

FOCUS TEAM
MINISTRY DESCRIPTIONS
Local Level

DISCIPLING FOCUS TEAM

PURPOSE:

Mentoring and involving all people, including children and youth, to make Christlike disciples in the nations.

MINISTRY DESCRIPTION FOR LOCAL DISCIPLING FOCUS TEAM: (DUTIES & RESPONSIBILITIES)

To develop missionally minded young people who are committed to participating in God's mission at home and abroad through mentoring relationships and godly examples, and to provide opportunities for these young people to actively participate in God's mission *now*.

KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, AND ABILITIES REQUIRED:

A mission mentor must only be someone who:

- is committed to Christ and participating in God's mission locally and abroad
- loves young people and wants to see them grow in their faith and become an active member of Christ's church
- is willing to give of their time and energy in order to see this young person grow and develop

ACCOUNTABILITY/WORKING RELATIONSHIP:

Develop an intentional relationship with a child, teen or young adult who

- is feeling a call to ministry/cross-cultural missions and/or
- wants to be a global Christian, even if not formally on the mission field. Particular attention should be given to those who demonstrate a proclivity for ministry/missions and who demonstrate a serious commitment to their faith.

The local Mission Call Coordinator is to partner with the District Discipling Team by providing contact information for those young people being discipled and by encouraging those young people to join with the both the local church and District for both spiritual formation and ministry.

SUGGESTED IDEAS:

- Grab a group of people at church and begin to pray for the young people in your church. Pray specifically that God will raise up Christian pastors and

missionaries.

- Discover and invite! Who are those young people in your church that are feeling a call to ministry and/or a missional lifestyle? Invite them out for a Coke to talk about life, the future, etc. Don't forget to listen.
- Find simple, practical ways these "mentorees" can be a part of ministry at the local church level. Walk alongside them throughout the experience.
- Save a few meaningful devotionals and inspiring stories that you can share when appropriate. The goal isn't to teach them everything you know, but rather to encourage them as they develop their own relationship with the Lord. Their journey will be different than yours.
- Develop a "mission - minded club" - say on facebook - where they would be able to share stories with each other and get to know other missions minded young people.
- Encourage these young people in creative ways, i.e. text messages, facebook notes, even an old-fashioned note in the mail. Remind them that they are not alone on their journey.
- Don't let your relationship with these young people end at graduation. Keep that contact and rejoice in all that God is doing in their lives. You are making an eternal investment in these young people's lives.
- Consider developing Twitter communication to send out information concerning special needs around your city for M.M.G. (Mission Minded Groupies) so they can come and serve with special projects or compassionate ministry needs.