

MISSION CO-ORDINATOR

Matthew 28; 19

“Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father, Son and of the Holy Spirit and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded”

Revelation 7; 9 gives us an amazing insight into what God wants and desires for the world to be worshippers of him

“After this I looked and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and in front of the lamb”

We see from these verses God’s concern for the world throughout the Bible. therefore as a CU we are seeking to be concerned for what God is concern about. That is why the CU encourages interest and participation in God’s mission in the world.

What does a mission secretary do?

- Seek to convey in the CU the vision of God’s heart for the people of our world
- Seek to enthuse the rest of the CU to pray and be involve in God’s world mission
- Keep reminding the CU exec to promote God's work globally through the term plans and events.
- Interject world wide & international concern into CU life (prayer, teaching, Bible study, Freshers Week, missions etc.).
- Cultivate international awareness by having special mission awareness evenings and prayer events.
- Encourage CU members to go on summer mission teams- Ukraine, Encounter & Tearfund etc.

See also the International secretary profile.

Ideas... How might you bring the international or world concerns to the CU?

- ⇒ Using IFES prayer leaflets such as IPN, student movements across Europe, local CU websites
 - ⇒ To keep the CU aware of the wider world and what is happening
 - ⇒ To bring prayer material on other student movements and the work of God in further fields.
 - ⇒ To host seminars on Islam, Hinduism and Buddhism etc.
 - ⇒ To help with mission awareness nights- getting a range of missionary organisations and getting the CU to engage in God’s bigger picture
 - ⇒ How can the mission secretary help with cultivating a CU that is mission orientated and engaged in? Teaching programme, prayer nights
 - ⇒ Are there CU graduates or particular projects that the CU could adopt as regards keeping a mission focus? Adopt a country, CU or missionary. IFES Ireland has a link with CCX Ukraine – think about ways of supporting the work there (more details from your Staff Worker). Support ex-CU members who are working overseas of other missionaries you have links with, why not support your Relay Worker. Encourage CU to support them financially; also make regular contact with them (letters, emails) to get prayer points and news, and to let them know what’s happening in CU. Think about how you can encourage CU members to use this information to pray – give out prayer cards or set aside time in the main meeting or prayer meeting. Also encourage Small Groups to pray internationally.
 - ⇒ Recommend books, videos etc. with a mission focus to CU, and have them available on the bookstall. A very useful resource is the Operation World Book which gives
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information on every country and has up to date facts and prayer points. Mission biographies are excellent in helping people to focus for example: C T Stubbs, Robert Murray McCheyne, Lillas Trotter, Jim Elliot.

- ⇒ By buying a national newspaper and praying for the world through the use of articles.
- ⇒ The other major part of your job is to encourage CU members to get involved in overseas work, short term and long term. Again there are lots of things you can do, for example:
- ⇒ Organising special mission evenings (or co-operating in regional mission events). Invite local missionary organisations to come along and promote their summer and long term teams. Think carefully about timing – too soon and people won't have started thinking about the summer, too late and people may have already organised things to do. February or March is a good time. Play the structure of the evening – it probably won't be possible for every organisation to speak about their work, so try to get a range of countries and different types of work. Refer to MAP (Mission Agencies Partnership – Ireland).
- ⇒ Encourage CU to get involved in IFES teams; these are specifically for students, and are designed to promote both mission and maturity. They are a good way to support CUs in other countries.
- ⇒ Throughout the year, ask people who've been on teams to report back on what they've learned.
- ⇒ Get names of people who are going away for the summer, and details of what they're doing. Then link each person with someone who is staying at home and could pray for them while they're away. Alternatively, use the information to compile an summer prayer journal/diary for your CU.

There are lots of resources for mission – you're likely to have the biggest post bag of all of exec! You'll probably be on the mailing list of most missionary organisations. Try to keep the information up to date, and throw out any old leaflets, otherwise you'll end up with huge piles of paper!!

If you need advice on general resources (books, videos etc.), speak to your Staff Worker.

You may not be able to implement all the ideas above, and you'll probably have more of your own, so be creative and think about what will work. Again, speak to your Staff Worker if you want more ideas.
