

HOW MISSIONS-MINDED IS YOUR CHURCH?

A close look at how your church measures up in its missions vision and outreach

Although measuring commitment is difficult, it is possible to measure ministry, teaching and activities made available by leadership and the congregation's participation and response. Admittedly, no evaluation tool is perfect. Nonetheless, a valid overview will assist pastors and church leadership in measuring the quantity and quality of missions activities within local congregations.

The following 20 questions have been formulated to assist in evaluating the missions-mindedness of a church. Each question should be answered candidly with a *yes* or *no*.

- ___1. Has the congregation been taught the eternal lostness of those who reject Jesus Christ or who die without hearing the message of salvation?
- ___2. Is regular, frequent teaching given concerning the biblical basis of missions and individual responsibility to reach a dying world?
- ___3. Does the church have a functioning missions committee that meets at least six times yearly and has a clear statement of purpose?
- ___4. Has the church conducted a missions convention and received faith promises for at least three years?
- ___5. Does everyone in the congregation participate in missions giving?
- ___6. Does the church have at least six missionary speakers during the year?
- ___7. Are the monthly missions Sunday presentations well-planned?
- ___8. Are people well-informed of the needs and victories of missionaries the church supports?
- ___9. Does the congregation pray regularly and publicly for missionaries and their specific needs?
- ___10. Is missions highlighted with an attractive, well-placed bulletin board that is frequently updated?
- ___11. Does the church communicate regularly with the missionaries it supports?
- ___12. Is active participation encouraged by all departments in their missions programs (BGMC, STL, LFTL, and WMs)?
- ___13. Is a planned program in place for teaching missions in Sunday school, including new converts and membership classes?
- ___14. Are Assemblies of God missions and missionaries supported on a monthly basis?
- ___15. Does the church sponsor or participate in missions outreaches, either at home or overseas?
- ___16. Do the church's missions leaders attend missions functions sponsored by the district or by Assemblies of God World and U S Missions?
- ___17. Do missionaries feel welcome when they visit the church?
- ___18. Is attendance stable at missions services?
- ___19. Does the church have a good missions section in its library?
- ___20. Does leadership see the missions mandate of winning the lost as the church's central purpose, around which all other activities revolve?

How many questions were answered with a *yes*? Use that number to determine the missions health of the church.

20-18 = Excellent program

17-14 = Good program

13-7 = Fair program

6-3 = Poor program

2-0 = Nonfunctioning program

How did your church measure up? If the results weren't good, take heart. This manual was prepared to assist leaders in guiding their congregations to a healthy attitude about missions and a high level of involvement in reaching this lost world in our generation!