

RUNNING YOUR OWN LOCAL MISSIONS

SELECTING LOCATIONS

- Make sure you have enough leaders to accompany each mission
- Prepare some information for children about each mission and what is involved so that they can select which mission they would like to go on.
- Consider travel, if you are travelling to and from a location you will need to think about how long this takes and factor it into your planning.
- Select locations which are significant for your local community.
The 7 cultural mountains might form a good starting point:-
 - Education
 - Arts & Entertainment
 - Business
 - Family
 - Government
 - Media
 - Religion
- Make sure you have appropriate permission to visit locations, if possible connect with a significant person at the venue who can share some more information with the children.

PLANNING ACTIVITIES

- Try to find a different interactive prayer or declaration activity for each location. Some children will find it easier to engage using actions or activities rather than just words.

Drawing

- Use artwork to express prayers e.g. prophetic declarations of what the future will look like in an area which is being developed, pictures of people being healthy and whole who are currently sick or in need.
- Chalk can be used on outside areas such as pavements or concrete to write or draw prophetic declarations or words of blessing or encouragement.

Bubbles

- Blowing bubbles is a great way to pray for the release of Holy Spirit.

Gifts

- Gifts are a great way to share God's love and blessing with others e.g. Chocolate coins to represent God's provision or Medals to represent our significance to God.
- Mini bags of Haribo star mix can be used to represent the different ways in which God loves us. E.g. Bear (God's comfort), Heart (God's love), Ring (God's promises).

Words

- Written prayers or prophetic messages can form the basis of activities e.g. Creating your own newspaper headlines.

RUNNING YOUR DAY

It is good to start your day with a commissioning, dedicating the day to God, reminding the children of their significance and preparing them to go out on their missions. This could include a time of worship, prayers for each mission or prophetic activities e.g. preparing treasure hunt maps.

Give time for different groups to set off for their missions, complete missions and return. Some groups may need to leave earlier than others if they are travelling greater distances.

Upon returning give the groups time to share feedback of their time, give each mission opportunities to share testimonies of what they have seen and done and the ways that God spoke to them during their missions. Large sheets of paper where children can write or draw their own stories and experiences is a great way to collect this information. Pray for the missions they have been on and the impact they have had.

Finally be sure to look out for local news stories or events that are testimonies of the impact the missions have had. Feed this information back to the children so that they are aware of the way God has used them in their local area.