

## Instructions for Missions Fields

Prayer	As Missionaries, we realize that our work requires total dependence upon God. At all times, in every area, prayer is the essential ingredient to our success. If we do not pray, our efforts will be futile. You will understand the need for prayer with each new day that you thinking more like a missionary. The more you serve the Lord, the more you will want and need to be in a closer relationship to Him.
Needs, Issues, Challenges	Every mission field will have needs, issues and challenges. Here is an opportunity to think, brainstorm, and write down everything that you know needs attention—things that are not the way God would want them to be. REMEMBER to include all issues, needs, and challenges, whether spiritual, emotional, physical or mental. Take some time to think, and pray. Don't rush through this. God may have some thoughts that have not yet become your.
What Do We Work on First? Why?	This may be very obvious or it may take some time to determine what comes first. It may be that as you think through the issues, God will direct you to something that you did not see at <i>first</i> . Other times, there will be no debate as to what must come first. For your own understanding and clarification, explain why this is the right ministry choice in this field.
What Are the Issues?	This may or may not be needed each time. For instance, if Finances is the area chosen for first consideration, you will want to list all of the financial issues that need attention. Sometimes there will be no need to clarify or expand this area if it is specific enough.
What the Bible Says	Before you go any further, explore what God has said about this need. Maybe there are specific verses that speak about the subject or maybe there are Biblical principles that apply. It may be necessary to ask for help to find the scriptures that apply. Once these are identified, spend time meditating and understanding what God is saying to you through His word. This may be simply refreshing your memory about scriptures or it may be the first time you have studied Biblical teachings on this matter. Either way, take time to really let God speak to you.
Where is God Already at Work?	Being aware is not usually one of our strong points. We are so busy and so focused on the next appointment or place we have to have the children, that we just do not see what is happening around us. Here is a time to ask God, "What are you doing in this area? What have I been missing?" Often, God is at work and we just do not see it.
What Would God Like to See Happen?	Now, what is God saying to you about this mission field? What does He want to happen? If God's will was fulfilled, what would this look like? Be clear and specific about whatever God is saying to you about His vision.

## Steps to God's Vision

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We Could...	This is another opportunity to explore the possibilities. No limits, if it could happen, then write it down. It may seem crazy, but write it down. Do not limit yourself and especially do not limit God.
Step One, Why?	Every mission has a starting point. Where will you start? Give careful consideration to this area because your choice could actually cover many of the issues that need attention. For instance, if there are many financial issues, a financial counselor might be the place to start. This would give assistance in a lot of areas. For your own understanding and clarification, explain why this is the right <i>Step One</i> .

## My Strategy

Partners Needed	Who do I need in my life to help me achieve God's vision in this mission field? In certain areas of ministry, the partner needed may not be a Christian. Be open to whomever God puts in your path and leads you to partner with.
Learnings Needed	What do I need to learn? What skills, knowledge or personal growth do I need to be effective as a missionary? REMEMBER: Often God must change the missionary before He can change the mission field.
Time Line	You need to set dates to work toward. If you do not set dates, you will probably let a lot of things slip without attention. You do not have to see these dates as set in cement, but as motivation not to neglect your mission. Some things will not be as time sensitive as others.
Check Points	These are simply projections to show progress. Check points may be dates, relationships, learning goals.
Reports & Evaluations	This has to do with accountability. Reporting to someone or to some group will be a motivation to keep moving forward. We all need to be accountable to someone or we tend to become lax in our efforts.
Goal(s)	This is restatement of God's vision for this mission field with specific details. Again, these details are not unchangeable. God will be molding this mission as we get closer to Him and move forward in our work. But we need to be able to state what we believe this would look like given our current understanding of God's vision.

## Other Steps      Dates      Reminders

	This is space to add, update, and post any reminders that you may need for yourself

## Victory Celebration – What Next Lord?

Finally, don't forget to celebrate your victories in your mission field. Celebrate the small steps as well as the final victory. THEN--WHAT NEXT LORD?

## Local Community

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