as much interest, assistance, and care as our local staff. We are committed to them and their ministries.
Sending	Local Outreach	<input type="checkbox"/> Our church desires to serve in or support outreach beyond our local church ministries.	<input type="checkbox"/> Our church has done local evangelism and/or compassion projects in our community.	<input type="checkbox"/> Members of our church regularly serve in a variety of local outreach ministries.	<input type="checkbox"/> Our church is intentional about equipping and encouraging our members for local outreach ministries.	<input type="checkbox"/> Our church as a whole is excited about and actively involved in specific local outreach ministries and/or reaching and serving our community.

	Short-Term Missions	<input type="checkbox"/> Some people in our church may be interested in going on short-term mission trips.	<input type="checkbox"/> People from our church may go on mission trips, often with our encouragement and support.	<input type="checkbox"/> Our church takes an intentional approach to supporting, sending, and preparing short-term missionaries and we may send out our own teams.	<input type="checkbox"/> We are seeing our church mission teams effectively assist field ministries, expose the congregation to missions, and help participants grow.	<input type="checkbox"/> Our church is seeing increases in mission insight, prayer, giving, and long-term involvement resulting from our short-term mission involvement.
	Preparing Workers	<input type="checkbox"/> Our church generally leaves preparation for ministry up to external organizations.	<input type="checkbox"/> Our church personally encourages and may even mentor anyone who pursues missions as a vocation.	<input type="checkbox"/> Our church publically recognizes and encourages those who feel called to missions and prays for God's direction in their lives.	<input type="checkbox"/> Our church takes an active role in assisting and equipping those who are interested in a long-term mission service and encourages our members to consider it.	<input type="checkbox"/> Our church actively challenges members to consider long-term service, requiring and/or providing church-based training for our own missionary candidates.

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Leading	Church Leaders	<input type="checkbox"/> Our church leaders would like to see our church support a missionary or participate in mission-related activities.	<input type="checkbox"/> Our church leaders occasionally promote, celebrate or encourage cross-cultural or global outreach ministries.	<input type="checkbox"/> Our church leaders ensure our missions efforts continue and have the leadership and resources they require.	<input type="checkbox"/> Our church leaders regularly and publically encourage the body's participation in mission efforts and events.	<input type="checkbox"/> Leaders throughout the church see mission efforts as critical and are personally involved in fulfilling the Great Commission.
	Missions Team	<input type="checkbox"/> There are people in our church interested in starting an outreach team or task force.	<input type="checkbox"/> Our church has an individual or team that leads outreach ministry efforts and projects from time to time.	<input type="checkbox"/> Our church has a mission leadership structure – a team, task force, or committee that meets regularly to help us move ahead in this ministry.	<input type="checkbox"/> Our church has a mission team which operates strategically to carry out and enlist others in global outreach efforts.	<input type="checkbox"/> Our church has a vibrant mission team which effectively resources and encourages the whole church in world missions.

	Missions Strategy	<input type="checkbox"/> Our church responds to outreach ministry opportunities as they come along.	<input type="checkbox"/> Our church has a developing sense of what is important to us in global outreach ministry and we are trying to align our practice with these values.	<input type="checkbox"/> Our church has an intentional and growing sense of mission direction and has realigned plans, goals, and commitments in light of this direction.	<input type="checkbox"/> Our church has clear priorities and ambitious goals and plans for global outreach ministries.	<input type="checkbox"/> Our congregation is fully committed and engaged in pursuing specific strategic long-term results on the field and mobilizing our resources toward this end.
Mobilizing	Biblical Motivation	<input type="checkbox"/> Our church is open to teaching on the mission of God and biblical foundation for evangelism and global outreach.	<input type="checkbox"/> Our church hosts occasional events or guest speakers to explore and communicate the biblical basis for world mission.	<input type="checkbox"/> Our church regularly seeks to help interested individuals discover and understand God's heart for the nations.	<input type="checkbox"/> Our church actively uses multiple means to communicate the biblical basis for world mission outreach.	<input type="checkbox"/> Seeing God's glory proclaimed to all nations is a central purpose of our church.
	Cross-cultural Awareness	<input type="checkbox"/> Our congregation is open to learning about world missions and building relationships with people different from us.	<input type="checkbox"/> Our congregation is becoming aware of internationals, global issues, and cross-cultural realities through our mission projects and partnerships.	<input type="checkbox"/> People in our church have regular opportunities to connect and identify with and learn from missionaries and people from other cultures.	<input type="checkbox"/> The centrality of global mission and ministry partnerships is frequently and faithfully demonstrated through multiple venues to all ages.	<input type="checkbox"/> Our church's commitment and connection to the world is celebrated and evident to all.
	Church-wide Involvement	<input type="checkbox"/> Some people in our church are interested in taking a hands-on role in global outreach.	<input type="checkbox"/> There are people in our church who will rally around a mission cause, project, or trip.	<input type="checkbox"/> Many in the church are responsive, supporting and regularly participating in mission efforts, projects, and events.	<input type="checkbox"/> People in our church know they have a role to play in supporting and serving in mission and outreach efforts; many are actively engaged.	<input type="checkbox"/> Most of the people in our church take active, personal roles in missions and outreach as a normal part of their Christian life and responsibility.