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1:8
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But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.

Acts 1:8



Your Mission

Becoming an Acts 1:8

Disciple who makes Christ known
locally and globally by:



Learning about missions



Praying for missions



Giving to missions



Going on mission



Learning

Learning about missions intentionally involves experiences that increase awareness and knowledge of missions. These learning experiences will help develop understanding, appreciation, attitudes, and skills for praying, giving, and going.

Ways to Learn about Missions

- Offer [missions discipleship age-level groups](#) in your church like Missions Friends, Children in Action, Acteens, and Women on Mission
- Host a missions event for children using TN WMU's [Kids Missions eXperience](#) (KMX) kit
- Listen to or show [Great Commission Conversation](#) videos highlighting state, North American, and international missions
- Use Compassion Ministries Serve Guides to learn more about meeting needs in your community
- [Attend training](#) to become a TN Baptist Disaster Relief volunteer
- Learn more about the [Cooperative Program](#), [Golden Offering for TN Missions](#), [Lottie Moon Christmas Offering](#), and [Annie Armstrong Easter Offering](#)
- Subscribe to the [Baptist & Reflector](#) to read stories related to missions
- Invite missionary speakers in person or via video call
- Include a missions moment in worship weekly or monthly by showing 1-3 minute videos by [NAMB](#) or [IMB](#)
- Post facts about missions and unreached people groups in church bulletins, emails, social media posts, etc.
- Provide teachable moments during hands-on missions projects
- Host a Bible study on the book of Acts to show the biblical basis for missions
- Read biographies of missionaries and missions leaders, such as [Look at What God Can Do](#)
- Host or attend a missions fair or conference
- Subscribe to the [Missions Mosaic](#) quarterly magazine (even if your church does not have a WMU)
- Subscribe to the [TN WMU newsletter](#) for upcoming events and mission focus ideas (even if your church does not have a WMU)



Praying

Praying for missions is communication with God on behalf of missions work, the people involved in doing it, and the people who need to know and accept God's redeeming love. Praying for missions may also include praying for Christian believers in places where there are few believers and where cultural differences make it difficult to effectively communicate the gospel.

Ways to Pray for Missions

- Utilize a [missionary prayer calendar](#) in daily intercessory prayer
- Promote and pray for missionaries during the Weeks of Prayer for [state](#), [North American](#), associational, and [international missions](#), providing prayer guides where applicable
- Utilize the [TBMB monthly prayer guide](#) for state ministries
- Sign up to be a [TBMB Prayer Intercessor](#)
- Participate in TN WMU's [Denver Prayer Advocacy](#) Partnership
- Sign up for prayer newsletters/emails from partners such as [NAMB](#) and [IMB](#)
- Utilize [52 Sundays](#), a weekly journal and prayer guide for churches
- Meet weekly in prayer group for missions
- [Pray for unreached](#) people groups
- Host a special study to teach people why and how to pray for missions
- Share missionary prayer prompts in church newsletters, weekly texts, social media sites, etc.
- Pray for specific missionaries and people groups
- Participate in on-site or virtual prayer walks
- Set up a prayer wall in your church to feature missionaries' pictures and prayer requests



Giving

Giving to missions involves providing financial support for mission work conducted by representative missions programs (international, North American, state, and association) for churches, through the Cooperative Program and missions offerings. People support missionaries, missions partners, and missions work through their giving and encouragement. People also support missions through emphasizing the need for individuals to become involved in mission service. Supporting missions is a practical way to participate in missions.

Ways to Give to and Support Missions

- [Cooperative Program](#)
- [Golden Offering for Tennessee Missions](#)
- [Lottie Moon Christmas Offering](#) for International Missions
- [Annie Armstrong Easter Offering](#) for North American Missions
- Support associational ministry initiatives
- Provide personal ministry for missionaries and their families
- Nurture individuals who respond to God's call to mission service
- [Leave a gift to God's mission](#) through your will, a trust, a Charitable Gift Annuity, 401K or other retirement plan, or through a life insurance policy



Going

Going on mission is doing redemptive, loving service for people of special need or circumstance in the name and spirit of Christ, and sharing the gospel with them. Doing missions is also responding to social and moral issues. To tell about Jesus is to share the gospel of Jesus Christ with another person and give that person an opportunity to confess Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord. Missions may be done locally, within the state, nationally, and globally.

Ways to Do Missions and Tell About Jesus

- Train and prepare to tell others about Jesus, including your personal testimony, gospel conversation, scripture distribution, mass evangelism, marketplace or lifestyle evangelism, tract distribution, etc.
- **Go Locally**
 - Plan a missions project that includes collecting items, going to the place of ministry to work, and sharing the gospel
 - [Partner with a local school](#)
 - Support a pregnancy resource center
 - [Minister to the incarcerated](#) in a local jail or prison
 - Start a [feeding ministry](#)
 - [Volunteer](#) with TN Baptist Disaster Relief teams
 - Support [Baptist Collegiate Ministries](#) by providing a meal or snacks for outreach events
 - Begin or volunteer at a [Christian Job Corps](#) site
- **Go Nationally**
 - [Denver Prayer Walking](#)
 - [Send TN opportunities](#) for college students
 - [Send Relief Ministry Centers](#)
- **Go Internationally**
 - Guatemala Baptist Convention, coordinated by [Volunteer Baptists International](#)
 - Seminary in Bonn, Germany
 - Ukrainian Refugee Ministry Initiative in Bonn, Germany
 - [Ministering to Internationals in Tennessee](#)

My Next Steps...



What things am I passionate about?

How does God want me to use my talents, gifts, and resources for his kingdom?

What can I share with my church that I have learned?

What step of obedience is God leading me to take now?

Contact the Missions Team at TBMB to help you on your Acts 1:8 journey.

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- tndisasterrelief.org
- tnwmu.org
- tnbaptist.org/ministries/compassion-ministries
- wmu.com