



# ATTRIBUTES OF A MISSIONS-MOBILIZED CHURCH

//CHURCH ASSESSMENT

## DIRECTIONS:

The attached "ATTRIBUTES OF A MISSIONS-MOBILIZED CHURCH" checklist has been designed based on AIMS' experience of mobilizing local churches for world missions over the past 30 years. By taking this quick "mission check-up" quiz, will help you evaluate the current missions status (activity) of your church.

The following are some guidelines for taking this assessment:

- Read each statement and respond by filling in the most appropriate number for your church. Don't think too long, the first number that comes to your mind is probably the best one.
- Add up your total and put the score in the space at the bottom of the page.
- **There is not a "pass" or "fail" score for this check-up.** The only way that any church can "fail" is to not obey God when He speaks about mobilizing further.
- Later, you can request your elders, deacons or missions committee to do this check-up together. Then, they can compare their scores and use this as a means for discussion.
- The twenty attributes are not arranged in any particular order of priority. In your thoughtful meditation and discussion, prioritize them yourself according to the need of your particular church. What are the most important things for your church to begin improving on first, second, etc.?
- The twenty attributes should funnel into the six "CRITERIA FOR A MISSIONS MOBILIZED CHURCH" . These six criteria are measurable; AIMS encourages every church to move towards fulfilling these criteria.

# Attributes of a Mobilized Church

QUICK MISSIONS CHECK-UP: Mark a number (0-5) for each attribute below: Then total the score

0 – no activity    5 – full involvement

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. Teaching on missions in sermons, missions newsletter, small groups, etc.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Regular intercessory prayer for the lost world, focusing on the unreached
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Missions advocacy team or fellowship group which meets at least monthly
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. Annual missions conference
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. Systematic financial involvement of congregation for missions (preferably Faith Promise)
- \_\_\_\_\_ 6. A focus on praise and worship that expresses the missionary heart of God and inspire the congregation to missions involvement
- \_\_\_\_\_ 7. Pastoral care for missionaries, including letters, phone calls, gifts, visits, email.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 8. Has a missions secretary or pastor/director
- \_\_\_\_\_ 9. Goals, objectives, and policies for the mission program are defined
- \_\_\_\_\_ 10. Local cross-cultural outreach
- \_\_\_\_\_ 11. Missions projects, such as church building or equipment purchasing
- \_\_\_\_\_ 12. Missions-minded pastor who travels to a mission field at least biannually, missions trips available to the congregation.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 13. Short-term outreaches for congregation's members and staff
- \_\_\_\_\_ 14. Identification and training of missionary candidates within congregation
- \_\_\_\_\_ 15. Career or "tentmaker" missionaries sent out and supported by church
- \_\_\_\_\_ 16. Program to reproduce/share your missions vision with other churches
- \_\_\_\_\_ 17. "Adoption" of (or preparing to adopt) an Unreached People Group
- \_\_\_\_\_ 18. Regular missionary guests
- \_\_\_\_\_ 19. The entire church "knows" the missionaries, not just pastors and church staff
- \_\_\_\_\_ 20. Vision of local church as a "missions base"
  
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Total**

**These 20 attributes help a church reach the six goals of:**

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| <b>1. Praying</b> | <b>2. Giving</b>    | <b>3. Ministering</b> |
| <b>4. Sending</b> | <b>5. Assisting</b> | <b>6. Cooperating</b> |