



# Ideas for Developing Mission Vision

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## IDEAS FOR LOCAL CHURCHES

### Develop Vision for the Unreached

- Show the "[You Should Know](#)" video during a service.
- Ask your pastor to do a sermon series on the "[Great Commission and the Unreached](#)".
- Encourage church members to get the [Unreached of the Day by email](#)
- Distribute unreached peoples [prayer resources](#) for your church.
- Include [unreached inserts](#) or [unreached people profiles](#) in the church bulletin.
- Add the [Unreached People of the Day](#) widget to your church website. Encourage others to add it to their websites, blogs and Facebook profile.
- Make copies of [Operation World](#) available to your congregation.
- Mount a wall-sized unreached peoples world map in the church lobby
  - [Operation World Map](#)
  - [Global Status of Evangelical Christianity](#)
- Include [mission vision maps and material](#) in the church bulletin.
- Create an [unreached peoples resource](#) library of mission articles and books.
- Include short [mission skits and presentations](#) in your services (see additional ideas below)
- Make "[Mission Frontiers](#)" (free) magazine available to your congregation.

### Deepen Commitment to the Least-Reached

- Start a missions Sunday School class or small group. Some excellent curriculum:
  - [Explore](#)
  - [God's Global Purpose](#)
  - [The Kairos Course](#)
  - [The Blessing](#)
  - [Six Ways to Reach God's World](#)
  - [God's Heart for the Nations](#)
  - [Operation Worldview](#)
  - [The Story of the Bible: God's Global Glory](#)
- Incorporate mission material into [children's Sunday School curriculum](#).
- Introduce children to missions using the [Quest for Compassion](#) online game.
- Share short [missions videos](#) during a service
- Encourage church members to become [online missionaries](#).
- Host a "[Perspectives on the World Christian Movement](#)" course.
- Send people on vision trips and [short-term teams](#) to an unreached people group.
- Encourage your congregation to read [missionary blogs](#).
- Expand your church's vision for global impact at [Catalyst Services](#).
- Adopt one or more least-reached (unreached) people groups
  - [Adoption Guidance Program](#)
  - [Global Adopt-A-People Network / GAAPNet](#)
  - [Adopt-A-People Campaign](#)
- Send a long-term team to minister among your adopted unreached people.
- Join a [network of churches and agencies](#) that share your people group interest.
- Develop a partnership with a [mission agency](#) that ministers in your area of interest.

## IDEAS FOR LOCAL CHURCHES (continued)

### Encourage Your Church Mission Committee

- Distribute copies of [Operation World](#) to your mission committee.
- Share the [30 Ways to Stay Alive to Missions](#) with your mission group.
- Have your mission committee receive the [Unreached People of the Day](#) by email.
- Host a missions evening using the "[Let the Nations Be Glad](#)" PowerPoint.
- Give mission committee members a good [missions book](#).
- Create a [missions resource center](#) in the church entry way or fellowship area.
- Encourage church small groups to pray for and focus on [particular unreached people groups](#).
- Introduce your church missions committee to [ACMC](#).

### Become Senders to the Unreached

- Fund one or more missionaries serving in your area of interest.
- Encourage your congregation to check out [opportunities to serve in missions](#).
- Support an effort to [begin Bible translation](#) among a Bible-less People
- Fund an existing [Scripture translation project](#).
- Help produce [Gospel Recordings](#) in a new language
- Provide resources for new [audio recordings of the New Testament](#)
- Fund a translation of the [Jesus film](#) or [God's Story video](#).
- Partner with a [Christian relief and development agency](#) in your area of interest.
- Partner with a [mission agency](#) in prayer and finances.

### Possible Skit Ideas

- Illustrate the Great Imbalance
  - Serving food to people at tables in unequal portions
  - 100 pennies divided up according to giving by the church
- World in Ten People
  - Using signs
    - 10% True Believers
    - 20% Nominal Christians
    - 40% Heard, but not responded
    - 30% Unreached
  - Using 2-liter soda bottles
    - 1 Coke - "The Real Thing" (10%)
    - 2 Diet Pepsi, RC – Any cola will do (20%)
    - 4 Mt Dew, 7-Up, Orange, Root Beer – Do not want cola (40%)
    - 3 Clear – Never heard
- Ask if anyone not served at the end of Communion. Have folks standing at rear respond – Yes, the Uighers have not been served, the Hazara have not been served, the Banjara do not have communion, etc.
- [More missions skit ideas](#)

## IDEAS FOR INDIVIDUALS

### Cultivate A Passion

- Trace the word "[nations](#)" through the Old and New Testament.
- Memorize Great Commission verses like: Gen 12:1-3; Psa 67:1-7; Matt 24:14; Matt 28:18-20; Mark 16:15; Luke 24:45-49; Acts 1:8, Rev 5:9-10 and Rev 7:9-10.
- Read a good introduction to missions such as:
  - [Commissioned](#)
  - [Let the Nations Be Glad](#)
  - [Future of the Global Church](#)
  - [Don't Waste Your Life](#)
  - [2020 Vision](#)
- Get the 'big picture' of missions, view the "[Let the Nations Be Glad](#)" and other [PowerPoints](#).
- Print out a copy of the [100 largest unreached peoples](#) and pray for one each day.
- Pray for a country each day using [Operation World](#) and a [world map](#).
- Read missionary biographies such as:
  - [Hudson Taylor's Spiritual Secrets](#)
  - [Green Leaf in Drought Time](#)
  - [The Heavenly Man](#)
  - [Shadow of the Almighty](#)
  - [Eternity in Their Hearts](#)
- Subscribe to [Mission Frontiers](#) magazine (free).
- Get weekly free mission e-zines such as:
  - [Brigada](#)
  - [Mission Catalyst](#)
- Pray for least-reached (unreached) peoples using the [Global Prayer Digest](#).
- Read global Christian news at:
  - [Christian Post](#)
  - [Mission Network News](#)
  - [Christian World News](#)

### Encourage Your Church

- Become part of the [mission committee](#) at your church
- Use an unreached [people profile bulletin insert](#)
- Put up [Missions Trail Guide](#) poster in your church
- Start a missions Sunday School class or small group. Some excellent curriculum:
  - [Six Ways to Reach God's World](#)
  - [Explore](#)
  - [God's Global Purpose](#)
  - [The Kairos Course](#)
  - [The Blessing](#)
  - [God's Heart for the Nations](#)
  - [Operation Worldview](#)
  - [The Story of the Bible: God's Global Glory](#)
- Host a missions dinner and show the [Status of World Evangelization](#) presentation.
- Connect with missionaries sent by your church

## IDEAS FOR INDIVIDUALS (Continued)

### Strengthen Your Commitment

- Research a least-reached (unreached) people group and [write a profile](#).
- [Send Joshua Project a photo, map or profile](#) of an unreached people group.
- Take the "[Perspectives on the World Christian Movement](#)" course.
- Form or join a local prayer group focusing on missions.
- Commit to pray for a [Bible-less language group](#).
- Participate in a prayer network such as:
  - [Ethne-to-Ethne Initiative](#)
  - [Praying Through the Window](#)
  - [Global Day of Prayer](#)
- Attend a major missions conference like [Urbana](#) or [Passion](#).

### Share Your Vision

- Add the Unreached People of the Day to your [website or blog](#)
- Put up a wall-sized unreached peoples world map in your dorm room or office
  - [Operation World](#)
  - [Global Status of Evangelical Christianity](#)
- Distribute [unreached peoples materials](#) to others
- Teachers and home-schoolers, develop an [ethnic people research assignment](#)
- [Create a blog](#) seeking to form a network around an unreached people group
- [Network with others](#) interested in a particular people group
- Write to missionaries to encourage them, and pray for them specifically

### Explore Missions Opportunities

- [US Center for World Mission - Explore](#)
- [CrossWorld - Next Steps](#)
- [Pioneers - The Edge](#)
- [Frontiers - The Journey](#)
- [Mission Next - Where Do You Fit?](#)
- [Finishers - Discovering Opportunities](#)

### Become a Sender

- Support a pioneer missionary or church planting effort.
- Support a national missionary through [Asia Harvest](#) or [Advancing Native Missions](#)
- Sponsor a child in an unreached area through [Compassion](#) or [World Vision](#).
- Help produce [Gospel Recordings](#) in a new language
- Provide resources for new [audio recordings of the New Testament](#)
- Fund language-based resources such as the [Jesus film](#) or [God's Story video](#).
- Support a mission agency in prayer and finances.

### IDEAS FOR INDIVIDUALS (Continued)

#### Minister among the Least-Reached

- Befriend foreign nationals in your [local schools](#) and/or [neighborhood](#).
- Do [evangelistic mailings](#) into least-reached countries and peoples.
- Go on a [short term mission project](#) to an unreached people group.
- Join a [work team](#) serving needy people groups and regions.
- Go to an unreached area of the world as a [tentmaker](#)
- Obtain counsel from mature believers and [experienced missionaries](#).
- Study at a [missionary university](#)
- [Prepare yourself](#) to go as a long-term missionary
- Learn about [church planting best practices](#)

### 10 Mission Resource and Information sites

JOSHUA PROJECT	Joshua Project’s mission is to highlight the people groups of the world that have the least Christian presence in their midst and to encourage pioneer church-planting movements among every ethnic people group.	<a href="http://www.joshuaproject.net">www.joshuaproject.net</a>
PEOPLEGROUPS.ORG	An extensive collection of people group information from the International Mission Board-SBC. View people groups by geographic location, ethnic affinity and resources available in their heart language.	<a href="http://www.peoplegroups.org">www.peoplegroups.org</a>
OPERATION WORLD	A prayer resource that opens up every country of the world for anyone who wants to know what God’s been doing there. It gives the “big picture” on missions breakthroughs and strategic prayer points for each nation.	<a href="http://www.operationworld.org">www.operationworld.org</a>
THE TRAVELING TEAM	The Traveling Team’s purpose is to educate and equip college students to become World Christians who fulfill their responsibility in World Evangelization. Their site has a wealth of resources and information for World Christians to become more informed.	<a href="http://www.thetravelingteam.org">www.thetravelingteam.org</a>
FINISHING THE TASK	A network of mission agencies and churches wanting to see reproducing churches planted among every people group in the world. They’ve identified 639 unreached, unengaged people groups with populations above 100,000.	<a href="http://www.finishingthetask.com">www.finishingthetask.com</a>
IMB GLOBAL RESEARCH OFFICE	The Research department of the International Mission Board of the Southern Baptists has a goal to provide accurate, relevant and strategic information for multiplying churches among all peoples. A wealth of information about the unreached world.	<a href="http://www.imb.org/globalresearch">www.imb.org/globalresearch</a>
GORDON-CONWELL THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY	The home of the missiologists & researchers who publish the World Christian Encyclopedia and World Christian Database. A key source of missions research, stats, and trends.	<a href="http://www.gordonconwell.edu/ockenga/globalchristianity">www.gordonconwell.edu/ockenga/globalchristianity</a>
CALL2ALL	A worldwide movement calling the church to a renewed, focused collaborative effort to fulfill the Great Commission where the Church is NOT, rather than where it is. Its purpose is to network, train and focus the body of Christ to work together.	<a href="http://www.call2all.org">www.call2all.org</a>
CREATE INTERNATIONAL	A ministry producing evangelistic media in the heart language and cultural style of unreached people groups, as well as media for mobilizing the church into frontier missions. Create International also provides training opportunities.	<a href="http://www.createinternational.com">www.createinternational.com</a>
INDIGITECH	An extensive database of resources and information to prepare and equip people for cross-cultural ministry.	<a href="http://www.indigitech.net">www.indigitech.net</a>

### 10 Mission News and Blog sites

CHRISTIAN POST	ChristianPost.com is the nation's most comprehensive Christian news website with the vision of delivering up-to-date news, information, and commentaries relevant to Christians across denominational lines.	<a href="http://www.christianpost.com">www.christianpost.com</a>
MISSION NETWORK NEWS	Mission Network News is a mission news service dedicated to keeping Christians informed on evangelical mission activity around the world.	<a href="http://www.mnnonline.org">www.mnnonline.org</a>
BRIGADA	Brigada Today is a weekly email journal informing Great Commission Christians about our great global quest: giving hope and help to those who need it most	<a href="http://www.brigada.org">www.brigada.org</a>
CHRISTIAN WORLD NEWS	News, reports on the church in Eastern Europe, Central Africa, Latin America, and the Middle East. Stories focus on missions and revival and provide in-depth coverage exposing the persecution of Christians worldwide.	<a href="http://www.cbn.com/CBNnews/CWN/index.aspx">www.cbn.com/CBNnews/CWN/index.aspx</a>
MISSION FRONTIERS	A magazine or e-zine by the US Center for World Mission. Dedicated to calling the Church worldwide to reach unreached peoples while reporting on the amazing things that God is doing to accomplish his purpose in the nations.	<a href="http://www.missionfrontiers.org">www.missionfrontiers.org</a>
EVANGELICAL MISSIONS QUARTERLY	A quarterly journal to present "the best in evangelical missionary thinking."	<a href="http://www.emqonline.com">www.emqonline.com</a>
HISTORY MAKERS	A website to help inform, develop, inspire and disciple Christians into becoming historymakers who make a difference in the world. Jam-packed with front-line news, media downloads, and other missions info.	<a href="http://www.historymakers.info">www.historymakers.info</a>
PRAYERCAST	Prayercast exists to activate victorious, world-changing prayer and worship through mass media and the arts to advance the gospel to the masses.	<a href="http://www.prayercast.com">www.prayercast.com</a>
STORY4ALL	Story4All is based in Ireland and is part of a growing network of believers throughout the world who are committed to bringing the Story of God to all peoples ... orally. There are many stories about how this is being done.	<a href="http://www.story4all.com">www.story4all.com</a>
THE STREAM	The Stream is a national daily news source that cultivates the high common ground shared by evangelicals, Catholics and Orthodox Christians, including important ground shared by Jews and Christians.	<a href="http://www.stream.org">www.stream.org</a>



### 10 Mission Education and Training sites

FRONTIER VENTURES (formerly US CENTER FOR WORLD MISSION)	God cannot lead you on the basis of facts you do not know. Hear daily about the incredible things God is doing throughout the world and where you might fit in most strategically. A variety of different training options are available.	<a href="http://www.frontierventures.org">www.frontierventures.org</a>
PERSPECTIVES ON THE WORLD CHRISTIAN MOVEMENT	A missions training course whose vision is to mobilize the Church worldwide for cross-cultural mission to the least-reached people. Perspectives on the World Christian Movement can also be taken online.	<a href="http://www.perspectives.org">www.perspectives.org</a>
KAIROS COURSE	A condensed version of Perspectives, it is a missions training course with a vision is to mobilize the Church worldwide for cross-cultural mission to least-reached people groups.	<a href="http://www.kairoscourse.org">www.kairoscourse.org</a>
MISSION TRAINING INTERNATIONAL	MTI offers training to help individuals and families to be effective cross-cultural messengers. MTI focuses on character development training and debriefing. Their programs are community based, family-friendly, and experiential.	<a href="http://www.mti.org">www.mti.org</a>
YWAM INTERNATIONAL FRONTIER MISSIONS	Thousands die each day without Christ. The goal is to change this by helping people take the Gospel to those who have never heard. YWAM IFM trains people to go and start churches where none exist.	<a href="http://www.ywamfm.com">www.ywamfm.com</a>
ONESTORY	It's been 2,000 years since Jesus walked the earth, but millions of people still haven't heard the story. OneStory's unique two year training program in chronological Bible storytelling has been tested in multiple countries and many languages. OneStory is a partnership between 5 different missions agencies.	<a href="http://www.onestory.org">www.onestory.org</a>
YWAM AUSTRALIA	From art evangelism to community development ...from children at risk to frontier media...Youth With a Mission Australia offers many missions training opportunities at locations from Perth to Darwin to Tasmania, and numerous bases in between.	<a href="http://www.ywam.org.au">www.ywam.org.au</a>
BETHANY GLOBAL UNIVERSITY	This program offers a combination of biblical and theological studies, discipleship and introductory courses to missions and cross-cultural studies followed by Global Internships; field-based experiential and academic learning.	<a href="http://www.bcom.org">www.bcom.org</a>
MBMISSION TREK	Trek is an intense short term mission opportunity, designed to help you learn, grow and serve. You will partner with our international missionary teams as they engage in holistic church planting that transforms communities among the least reached.	<a href="http://www.mbmission.org">www.mbmission.org</a>
CHRIST FOR THE NATIONS	This is an international, interdenominational organization that exists to train and equip men and women with the Word of God, in the power of the Holy Spirit, and with a lifestyle of worship, to reach the nations with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.	<a href="http://www.cfn.org">www.cfn.org</a>

### 10 Mission Opportunity sites

YOUTH WITH A MISSION (YWAM)	YWAM has 1000's of people & 100's of ministries in almost every country of the world. Our passion is to know God and to make Him known. 1/2 of YWAM's staff comes from non-western countries. We focus on evangelism, mercy, training, and discipleship.	<a href="http://www.ywam.org">www.ywam.org</a>
PIONEERS	Pioneers mobilizes international teams to glorify God among unreached peoples by initiating church-planting movements together with local churches. Run a coffee shop in Turkey, start a factory in China... just a few of the innovative missions strategies that they embrace.	<a href="http://www.pioneers.org">www.pioneers.org</a>
FRONTIERS	Frontiers is an international organization, recruiting, sending and serving teams of ordinary people for long-term service to the Muslim world. Their members serve in businesses, community development, and other services to those who are in need.	<a href="http://www.frontiers.org">www.frontiers.org</a>
OPERATION MOBILIZATION (OM)	OM works in every continent and on every ocean (via two ships), seeking to demonstrate and proclaim the love of God. In every situation OM teams adapt to the local culture and situation, finding the best ways to share Jesus.	<a href="http://www.om.org">www.om.org</a>
WEC INTERNATIONAL	WEC reaches out to people who have limited or no access to the good news of Jesus Christ, particularly where there is no church. We work in multicultural teams to plant multiplying churches among these people.	<a href="http://www.wecinternational.org">www.wecinternational.org</a>
ONE CHALLENGE (OC)	OC International is an interdenominational faith mission in structure, interchurch in ministry, and international in vision. OC believes that whole nations can be reached for Christ.	<a href="http://www.onechallenge.org">www.onechallenge.org</a>
WYCLIFFE BIBLE TRANSLATORS	Wycliffe's vision is to see the Bible accessible to all people in the language they understand best. To make this vision a reality, Wycliffe also focuses on community development, literacy development and church partnerships.	<a href="http://www.wycliffe.org">www.wycliffe.org</a>
ACT BEYOND	The vision of ACT Beyond (formerly Mission to Unreached Peoples) is thousands of church planting movements and the resultant mission movements until the gospel has penetrated and begun to transform every tribe, people, city and language.	<a href="http://www.beyond.org">www.beyond.org</a>
CAMPUS CRUSADE FOR CHRIST (CCCI)	CCCI's helps to fulfill the Great Commission in the power of the Holy Spirit by winning people to faith in Jesus Christ, building them in their faith and sending them to win and build others; and helping the Body of Christ do evangelism and discipleship.	<a href="http://www.ccci.org">www.ccci.org</a>
OMF INTERNATIONAL	OMF is a Christian mission that serves the church and brings the gospel to countries in East Asia. OMF provides Christians with opportunities to share the love of Christ with East Asians worldwide.	<a href="http://www.omf.org">www.omf.org</a>

## Some Mobilization Ideas from Mission Catalyst e-zine

### 1. Passport to Prizes

A church in northern Indiana solved a problem as old as missions conferences: We invite agencies to set up displays. We invite our congregation to visit the displays. But many of them don't, and the agency personnel end up lonely. Solution? Well, strategically placed donuts, of course. But also mock passports with questions inside that only can be answered by visiting the displays. Passports that are completed correctly are entered to win a prize. In this case it was a donation to your agency of choice, although an iPod full of [John Piper sermons](#) wouldn't be bad either!

### 2. Walk across the Room/Planet

A church near Baltimore has blown the lid off the normal one- or two-week missions emphasis time frame. They are taking two months this fall to focus on life beyond the walls of the church. Beginning with the book [Just Walk across the Room](#), they challenged the congregation to connect with people locally. Then they expanded the sphere and are devoting several Sundays to following Jesus into other cultures.

### 3. Global Sabbatical

When your pastor has regained consciousness after your request for a two-month mission focus, float this idea out to him: "What about a sabbatical that consisted of you spending four months traveling the planet with your wife, seeing firsthand the global work of God?" A pastor in the Northwest did just that. He applied for and was awarded a [Lily Foundation Clergy Renewal Program](#) grant. This grant enabled him and his wife to travel to several locations internationally, learn what God is up to, and be refreshed in their vision. (This will also speak to your pastor: The grant included funds to cover interim pulpit supply in the pastor's absence!)

### 4. From Baby Steps to Big Leaps

One church had a simple but potent flyer in their weekly program. It listed opportunities to step into other cultures beginning with things as easy as, say, reading [National Geographic](#), but progressing to eating ethnic food, connecting with international students and refugees, and actually journeying overseas. (I swiped this and expect a version contextualized to my church will show up in our program before long!)

### 5. Sticker Shock

In a similar vein, a church celebrating their 25th anniversary is putting a different sticker on their program each week for 25 weeks that features some way the members can connect in service with the church and the world. One example is preparing Thanksgiving meals at a local homeless shelter.

### 6. Not for the Faint of Heart

Here's the last in the "ways to offer options to respond" series: Asbury Seminary published a devotional for the under-appreciated [Christian season of Kingdomtide](#) called [Already! Not Yet?](#) Their list of ways to live out the Kingdom of God include some easy ones, but I've been stunned by ones like #52: "If you've got an extra room in your home, open it up to a refugee living in America. You can find such a person in need through organizations like [World Relief](#). Or maybe you can offer it to a family that just lost their house to foreclosure."

### 7. Videos that Stir Hearts and Challenge Minds

Here are two videos that have really connected with people this fall. It will take you 15 valuable minutes to watch both. It will be worth it, though. In fact, if you watch them both and are not moved, I'll buy you a milkshake!

[A Thousand Questions](#). Thank you, [Willow Creek](#).

[A Land Called Paradise](#). Thank you, Kareem Salama and [MAS Media Foundation](#).