

## Mobilizing the Church for World Outreach

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According to the most accurate figures, there are approximately 10,000 “mainstream” churches of Christ in America. These 10,000 churches support approximately 506 missionary families. That means that it takes 20 churches to support one missionary family.

Even when limiting our calculations to the 1,394 churches that have 200 or more members, it still means that it takes nearly 3 of these churches to support one missionary family. We praise God for every missionary-sending congregation but it is clear that more congregations need to participate in the global expansion of the Christian faith.

Most supporting congregations do an adequate job of overseeing and encouraging their missionaries. Yet, a number of missions leaders believe that the lack of knowledge and know-how on the part of sponsoring churches may be the weakest link in our missions endeavors. Missions Resource Network believes strongly that local churches should be the stewards of world missions and is dedicated to providing the needed resources to increase their expertise in missions.

These resources include numerous articles and materials that can be downloaded from our website, several helpful publications available from MRN, including The Missions Handbook recently penned by Dr. Philip Slate.

The heart of MRN's Church Equipping training program is the "Missions Power for Your Local Church" workshop. This seminar focuses on helping churches evaluate their missions performance, design a two-year work plan, and create a passion for missions in the congregation. MRN also provides additional workshops and consultation services to assist churches in developing and implementing missions-focused programs. Contact us...we can help you!

Missions Resource Network exists to increase the number of churches that actively participate in missions. We are doing this for churches all across the country and in select churches overseas. It is who we are.

If you want to partner with us to help churches be more faithful in spreading the good news of Christ around the world, your gifts will be appreciated. Your investment will enable local churches to be much more strategic and effective in global outreach.