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Mission Praxis in Smaller Membership Churches

Demographics of Sample Group

- ▶ 131 Respondents
 - ▶ Smaller Membership Church Pastors
 - ▶ 90% related to Caskey Center for Church Excellence (n=118)
 - ▶ Louisiana (n=68)
 - ▶ Mississippi (n=15)
 - ▶ Alabama(n=35)
 - ▶ 10% related to Evangelical Small Church Pastor Network (n=13)

Demographics of Sample Group: Ministry Position

| What is your position in the church? | | |
|--------------------------------------|-----|--------|
| Pastor | 87 | 66.41% |
| Associate Pastor | 16 | 12.21% |
| Elder | 0 | 0.00% |
| Deacon | 0 | 0.00% |
| Other | 28 | 21.37% |
| Total | 131 | |

Demographics of Sample Group: Ministry Position: Other

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| Other: | | |
| Children's Minister | 1 | 3.6% |
| Student Minister | 14 | 50% |
| Support staff | 1 | 3.6% |
| Media | 1 | 3.6% |
| Worship Pastor | 7 | 25% |
| Interim Pastor | 1 | 3.6% |
| Outreach | 2 | 7% |
| Church Planter | 1 | 3.6% |
| | 28 | |

What is the average attendance to your Sunday morning (or primary) worship service?

| Attendance | Frequency |
|------------|-----------|
| 0-50 | 56 |
| 51-100 | 51 |
| 101-150 | 20 |
| 151-200 | 5 |
| 200+ | 0 |

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| Average | 72.53788 |
| Maximum | 200 |
| Minimum | 9 |

What does your church do to engage in foreign missions?

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|---------------------------------|-----|--------|
| Lottie Moon | 46 | 18.60% |
| Cooperative Program | 43 | 17.40% |
| Short term Missions | 34 | 13.80% |
| Support Individual Missionary | 28 | 11.30% |
| Give Money | 23 | 9.30% |
| Pray | 19 | 7.70% |
| Engage People Groups locally | 7 | 2.80% |
| None | 7 | 2.80% |
| Teach about missions | 6 | 2.40% |
| Operation Christmas Child | 6 | 2.40% |
| Missionary speaker | 5 | 2% |
| Mission Agency Support | 5 | 2% |
| Relate with Specific Missionary | 5 | 2% |
| WMU | 4 | 1.60% |
| Annie Armstrong | 3 | 1.20% |
| Yes | 2 | 1% |
| Widow and Orphan Support | 2 | 1% |
| Host missions conference | 1 | 0.40% |
| State Missions | 1 | 0.40% |
| | 247 | |

Exemplary International Missions Ideas

- ▶ We recently began a ministry called PURE. This is taken from James 1:27. In this ministry we strive to support orphans and widows around the world. We seek to meet their spiritual & physical needs. Through PURE we currently support a Pastor in India. This Pastor also runs a Christian orphanage, in our church sponsors all 9 of the children in the orphanage. Sponsoring means we provide the resources to meet ALL the needs of each kid.

Also our church has separated the year into quarters. Each quarter we have a missions offering; two of these quarters are for Lottie Moon and Operation Christmas Child.

We also use some of our budget overage from the previous year to fund our missions committee. We currently support 5 missionaries that are overseas full-time. A few of which are Southern Baptist but not with the IMB.

- ▶ give to Lottie Moon...also give to Mexico missions...participate and help host county wide missions conferences

What does your church do to engage in national missions?

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|---|-----|-------|
| Annie Armstrong | 32 | 16.2% |
| Cooperative Program | 28 | 14.1% |
| Giving | 25 | 12.6% |
| Mission Trip | 24 | 12.1% |
| None | 16 | 8.1% |
| NAMB | 10 | 5.1% |
| Local Association | 8 | 4.0% |
| Prayers | 8 | 4.0% |
| Local Mission/Ministry, Charity | 6 | 3.0% |
| Send Network Church Planting | 5 | 2.5% |
| Support Individual Missionary | 5 | 2.5% |
| Church Planting Sponsorship | 5 | 2.5% |
| Lottie Moon | 4 | 2.0% |
| Training Church Members | 3 | 1.5% |
| IMB | 2 | 1.0% |
| Engaging People Groups in the States | 2 | 1.0% |
| Annual Mission Project Local | 2 | 1.0% |
| Engage with Missionaries | 2 | 1.0% |
| National Mission Agency (Billy Graham Ministry) | 2 | 1.0% |
| BCM Support | 2 | 1.0% |
| Mission Speaker | 2 | 1.0% |
| Disaster Relief | 2 | 1.0% |
| Special Offerings | 1 | 0.5% |
| Shoe Box Ministry | 1 | 0.5% |
| VBS | 1 | 0.5% |
| | 198 | |

Exemplary National Missions Ideas

- ▶ Every single week we have a part of our worship service that we pray for a different NAMB church planter and chaplain for the military. We use pictures provided by the NAMB website. In addition we give toward the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering
- ▶ I am the outreach Minister. We have a VBS-like ministry for kids, a Wednesday Bible Study for Gang members
- ▶ We have 3 Church Plants will help support direct. We send money, care packages and one visit one each year. We also give to Annie Armstrong, Lillian Grey and the CP.
- ▶ We financially support two families of church planters in Montana and New York. We took a team last summer to Montana to physically help that family. The youth attend a summer missions camp in Dothan, AL.

What does your church do to engage in local missions?

- ▶ There were 62 different local mission ministries reported.
- ▶ Evangelistic Outreach was the approach reported by the largest percentage of the churches (10.1%).
 - ▶ Door to door witnessing
 - ▶ Evangelistic visitation
 - ▶ Finding opportunities to share with people in the community.
- ▶ Meeting needs were high on the list: Providing food (9.3%) and conducting service projects (7.1%).
- ▶ Funding missions through local associations was a key component (7.5%).

What does your church do to engage in local missions?

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| Evangelistic Outreach | 27 | 10.1% |
| Food Bank | 25 | 9.3% |
| Local Association | 20 | 7.5% |
| Various Service Projects | 19 | 7.1% |
| Give money | 13 | 4.9% |
| Community Missions/Ministries | 11 | 4.1% |
| Benevolence | 10 | 3.7% |
| VBS | 10 | 3.7% |
| Women's Health Clinic/Pregnancy Center | 8 | 3.0% |
| Pray | 7 | 2.6% |
| School Partnership | 7 | 2.6% |
| Homeless Ministry | 7 | 2.6% |
| Baptist Children's Home | 7 | 2.6% |
| Clothes Closet | 6 | 2.2% |
| Church Planting | 5 | 1.9% |
| Georgia Barnette | 5 | 1.9% |
| Nursing Home Ministry | 5 | 1.9% |
| Assistance to Families in Need | 5 | 1.9% |
| Prison Ministry | 4 | 1.5% |
| Block Parties | 3 | 1.1% |
| Backpack Giveaway/School Supplies | 3 | 1.1% |
| Wheelchair Ramp Construction | 3 | 1.1% |
| Christmas Coalition | 3 | 1.1% |
| Tutoring | 3 | 1.1% |
| Servant Evangelism | 3 | 1.1% |
| Shut In Visitation | 3 | 1.1% |

Exemplary Local Missions Ideas

- ▶ We go out every week to the front of our parking lot to hand out bottles of water to people driving by. Our church is right by the entrance to a neighborhood so we get really good traffic. We use this opportunity to pray with people and share the gospel. Also, we do a weekly tutoring program with the apartment complex right down the road. This has brought in 25 new kids on Wednesday night Bible study.
- ▶ We have a ministry called Hope Mobile. We converted the inside of a school bus into a classroom, and twice a week we take it to community trailer parks to tutor kids from k-12.
- ▶ We host a multi-language vacation Bible school every summer. We pray for local church starts, and church planting missionaries.

If your church gives money to missions, what percent of your general budget goes toward missions?

| Descriptive Statistics | |
|------------------------|----------|
| Mean | 10.12218 |
| Median | 10 |
| Mode | 10 |
| Range | 40 |
| Minimum | 0 |
| Maximum | 40 |
| Count | 110 |
| Largest | 40 |
| Smallest | 0 |

How much (in actual dollars) does your church give annually toward missions?

| Descriptive Statistics | |
|------------------------|-------------|
| Mean | \$12,378.19 |
| Median | \$10,000.00 |
| Mode | \$25,000.00 |
| Minimum | \$200.00 |
| Maximum | \$60,000.00 |
| Count | \$102.00 |
| Largest | \$60,000.00 |
| Smallest | \$200.00 |

What missions agencies/organizations does your church support?

| | | |
|---|----|-------|
| IMB | 60 | 18.6% |
| NAMB | 52 | 16.1% |
| Cooperative Program | 33 | 10.2% |
| Local Association | 29 | 9.0% |
| Lottie Moon | 17 | 5.3% |
| State Convention | 16 | 5.0% |
| State Baptist Children's Home | 10 | 3.1% |
| Annie Armstrong | 8 | 2.5% |
| Georgia Barnette | 6 | 1.9% |
| Samaritan's Purse | 5 | 1.5% |
| Margaret Lackey | 5 | 1.5% |
| Sav-A-Life | 4 | 1.2% |
| Global Maritime Ministries, Inc. | 3 | 0.9% |
| None | 3 | 0.9% |
| Toledo Bend Resort Ministries | 2 | 0.6% |
| Clara Springs Baptist Camp | 2 | 0.6% |
| Missionary Aviation Fellowship | 2 | 0.6% |
| Northwest Louisiana Pregnancy Care Center | 2 | 0.6% |
| Harris Baptist Encampment | 2 | 0.6% |
| Baptist Mid-Missions | 2 | 0.6% |
| Women's Care Medical Center | 2 | 0.6% |
| Operation Christmas Child | 2 | 0.6% |
| Shoebox for Orphans | 2 | 0.6% |
| Fellowship of Christian Athletes | 2 | 0.6% |
| Hope Center | 2 | 0.6% |
| Hispanic Church Plants | 2 | 0.6% |

48 Mission/Ministry Agencies were mentioned once

If you could implement any changes to your church's current mission strategy, what would you do?

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| More Congregational Involvement | 24 | 15.9% |
| More Local Missions | 21 | 13.9% |
| Give More Money | 21 | 13.9% |
| More Frequent Involvement in Foreign Missions | 13 | 8.6% |
| More Mission Trips | 9 | 6.0% |
| More Frequent Involvement in National Missions | 8 | 5.3% |
| More Education | 8 | 5.3% |
| Better Funding Strategy/Higher Percentage | 6 | 4.0% |
| Share the Gospel | 6 | 4.0% |
| More Prayer (Serious Prayer) | 5 | 3.3% |
| Develop Acts 1:8 Strategy | 5 | 3.3% |
| More Intentional Missions | 5 | 3.3% |
| More Direct Missionary Support | 4 | 2.6% |
| Missional Focus | 4 | 2.6% |
| Better Coordination of Projects | 3 | 2.0% |
| Get Members out of Local Context | 2 | 1.3% |
| Develop Evangelism Team to Equip church | 2 | 1.3% |
| Street Preaching | 1 | 0.7% |
| More Service Minded | 1 | 0.7% |
| Stronger Follow up of Locals | 1 | 0.7% |
| More Service Projects | 1 | 0.7% |
| Focus on Spiritual Growth | 1 | 0.7% |
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