

# MISSIONS & YOU

## 6 WAYS TO BE INVOLVED IN MISSIONS

*Jesus said – “Go and make disciples of all nations...” –  
Matthew 28:19 (The Great Commission)*

- *"The Great Commission is not an option to be considered; it is a command to be obeyed." -  
J. Hudson Taylor, founder of OMF International.*

As Christians, we are called by the Lord to participate in reaching people from every tribe, tongue and nation. All Christians everywhere - not just missionaries - are called to this great task.

Here are Six Ways to Get Involved with the God's work among the nations: going, praying, sending, welcoming, mobilizing and learning. Find your roles and get involved! Think about how you can serve God now and in the future.

**1) PRAY:** In the ongoing work of the Kingdom of God, nothing is more important than intercessory prayer. Interceding, or talking to God about the needs of other people, is a vital activity to growing God's church. Commit to praying for a specific missionary, ministry, or people group (II Thessalonians 3:1).

Adopt-A-Missionary – Pick up an Info Package and then sign up. We will help you.

- Get Prayer Letters from Mission workers – either directly or from Missionary Letter Rack
- Choose a few Missionaries from your bookmark – pray for them.
- Join a Prayer group (or start a new one) at Bramalea Baptist
- Get a copy of the book, Operation World and pray for a country a day.
- Prayer Walk, in Brampton, in Toronto in other parts of the world.
- Get Global Prayer Digest. ([www.global-prayer-digest.org](http://www.global-prayer-digest.org))

**2) SEND:** Often lost in the going of missions is the sending. Missionaries do not just go overseas: God's people send them. As we so often find throughout the New Testament, the sending and going relationship is one of interdependence: the sender needs the one who goes, and the one who goes needs the sender. Intentionally send missionaries through encouragement, logistical support, and financial giving (Romans 10:15).

- Bramalea Baptist supports 30 + Mission workers. Give sacrificially to the Mission fund.
- Support of Global Mission Celebration Projects.
- Again, Adopt-A-Missionary or two. Show you care in a personal involved way.
- Support long-term and short-term workers

**3) WELCOME:** Over 700,000 students from 207 countries have come to North America to study. Of these, 60% come from the least reached parts of the world. God can use you in cross-cultural ministry in Brampton and greater Toronto right now. Find a local English class or international student group to serve during the years these future leaders live in your neighbourhood.

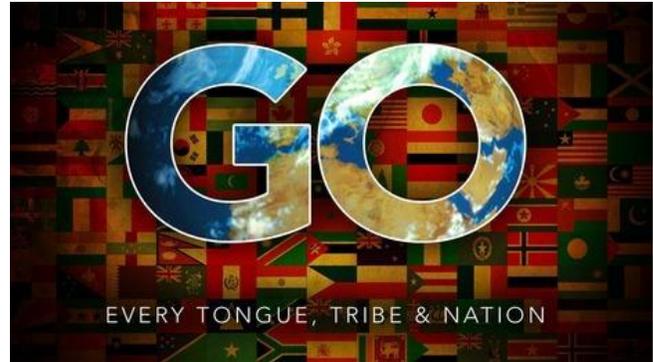
- Get involved with the ICAN centre right here at Bramalea Baptist.
- Invite someone into your home from another culture from within Bramalea Baptist Church
- Invite someone into your home from another culture from your street or community. Make an effort; it's easy!
- Visit and help out at ICAN, or Matthew House (<http://www.matthewhouse.ca>) or Adam House ([info@adamhouse.org](mailto:info@adamhouse.org))
- InterVarsity (who BBC supports) would be glad to help you get involved with International Students.
- Want a real commitment – move into an ethnic neighbourhood intentionally to reach Newcomers.
- Visit a temple, a mosque, a gudwara

**4) GO:** Have you heard glamorous stories of missionary jungle life? What about tales of extreme risk, suffering, and faith that seem well beyond the capacity of the average Christian? God doesn't call super-Christians to be missionaries; he calls you to live for him in another place. For some, this is just for a few weeks on a short-term trip. He gives others the opportunity for deep impact and strong relationships through many years of life in another country. Give God freedom to place you overseas for as long as he chooses (Luke 4:43).

- Short-term opportunities: 2 weeks to 6 months; many opportunities during summers, including vision trips
- Mid-term opportunities: 1 to 3 years
- Long-term opportunities: 3 years or longer

**Next steps:**

- Talk to one of our pastors
- Ask a Mission Committee Member for help: [info@bramalea.org](mailto:info@bramalea.org)
- Considering Mid life career change – check out [www.finisherscanada.ca](http://www.finisherscanada.ca)
- Take a Vacation-with-a-Purpose.
- Visit the annual MissionFest Toronto



**5) MOBILIZE:** Picture yourself trying to build a new house. Would your first few days of work be more strategically used cutting wood or finding committed friends to build with you? Mobilization is drawing others into the work of building God's church. It's so much more about steadily encouraging people you know than it is about speaking at a conference. Share the vision God has given you with people you know (Luke 10:2).

- Talk to others; share your story, your passion. Excite and motivate others
- Volunteer at Bramalea Baptist – check out the IN Volunteering at BBC Sheets in the church foyer. Call the office
- Volunteer at one of the many Mission and Christian organizations in the local area.
- Prayer is Mobilizing; join a prayer group.
- Lead a Bible study, Sunday school class, etc.
- Help out with The Perspectives Study Program.
- Join our Bramalea Baptist World Mission Team

**6) LEARN:** Explore and study what God has stirred up in your heart. Equip yourself to be fully successful in the mission's ministries God gives you. There are excellent resources available in every area of mission involvement, just like the training you received for your career. Take a class or read a book to strengthen your ministry.

- Many great books in our BBC Library and at your local Christian bookstore.
- Email us for a list of great Mission Books; [info@bramaleabaptist.org](mailto:info@bramaleabaptist.org)
- Take a Perspectives Class – [www.perspectivescanada.org](http://www.perspectivescanada.org). Come as a guest to check it out, no obligation.
- Take courses at a Bible school, either on-line or in person. Many to choose from.

How many of these opportunities is God giving to you right now? Are there any of these Six Ways to Get Involved that you see God preparing you to do in the future?

**Contact us with any questions: [info@bramaleabaptist.org](mailto:info@bramaleabaptist.org)  
Whatever you do, do something. It is Gods Mandate to Us!**