

GROWING YOUNG MISSIONARIES & MISSION PARTNERS

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Our goal in emphasizing missions to children and youth is not **just** to create an interesting unit or to help the missionary with a project, although these are part of it. Our goal is to so whet their interest and so incline their hearts that they themselves will become life-long supporters and pushers of missions, either as senders or as missionaries themselves.

To achieve this goal,

Children need to come to salvation themselves and learn to share the Gospel with others.

Children need to understand the Biblical basis for missions.

Children need a variety of active, interesting experiences with missions.

Children need to see missions emphasized continually in every part of the curriculum and the church program.

Children need to know missionaries personally.

Children need to learn that missions advance requires senders who give, pray, and encourage, as well as missionaries who go to another culture.

Children need to understand the variety of gifts God can use in missions.

Children need to see missions as one of the main reason for living.

Children need to begin to be active in missions now.

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