

Mission Plan

STAGE 3 – INTERMEDIATE: FOLLOW-ON WORK FROM STAGE 2

TIME FRAME: ENVISAGED SEPTEMBER 2012 – AUGUST 2015

<u>Mission Method</u> Planned method of carrying out Mission	<u>Baseline position</u> Where we are now?	<u>Targets to be achieved</u> Where do we want to go and why?	<u>Approaches to be used</u> How will we get there?
Publications to spread our witness beyond those attending Church	<p>The weekly church bulletin is distributed to some non-church goers by some members of the congregation, and is sent by email to others with an interest in receiving it. It contains no material relevant to mission.</p> <p>No other literature is distributed outside the congregation.</p>	<p>A regular newsletter should be produced, with the purpose of witnessing to those outside the church. It should contain general interest items to make it attractive to non-Christians, as well as specific articles related to the need and process of salvation.</p> <p>The church should produce a free calendar annually to be distributed in the community.</p>	<p>Workers will be required to produce the newsletter.</p> <p>Quality content is essential. It should include general interest articles, scripture reading, testimonies etc.</p> <p>A distribution system will also need to be set up. Additionally it should be circulated to all families in the congregation with a request to pass it on to friends outside the church.</p>

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Update the Church Internet Site, with a focus on Mission	<p>The church has a text based internet site which gives a small amount of information about the church.</p> <p>It does not contain any useful mission material.</p>	<p>The church will have an attractive internet site which contains not only church information but also mission based material.</p> <p>The site should challenge people spiritually and give them an understanding of the gospel.</p> <p>It will have links to other Christian sites which may be useful to readers.</p> <p>Recordings of church services will be available for download on the site.</p>	<p>One person with the necessary skills (the webmaster) needs to maintain the internet site.</p> <p>The webmaster may not have the spiritual maturity and confidence to write content and plan overall design.</p> <p>Others in the church need to have responsibility to regularly review the website, provide ideas for improvement and also to provide suitable content to the webmaster. Content could include outreach articles and testimonies.</p>
Special events on various themes for evangelism	<p>The church occasionally holds special events (Harry Ferguson night, art exhibition, bike show, antiques fair etc), but most of these are designed as fund raising events for various church causes.</p>	<p>The church will try to organise 1 or 2 special events each year where mission is the main purpose. These events should be free to those attending, with the church meeting all costs.</p> <p>Organisers of fund raising events in church premises will be asked to incorporate a degree of mission within their events.</p>	<p>Members of the congregation will be encouraged to come up with ideas for mission based special interest events.</p> <p>Consider assistance from outside organisations. (e.g. – Faith Mission and Christians in Sport.)</p>

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Employ Community/Youth Worker to assist in evangelism both inside the congregation and to assist in outreach work in the wider community	The church does not have a youth worker or community worker.	The church will employ a youth/community worker to assist in the leadership of the Youth Fellowship, in other work within the congregation and also in evangelism projects in the wider community. May be a full or part-time post.	Suitable enthusiastic Christian with a vision for mission to be recruited. Sufficient funding to be provided. Job description important.
Hold a Gospel Mission	The church last held a Gospel Mission 15 years ago.	The church will run a one-off one or two week Gospel Mission during the lifespan of this stage of the plan. This must not be seen as the culmination of the mission plan, only as one tool in many in the ongoing work of the church in evangelism.	This event is more likely to reach out to non-Christians if it is not held in church premises. This will require a lot of advance planning and will need a dedicated planning team. Careful selection of speakers, music etc.