

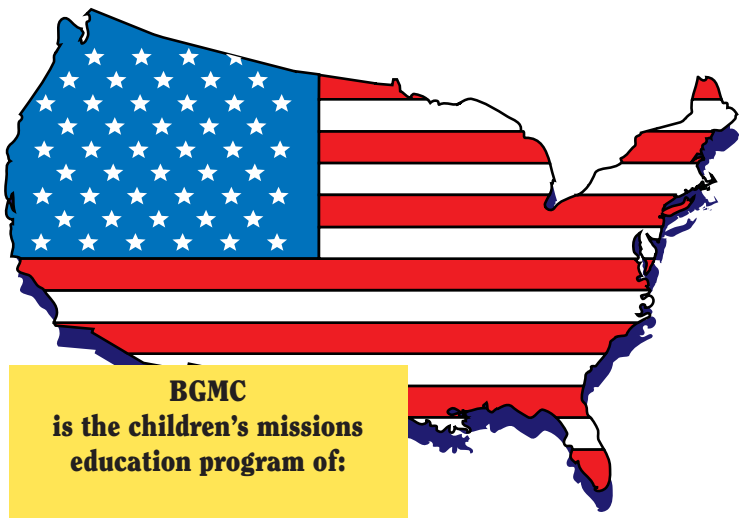


BGMC BOOKLET

MISSIONS TRIP

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BGMC MISSIONS TRIPS TO AMERICA

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Purpose:

- * To give kids the feel and experience of a missions trip while keeping them in the safety of the United States.
- * To give kids the opportunity to minister to others.
- * To raise significant missions dollars through BGMC for our missionaries.
- * To teach kids the value of hard work for Jesus.
- * To bless smaller churches in need of a helping hand.

hey, kids!



E-LIFE is all about challenging you to be a missionary to your school and community. It's part of BGMC's "Pray, Give, Go" focus—*going* to serve.

BGMC is also about missions trips—*going* to other communities nearby or elsewhere in the U.S.

Here's how a BGMC missions trip for kids works:

Kids raise their own funds and take an out-of-town trip to minister with a U.S. missions church or other needy ministry. The group spends one to two days at a location and then moves on to another. **This type of missions trip would be suitable for fifth and sixth graders.** At the children's pastor/leader's discretion, a fourth grader would be allowed to participate, depending on the child's maturity level.

Specifics:

- * A trip is scheduled to last from three days to one week.
- * Locations are chosen for a group of kids to travel to where they can be involved in ministry, possibly within 100–200 miles from your hometown. Locations are also chosen with sleep accommodations in mind. For example, all the boys sleep in sleeping bags at the church, and all the girls sleep at the pastor's home (or another church member's home).
- * Kids are given an amount they must earn. (Suggested amount: \$300.) The whole church gets involved helping these kids earn this money. Depending on the cost of the trip, one third of the amount raised goes toward the trip for food, gas, and activities, and up to two thirds of the amount raised goes toward BGMC. Remember that not only are you raising money so you can go minister, you are also raising money so that our missionaries, in foreign countries and in the U.S., can do the work to which God has called them. Kids who earn their \$300 should begin to help others raise their \$300.

The trip can include:

- Cleaning, painting, fixing churches or church parsonages. Mowing lawns, trimming hedges, planting flowers, etc. (Note: Each trip would have several adult sponsors going along. These adult sponsors would handle power equipment with the kids working on the jobs they can do.) Ask businesses if they would like to contribute/donate paint, flowers, grass seeds, fertilizer or any other supplies that you may need.
- Handing out flyers to the community inviting people to an evening rally.
- Ministering during the evening service. Kids can perform human videos, sing songs, give their testimonies, etc.



During the trip, different fun events could be planned. Go roller-skating at midnight. Go backwards bowling where every one must bowl backward. Go swimming. Watch a late night movie with kids from the local church. This entire event could be one that changes you forever. God could very well speak to you about committing your life to full-time missions work.

***The trip will certainly open your eyes to the world around you—
a world that needs Jesus.***

Reasons to do a BGMC Missions Trip for kids

It is a very positive event for kids because:

- * You will learn the value of earning your way on a missions trip.
- * You will learn the value of ministering to others.
- * You will learn that there is a missions field right here in the United States.

It is a very positive event for the church because:

- * They are planting the seeds of God's missionary calling into the heart of a kid.
- * They are preparing a kid for a lifetime of service.
- * They have been a blessing to small churches in need of help throughout their district.
- * They are creating a natural link from kids' BGMC trips to Youth AIM trips to Adult MAPS trips.

It is a very positive event for the parents because:

- * They know their kids are learning about missions in a safe and secure environment here in the United States.
- * They are teaching their kids it is more blessed to give than to receive.
- * They are teaching their kids that God loves the whole world.

Local Kids' BGMC Missions Trip

The design of this type of event allows younger kids to participate. This event also allows kids to go home each night.

Kids' Missions Week:

Each day of the week go to:

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| ✓ Nursing home | ✓ Hospital |
| ✓ Indian reservation | ✓ Inner-city work |
| ✓ Boys' and girls' home | ✓ Orphanage |

On a couple of days, after your missions activities, plan a fun event to conclude the afternoon. You could also plan a giant fun event for the last day.

Ask your children's pastor or leader how you can take a BGMC missions trip!