

HOW CAN I BE INVOLVED IN MISSIONS TODAY?



And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age." Matthew 28:18-20

As J. Hudson Taylor, one of the foremost missionary of our times, said, **“The Great Commission is not an option to be considered; it is a command to be obeyed.”** You may have a desire to be part of a Christian mission, but the problem is you don’t know how to go about it. You want to walk in obedience, but you don’t know where to start.



Below are seven simple steps in which we can be involved in missions – today!



1. PRAY

Do you know that you are already in possession of the greatest catalyst for reaching the unreached? Prayer is exactly that! Mountains are moved when we pray, and the kingdom of God advances into the unreached parts of the world. Through prayer, we join God in the reconciling work that he is doing right now among the different ethnic and religious groups around the globe. Not everyone is called to go to the mission field. Not everyone is capable of giving to missionary work. But all of us are capable of praying for the work of missions.

Below are some resources on the internet to aid our prayers:

- www.operationworld.org
- www.joshuaproject.net
- www.peoplegroups.org





2. Learn

Another way to get involved is to begin learning about missions. Find out what God is actively doing in different people groups, including places where Christians are persecuted.

Here are some ways in which we can begin our learning journey:

- Participate in missions courses in your church, bible college or elsewhere.
- Listen to sermons and read books about missions, including biographies of missionaries.
- Get to know missionaries and subscribe to their newsletters to learn and pray alongside them.
- Attend mission conferences, talks or events.
- Learn a new foreign language.

3. Welcome

Seek opportunities to welcome and serve people from other countries and cultures. You can intentionally get to know foreigners or get involved in programmes that reach out to immigrants in our community, such as teaching the English language, or other social and medical ministries. You may try joining a church service for other nationalities. By welcoming them, we develop a love for people from other cultural and religious backgrounds.



4. encourage



Life on the mission field can be challenging, exhausting and difficult. In the midst of the stress and the struggles, many missionaries often feel disconnected and forgotten by their sending church. Therefore, one of the most important ways we can get involved in missions is by caring for, serving and being a blessing to cross-cultural missionaries. Some of the practical ways suggested are:

- Commit to regular communication with missionaries and their families to encourage them.
- Send care packages and gifts on special occasions.
- Assist them when they are back home, such as providing accommodation, transport, childcare, offering a meal, or the use of your condo facilities.
- Care for their family members like their ageing parents or older kids at home. This is a substantial way to show love to the missionaries and keep them on the field.



5. GIVE

One of the most practical ways for us to get involved in a global mission is through sacrificial giving. God has blessed us with financial resources that, when stewarded carefully and given prayerfully, can help fuel disciple-making and church planting around the world. Giving to a global mission enables the whole church to be involved. Children, youth, adults and seniors can all contribute together to spread the gospel to the ends of the earth.



6. GO



Going on short-term mission trips can make a difference in the lives of missionaries in the field and the people with whom they work. Mission trips are awesome opportunities for us to explore what 'missions' means and know God's

will for us. A short-term mission trip will challenge your faith, your personal ministry and your view of different cultures, and it often can be life-changing.

7. advocate

Keep updated with missionaries and bring their prayer needs before your church groups. Become an advocate for a missionary you know, talking about his or her ministry with others to help them gain new partners. Be a voice for missions that encourage people to hold an outward focus on their lives. Serve in your church missions programmes and pray for God to raise up missionaries from your congregation.



The local church is and has always been the means that God uses for the proclamation of the gospel to the ends of the earth. We live in a world filled with billions of lost people, many of whom have never heard the gospel. It is, therefore, imperative that global mission not be relegated to just a department of the church or for just a select few people. Missions is at the very heart and calling of the church, through which we glorify God.

**So, let us get involved in
the Great Commission among the nations
TODAY!**



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