

Kids and Family Ministry Missions

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Goal: To equip and train families for intergenerational mission work throughout the globe.

Training and Equipping

***Training comes from doing-** much of what we use to train for mission work begins by doing smaller scale mission projects through our local church:

Children's Ministry- We complete service projects three to four times a year that allow Children the opportunity to share their gifts and talents with others. These projects allow us to teach on the importance of using our gifts to reach others for Christ.

Youth Ministry- Locally, teens help with quarterly service projects to build a confidence in serving others. We also offer opportunities for mission trips that allow teens to begin to build a global worldview of missions.

Family Ministry- We're working to build a program that would prepare parents and their children/teens for mission projects together

***Training programs we have used are:**

Awana Go: The Awana Go program is designed to help kids and families reach kids all over the globe. The program teaches on different cultures and includes stories from children in many countries. They also share ways to raise funds to accomplish mission goals. The Awana Go program also encourages family conversation and goals in regards to mission work.

Awana: The Awana program contains 4 weeks of mission-focused training for the Sparks and T&T programs. The curriculum discusses what it means to be a missionary and directs kids to connect with current ministry projects their church already supports.

Children's Ministry Deals: Children's Ministry Deals offers an 8-week curriculum on Missions. The lessons teach on 7 different countries and then a final "Wherever you are" lesson. Each week includes a lesson on Paul and his missionary journeys while also helping kids connect to what it means to reach others with Jesus' love.