

Missions: Resources and Ideas

God has promised that He would purchase a people for Himself, out of every Tribe, Language, and Tongue (Rev 5:9; 7:9). God uses us (the Church) as a means to make that call (Matt 28:18-20). Being used as one of the means for God's promises being fulfilled is very exciting! The following list of resources and ideas will hopefully be a helpful tool for you as you consider how you (as an individual, Missions Organization, or Congregation) can best use your talents to serve God!

Praying

- RPGM Weekly Prayer Points: <https://www.rpglobalmissions.org/pray>
Subscribing to this prayer list will provide you with specific prayer requests and updates from our denomination's global mission fields. RPGM also hosts regular virtual prayer meetings (via RingCentral)
- Christian Witness to Israel: <https://www.cwina.org/>
God loves His people. And we long to see them grafted back in! (Rom 11:11-31)
- Unreached People Groups: <https://joshuaproject.net/>
The link above has several resources, including prayer updates. This can help us pray knowledgeably and with purpose as we remember God's promise that He will save a people for Himself out of every tribe, language, and tongue.
- Our Local Presbyteries and Congregations: RP Witness
RP Witness provides updates on a local level and also includes prayer requests.

Going (Local Church)

A resource I found helpful and encouraging in my personal evangelism is the book *Get Real: Sharing your everyday faith every day* by John Leonard. Even in my own mind, evangelism was starting to mean one thing: sharing the entire Roman Road presentation. Leonard highlighted that the gospel is for everyone, and sharing it doesn't need to look the same way, even shouldn't look the same way. Being able to contextualize the gospel to the individual, situation, relationship, etc is a more effective and natural form of evangelism.

Being involved in the community through outreach and charity/volunteer work is a way we can be a witness to the love of God. A few ideas that I got from a report from the mission societies in 1980:

- Community Bible Study
- Prayer, letters, and visitation to shut in's
- Volunteer Work
- Serving as a CMA (Congregational Missions Advocate)

Going (Global Church)

Consider whether or not God is calling you to serve by going.

How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? ... *Rom 10:14*

- Short Term Missions: <https://rpmissions.org/>
- Longer term: <https://www.rpglobalmissions.org/go-abroad>
- Perspectives Class: <https://www.perspectives.org/>

Sending

... And how are they to preach unless they are sent?

Rom 10:15b

We are all involved in missions and the great commission in one form or another, and one resource I found helpful in understanding that was *Serving as Senders* by Neal Pirolo. Those who go have a broad range of needs, and Pirolo broke them down into the following categories:

- Moral Support
- Logistics Support
- Financial Support
- Prayer Support
- Communication Support
- Re-entry Support