

Missions Strategy Sample - Church #13

Focus of ministry - we want our missionaries to be strategic (that is addressing critical needs in light of God's plan to advance His Kingdom on earth) in their emphasis and reflect OUR CHURCH's mission vision.

Consequently our primary missions vision is three-fold:

- * to reach the "unreached,"
- * to harvest the "especially responsive," and
- * to participate in strategic and accessible local works.

Unreached People groups are defined as those cultures in which no viable indigenous, reproducing church movement exists, i.e. societies whose citizens have not had and/or do not have a legitimate opportunity to hear the Gospel in a way or form that they can understand. (As of 1992, it is estimated that over 2.5 billion people are "unreached.") This definition includes more than just tribal groups and "closed" countries (e.g., Saudi Arabia) since "unreached" subcultures may also be found in lands where local, national churches already exist (e.g., Muslim Turks in Belgium).

The emphasis upon reaching the "unreached" is balanced by the "harvest principle": i.e., concentrating the church's efforts in people groups that are especially responsive to the Gospel. For example, the revivals in Eastern Europe and South America, where the supply of Christian witnesses, trainers, and materials simply cannot keep up with the remarkable demand for the Gospel's proclamation.

The emphasis on participating in strategic and accessible local works allows us to function as a resource bridge linking resources from the resource rich to the resource poor. This provides a means for people at Our Church to be involved in strategic Kingdom activities.

Great care must be taken not to water down these emphases to the extent that every missionary endeavor is included. We endorse all legitimate missionary work (some "sow", some "reap"), but not all such work fits within the parameters of our strategic mission vision. Therefore, within our mission vision consideration will be given to the following in order of priority, with special significance on the top three categories:

- 1) An individual dedicated to church planting/national leadership training among an "unreached" or "especially responsive" people group, with particular emphasis on Central Asia
- 2) An individual dedicated to work among the D_____ people group of Central Asia (the people group adopted by OUR CHURCH in May 23, 1999).

- 3) An individual dedicated to evangelistic work, among an unreached people group that contributes to the development of an indigenous church (e.g., crusade or campus evangelism).
- 4) An organization outside of Our Church that is strategically focused on advancing the Kingdom in the D_____ metropolitan area through which we can directly involve OUR CHURCH people and channel resources.
- 5) An individual dedicated to evangelistic work among an especially responsive people group.
- 6) A church planter or a trainer of national leadership in a "Christianized" culture.
- 7) Evangelistic work, that contributes to the development of the church, in a "Christianized" culture.
- 8) Mission organization dedicated to evangelizing and planting churches or training national leaders among unreached peoples or among especially responsive peoples.
- 9) Organizations that are dedicated to training and developing Christian leaders.
- 10) An individual or organization that is involved in ministries outside of OUR CHURCH that are making a significant and strategic impact for the Kingdom.
- 11) "National" Christian worker or foreign-based Christian organization.