

FOCUS TEAM
MINISTRY DESCRIPTIONS
Local Level

PRAYING FOCUS TEAM

PURPOSE:

Interceding for leaders and churches and for the Holy Spirit to draw all people to Christ.

MINISTRY DESCRIPTION FOR DISTRICT PRAYER FOCUS TEAM: (DUTIES & RESPONSIBILITIES)

To inspire the local church to intercede for the global church through prayer and fasting by:

- * Encouraging the local church to pray and fast for global needs
- * Providing those global needs to the local church
- * Participating in local prayer and fasting opportunities
- * Attending local council meetings

KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, AND ABILITIES REQUIRED:

- * A desire to pray and intercede on behalf of global church
- * An understanding of prayer and fasting and their benefit to the world
- * The ability to search out creative ideas to promote prayer and fasting in the local church

ACCOUNTABILITY/WORKING RELATIONSHIP:

- * Responsible to the local pastor, NMI president & council
- * To work with the local pastor, NMI president & council, and church

SUGGESTED IDEAS:

- * Organize a "Concert of Prayer" for a specific world area (e.g., the 10/40 Window) or global need (e.g., persecuted Christians, disaster area). Use the format for the 2010 District Leadership Conference to help (available on website).
- * Order prayer and fasting brochures and envelopes. Challenge the congregation to fast one meal a day during World Week of Prayer (handing out brochures and envelopes at that time) and to spend that time in prayer for the day's specific world area. The money saved on meals will be taken in a special offering to go to a NCM need.
- * Create a large bulletin board in a central location sharing information about the International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church. Share stories, needs, etc. Plan a special time of prayer for the persecuted church on that day.
- * Utilize your church bulletin and/or newsletter to post prayer line requests/needs. Encourage your congregation to pray daily for these needs.
- * Encourage your church to pray for missionaries on their birthday by putting a brief bio in the bulletin, noting special needs and/or prayer requests.