**Steps to Starting a New Age Level Organization**

**1. Pray.**

**2. Ask questions. What does your church currently have in place for missions education? See *Questions to Ask Before Starting a New Age Level Organization.***

**3. Meet with your pastor (s) or existing WMU leadership in your church. Share your heart for missions education and desire to start a new age level organization at your church.**

**4. Determine how many groups and leaders you will need based on the size of your church and estimated attendance. For children and youth organizations make sure two adults are present in each class at all times for safety reasons.**

**5. Order materials for your age level organization.**

**6. Begin promoting the new age level organization six to eight weeks before you plan to get started. Use your church bulletin, church newsletter, email blasts, church website and bulletin boards to promote your first meeting.**

**7. Have a kick-off meeting.**

**Invite parents to your first children’s age level organization meetings (GA’s, RA’s, CA’s). Always find out what they already know about missions first! Then, introduce them to the mission and vision of this new missions education ministry! What it will look like and what they can expect.**

**Youth and Adult age level organizations add excitement to your first meeting with icebreakers, coffee and desserts. Always find out what they already know about missions first! Then share an overview of the mission and vision of the new missions education ministry! What it will look like and what they can expect.**