

Missions Ideas to Reach Unreached People Groups



Mission Trips to Your Neighborhood

Plan a *Close Encounter* neighborhood outreach for a week to build relationships and share the love of Jesus with the unchurched in close proximity to your church. Your program might include a Bible study or devotion prayer time, fellowship and/or recreation in the morning and mission projects in the afternoon. The goal is to have team members foster relationships that continue after the *Close Encounter* outreach is finished living a missions lifestyle in their local mission field. Look for Senior communities, elderly neighbors and low income housing communities nearby.



Adopt an International Family

You don't have to travel overseas to find an exchange student. Prayerfully seek a local family to befriend. Learn about their culture and share yours, including your love for Jesus Christ! Share holidays and special occasions, special foods and traditions. Don't be afraid to hear about their religious or spiritual beliefs.



Use Your Green Thumb

Plant flowers in an elderly person's yard or ask them if you could beautify their yard by mowing the grass, weeding and raking leaves. This could be a project for families, youth or children. Ask them how you can pray for them. Invite the person or people you help to your church for fellowship, refreshments and a devotional.



Organize a Neighborhood Block Party

Provide food or ask a food truck to donate food. Have games, face painting, inflatables, music and a hands-on activity that shares the Gospel in a nonthreatening way. Here is a great resource with a creative way to share the good news of Jesus, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XRq1SwDR22o>. Partner with other Christian churches in the area to share the expenses, build relationships and make the outreach easier.



Organize an After School Tutoring Program

Plan a recreation activity that will encourage children to participate. Include a snack time, play time, a devotional and homework time. Find volunteers that are retired school teachers, former homeschoolers or students studying to become school teachers. You can also enlist the youth group at your church to help younger children with homework too! Consider having peer tutors. For example, partner a child struggling with math with a peer who is exceptionally bright in math.



Organize Free Health Fairs

Schedule the Baptist Men's Medical-Dental bus, <https://baptistsonmission.org/Mission-Projects/By-Mission-Type/Medical-and-Dental/Medical-Dental-Bus>. Contact the Baptist Nursing Fellowship, <https://www.wmunc.org/nc-baptist-nursing-fellowship>. Provide snacks, childcare and other Christian health resources. To promote your event list it for free on community calendars, <https://www.hisradiowrtp.com/events/community-corner/>.



Organize a Free Sports Clinic

Is there a park near your church or does your church have a large parking lot and playing fields? Set up soccer goals, basketball hoops, a football practice area and a baseball area. Ask local coaches or university sports team members to volunteer and share their skills and tips with children at your sports clinic. Provide snacks and/or lunch and invite a Christian speaker.



Organize a Church Garage/Yard Sale

Summer is a great time for a garage sale! Ask your church family to host a table with donated items priced for the garage sale. Proceeds from the sale of donated items can go toward a ministry or missions project. The other option is to give the items away for free. Have an area set up where you can share the Gospel, give away free Bibles and pray with people. Invite attendees to visit your church.



Support a Local Refugee Ministry or Start a Ministry to Refugees

Research any local Refugee Ministries in your area. These ministries help refugees learn English, help equip them for life in the US and share the Gospel. Volunteers teach ESL, help children prepare for school, help adults find employment, shop for furniture and needed household items.



Operation Inasmuch

“In as much as you did it to the least of these, you did it for Me.” - Jesus

Church wide mission projects are a good way to focus the whole church on missions. Some churches have done this with Operation Inasmuch, <http://www.operationinasmuch.org/>. A church will do a one day missions blitz where the entire church participates in a huge missions project or several different projects at the same time. Your church might also think about partnering with neighboring churches in your area. This gives people an opportunity to volunteer just for the day.