



# MAP

## Missions Assessment Profile

*MAP your church's journey to maximum effectiveness in missions.*

### ACMC helps churches ...

The ACMC MAP is a culmination of years of experience with thousands of churches. We hope you find it useful and challenging to your church missions vision and ministries.

### How to Use This Profile

**1. Diagnostic Tool:** This ACMC MAP is now the third generation of a tool first developed in 1980 to help church leaders assess their progress in mobilizing their church for missions involvement. It has served to help many churches reflect on where they are in comparison to what a truly missions-mobilized church could look like. No church scores perfectly in all areas. Ideally all churches are in a growth process. This tool will help you assess where you are strong and where you are weak so you can strengthen your missions effectiveness and commitment. Print page 2 of this MAP on 11" x 17" paper. Make as many copies as you need.

**2. Group Assessment:** This tool is most effective when scored by the missions team and church leaders. After indicating where you believe your church stands in each of the 12 areas, either compile the results for analysis or discuss as a group where you find consensus and where there is disagreement. The discussion of your combined assessment can be very enlightening. Learn from each other so you can discern where God might be leading you.

**3. Scoring Your Profile:** Start at the left of each row. Put a checkmark in the box if your church fulfills that descriptor and move right to the next cell. When you come to a cell that you cannot check, go to the next row. Don't skip cells.

**4. Applying Your Profile:** Lasting change rarely occurs quickly. Most people and groups drastically overestimate what can be done in one year, and sadly underestimate what God can do in five years. Choose one area to focus on for the next year. Set a few clear goals and make consistent effort to reach those goals. Identify a few capable people who will commit to providing leadership in this area. Encourage them and hold them accountable. Watch what God will do!

### Getting Help

Visit [www.acmc.org](http://www.acmc.org) to get further help as you continue to navigate your church's mission to the world.

	Possibility	Project	Program	Priority	Purpose	Passion
Leaders			✓			
Missions Team			✓			
Strategy			✓			
Biblical				✓		
Education		✓				
Involvement				✓		
Prayer			✓			
Giving					✓	
Caring		✓				
Local Outreach			✓			
Short Term				✓		
Training				✓		

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**MISSIONS** is a . . .



**1 Possibility**

We hope to get involved in missions.  
**Our church COULD . . .**

**2 Project**

We are involved with a few missions projects.  
**Our church OCCASIONALLY . . .**

**3 Program**

Missions is a regular part of our ministry.  
**Our church REGULARLY . . .**

**4 Priority**

Missions is important in our church.  
**Our church GIVES PRIORITY TO . . .**

**5 Purpose**

Missions is seen as a primary responsibility.  
**Our church FOCUSES ON . . .**

**6 Passion**

Missions is integrated in the life of the whole church.  
**Our church makes MOST IMPORTANT . . .**

		1 Possibility	2 Project	3 Program	4 Priority	5 Purpose	6 Passion
<b>LEADERSHIP</b>	<b>Church Leaders</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Our church leaders would like to see our church support a missionary or do some missions activities.	<input type="checkbox"/> Our church leaders occasionally promote cross-cultural missions ministries.	<input type="checkbox"/> Our church leaders ensure our ongoing missions program has people to lead and promote it.	<input type="checkbox"/> The pastor and church leaders regularly give visibility to missions through platform time, preaching and missions events.	<input type="checkbox"/> The leaders of every church ministry are personally involved and have ministry goals that contribute to fulfilling the Great Commission.	<input type="checkbox"/> Fulfilling the Great Commission guides planning, hiring, budgeting, and celebrating for the leaders of every church ministry.
	<b>Missions Team</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Our church has people interested in starting a missions team.	<input type="checkbox"/> Our church has an individual or team that occasionally leads a missions project.	<input type="checkbox"/> Our church has a designated missions leadership team (or committee, board, etc.) that meets regularly.	<input type="checkbox"/> Our church missions team operates faithfully, strategically and effectively in carrying out the missions ministry.	<input type="checkbox"/> The church missions leadership team also educates and encourages all the ministries of the church in world missions.	<input type="checkbox"/> The church missions leadership team also assists church leaders and ministries to carry out productive roles in the Great Commission.
	<b>Strategy</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Our church gets involved when and where opportunities may come along.	<input type="checkbox"/> Our church looks for one or more missions projects or goals to adopt and complete each year.	<input type="checkbox"/> Our church develops annual goals and plans for missions involvement and growth.	<input type="checkbox"/> Our church has clear priorities and ambitious goals and plans for missions ministries.	<input type="checkbox"/> Our church is committed to specific field-based results and mobilization of resources to achieve them.	<input type="checkbox"/> Our entire congregation is fully committed and engaged in pursuing specific, strategic long-term results on the field.
<b>MOBILIZATION</b>	<b>Biblical Foundations</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Our church is open to teaching on the Biblical basis of missions.	<input type="checkbox"/> Our church sometimes has special meetings that communicate the Biblical basis of Missions.	<input type="checkbox"/> Our church has an annual or quarterly event that communicates the Biblical basis of missions.	<input type="checkbox"/> Our church frequently communicates the Biblical basis for missions by multiple means.	<input type="checkbox"/> Our church regularly communicates that God's glory proclaimed to all nations is a central purpose of the church.	<input type="checkbox"/> Our church actively seeks to help each individual study and understand God's heart for the nations from Scripture.
	<b>Education</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Our congregation is open to learning about missions.	<input type="checkbox"/> Our congregation has some awareness of missions through the projects we do.	<input type="checkbox"/> Missions is taught from the pulpit, in the classroom, and in small groups on special occasions.	<input type="checkbox"/> Missions is taught periodically through multiple venues to all age groups.	<input type="checkbox"/> Missions is taught regularly and faithfully through multiple venues to all age groups.	<input type="checkbox"/> Our church's commitment to the world is evident every week in multiple ways, especially through our leaders.
	<b>Involvement</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Some people in our church are interested in getting involved with missions.	<input type="checkbox"/> Individuals from our church occasionally get involved in a missions trip or project.	<input type="checkbox"/> Our church enlists individuals to assist in some missions emphasis or event annually or quarterly.	<input type="checkbox"/> Our church regularly promotes multiple opportunities for personal involvement in supporting and doing missions.	<input type="checkbox"/> The entire congregation is frequently urged to get personally involved in missions as a normal part of their Christian life and responsibility.	<input type="checkbox"/> The majority of our congregation have personal and active roles in missions.
<b>SUPPORT</b>	<b>Prayer</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Some people in our church pray for missionaries and cross-cultural ministries.	<input type="checkbox"/> Our church leaders occasionally share missions prayer needs.	<input type="checkbox"/> Our church has a regular means for presenting missions and missionary prayer needs to the congregation.	<input type="checkbox"/> Prayer for the nations from the pulpit and by other means is a regular weekly occurrence.	<input type="checkbox"/> Prayer for missions — specific missionaries, people groups, and world situations — is a normal, weekly part of the spiritual life of our congregation.	<input type="checkbox"/> Every ministry of the church prays for specific missions efforts and every individual is expected to pray for God's missionary work in the world.
	<b>Giving</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Our church may give occasional one-time gifts to missions.	<input type="checkbox"/> Our church raises money or has a budget line item for outreach projects each year.	<input type="checkbox"/> At least 10% of the church's total giving supports outreach outside of our church.	<input type="checkbox"/> Our church has annual goals for missions giving and gives at least 15% of total church income to missions ministries.	<input type="checkbox"/> Our church gives at least 25% of all non-building-fund giving to missions.	<input type="checkbox"/> Our church gives 33% or more of all general income to missions plus at least 10% of building or other capital fund giving.
	<b>Missionary Care</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Our church would be open to a caring involvement relationship with a missionary.	<input type="checkbox"/> Our church helps missionaries on a special case-by-case basis.	<input type="checkbox"/> Our church proactively seeks to discover and meet needs of missionaries we support.	<input type="checkbox"/> Our church builds strong supportive relationships with the missionaries with whom we are especially connected.	<input type="checkbox"/> Our church actively shepherds, resources, and cares for each of our missionaries beyond routine financial needs.	<input type="checkbox"/> Our church treats our missionaries with as much interest, assistance, and care as our local staff. We are committed to them and their ministries.
<b>SENDING</b>	<b>Local Outreach</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Our church desires to get involved in or support outreach beyond our local church ministries.	<input type="checkbox"/> Our church has done local evangelism and/or compassion projects in our community.	<input type="checkbox"/> Our church people participate in several local outreach-oriented ministries.	<input type="checkbox"/> Our church trains and deploys individuals in outreach ministries in our community and beyond.	<input type="checkbox"/> Our church intentionally and consistently equips and deploys individuals in local cross-cultural outreach ministries.	<input type="checkbox"/> Our church proactively trains and deploys all members in local ministries of all kinds. This is an expectation for every member.
	<b>Short Term</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Some may be interested in going on a short-term missions trip.	<input type="checkbox"/> People from our church occasionally go on mission trips, usually not organized by our own church.	<input type="checkbox"/> Our church does some pre-field training for church-sponsored trips each year.	<input type="checkbox"/> Our church mission teams effectively assist field ministries, expose the congregation to missions, and disciple the participants.	<input type="checkbox"/> Our church is seeing notable increases in missions prayer, giving and involvement resulting from our mission trips.	<input type="checkbox"/> Our church is seeing an increased number of mission mobilizers, candidates, and missionaries resulting from our mission trips.
	<b>Missionary Training</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Our church generally leaves missionary training up to external organizations.	<input type="checkbox"/> Our church personally encourages anyone who pursues missions as a vocation.	<input type="checkbox"/> Our church publicly recognizes and encourages those who feel called to missions and prays for God's direction in their lives.	<input type="checkbox"/> Our church recognizes and takes an active role in assisting and building those who are interested in a missions career.	<input type="checkbox"/> Our church encourages members to consider missions and maintains a regular program to track and assist the training of missionaries from our congregation.	<input type="checkbox"/> Our church actively challenges members to consider a missions career and requires church-based training for our own missionary candidates.