Missions Strategy Sample – Church #5

Mission

Connect people next door and around the world to God by involving the CHURCH family in Outreach opportunities.

Vision

- Imagine...the CHURCH family compassionately sharing God's love with their community and communities around the world.
- Imagine...communities transformed, people eternally saved, churches planted, orphans loved and hope given to people next door and around the world.
- Imagine...a family of believers that cheerfully gives significant resources of prayer, time, treasure, abilities and spiritual gifts to connect lost people to God.
- Imagine...the CHURCH family transformed to be Christ-like and a family of believers that become fully devoted followers of Jesus.

Values

- Love Lost People and Share With Those That Haven't Heard, John 3:16, Matthew 18:14, Matthew 24:14,34 & Romans 15:20
- Express Christ-like Compassion, Matthew 9:36 & 25:37-40, James 1:27
- Go and reach across cultures , Matthew 28:19-20, Isaiah 12:4, Psalm 96:3, Acts 1:8, Rev. 7:9
- Give through prayer, time, treasure, abilities and spiritual gifts, *Romans* 12:1-8, *Matthew* 6:19-21, *Malachi* 3:10
- Invest resources to obtain results that connect the most people to God, *Matthew 25:14-30, Luke 14:28-30*
- Lead, Influence and Involve Others in Outreach, *Romans* 12:8
- Develop Full Devotion to Christ, Expressed in Part through Our Outreach Actions, *Matthew* 22:37

Outreach Resource Strategy

1. Prayer – Develop a plan with the Prayer ministry by _____ to involve CHURCH members in Outward focused prayer.

2. Coaching and Training – Develop a plan with the Ministry Connection ministry to coach and train CHURCH members in Outreach opportunities by _____. Develop a plan with the Community Groups ministry to coach and train CGs to do service projects by _____.

3. Outreach Community Strategy Teams – Form temporary teams to draft a strategic plan for each community CHURCH can impact. Starting with Our town and one global community in the fall of 2004/winter of 2005. These teams will:

- Research/Investigate/Select communities within the cities and determine those needs
- Write a plan to connect people to Christ through compassion and planting churches
- Determine how to use CHURCH's Resources towards the plan (i.e. \$, Prayer, Outreach teams, ministry teams lending support and skills, Outreach Weekend, etc.)
- Determine and recruit ministry partners as pieces to the puzzle and may involve these partners in the strategy writing phase

- Recruit other partners (churches, companies, individuals, etc.)
- Develop an exit strategy to turn over to local churches

4. Invest Significant Resources – Time, Talent and Treasure Resources, mobilize our CHURCH **The goals below would be phased in over a 3-year period**

a. Staff Involvement – allocate 10 days a year per staff member for Outreach. Staff time would match staff gifts and strengths with a project/ministry. These could be accomplished on or off site. An added benefit is to set the example for the congregation in reaching out.

<u>Examples:</u> Senior Pastor uses 6 of the 10 days teaching pastors in India, the Adult Ministers Team organizes an Acts of Kindness project, the Worship team does a program for a local nursing home, D_____ takes a trip to COUNTRY A to train Youth Ministers, T.H. could design a video for a missionary...could also go as a staff to a project one day a year...

b. Member Involvement – 1000 people accomplishing 1 project per month.

We would organize member time first within Community Groups, secondly within Outreach task force teams, thirdly within existing ministries and lastly on an individual basis.

<u>Examples:</u> Projects would include a Saturday work-day with Habitat, an Acts of Kindness project, an evening at Mission Center, ministry teams working on projects, etc.

c. Mission Trips - Send 250 people per year on mission trips both near and far

d. Financial Resources – utilize 15% of the annual church budget to fund strategic Outreach and missions, along with VBS offerings and special offerings such as Christmas or Capital Campaigns. (Malachi 3:10, Matthew 6:19-21)

e. Outreach Weekend/All-church Mission Trips – have an annual Outreach Weekend where we involve the CHURCH Family in serving together, have a all church mission trip on a regular basis.

f. Outreach Collections – collect items during the year for food pantries, clothes for Outreach Weekend, Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes, etc.

g. Communication reporting system - provide a way to celebrate our Outreach success

4.1 Summary of Measurable Potential and Estimated Financial Value in Year Three

Staff Involvement – 300 working days (\$48,000) Member Involvement – 4500 working days (\$540,000) Mission Trips – 1500 working days (180,000) Outreach Budget - \$400,000 Outreach Collections - \$50,000

5. Potential changes strategically for Outreach teams

General changes to Missions:

- Community based strategic plans mission support and trips part of a bigger plan
- Tweaked mission strategy with inclusion of Compassion
- Higher mobilization
- New scoring system for mission support based on values and revised strategy

General changes to Community Impact teams:

- Community based action plans part of a bigger plan
- More cross-cultural

 More of a skills based team that works anywhere verses limited to one location (i.e. our Housing team would work on housing all over the world not just Hendricks County – granted a majority of the time would still be spent here.)

General changes to Acts of Kindness:

- New ministry so more of a development of strategy here.
- General changes to Benevolence (Mercy Ministries)
 - Part of greater plan for our town and country.