



## How to Plan a Missions Conference

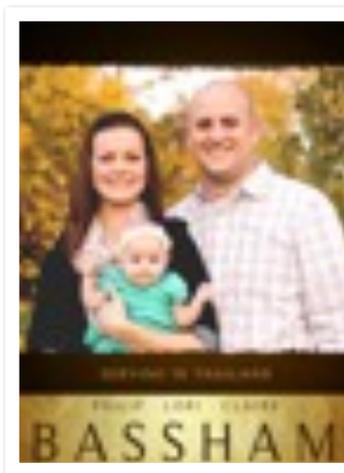
A mission's conference is a church business meeting to discuss the advancement of the Gospel. It a opportunity to have multiple missionaries visit your church, pray about taking them on for financial support and talk specifically about getting the Gospel all over the world,.

Realize that if you as a church *prepare* for the missions conference, the giving, participation and spirit during the conference will be much better. So here are some ways you can begin preparing now for your next missions conference:

1. You can divide up jobs: food needs to be brought for the international dinner, meals for the missionaries during the week, decorating, spotlighting current missionaries, etc.
2. You can begin Praying now: for the missionaries that will come, that the Faith Promise will be increase, the church will get involved, preaching will touch lives, God will call young people from the congregation, etc.
3. You can begin planning for the cost: budget for it, set aside money in our budget specifically for the missions conference. We can't say missions is important to us if we don't have time in our calendar or room in our budget for it.

If your church plans and prepares, it is very likely that you will see more people involved, a spirit of organization and excitement and many more wonderful results.

Here to Serve,  
Jeff Bush, General Director



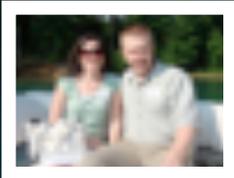
## First Steps in Thailand

As we moved to Thailand, I didn't really know what all to expect. I had had a ton of missions classes and visited before, but this was different. We landed almost 6 months ago now, wide-eyed and expectant. We had heard horror stories about the language and the difficulty of reaching people. Trying to learn Thai quickly has proved to be extremely difficult, but little by little it comes. And with the language comes friends, opportunities to share the Gospel, and a lot of fun. Just this past month we were able to share the Gospel with someone totally in Thai for the first time and it was like wind in our sails that encouraged us that it wont be long until we have the language ability to proclaim the Gospel in this desperate land *every week!* We cant wait to establish one of the

precious few churches in this needy land. Please pray that we could get to that end quickly.

-Phil, Lori, & Claire Bassham

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## How to Stay Uninvolved in Missions

- Do not look at the harvest fields John 4:35
- Do what everybody else is doing. Get a bigger salary, a better job, a better car and house, and a better retirement.
- Get married to someone who has no idea what it means to serve God, the Great Commission, or world evangelism. Get settled down, get a good job, and raise a beautiful family.
- Stay away from missionaries. Their testimonies and lifestyles will only make you uncomfortable and may cause you to think of living for someone besides yourself.
- If you happen to think of missions, think only of the very difficult places so you can feel good about not going. Don't listen to what they tell you about how to get into closed countries.
- Think about how bad a missionary you would make because of your past failures and lack of ability.
- Think only about missionaries as super talented, super spiritual people that sit on a pedestal otherwise you might feel guilty.
- Believe that you are indispensable where you are.
- Worry constantly about money.
- If you still feel like you must go then do so without the proper preparation that way you can fail and come home soon and no one will blame you for trying!

## The Our Generation Summit

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