



## Mission Grant Report Form

Iowa District West

Grant recipients are asked to complete and submit the report form within one month of the completion of the effort or, if a continuing ministry, by January 31 of the following year in which the grant is received. Please submit any pictures, as well, that would help to share the story with other congregations to encourage them in their ministry.

1. Please provide a brief overview of the effort.

A District Operation Barnabas Conference was held at Carroll, Iowa on September 28, 2013. Special speakers were brought in to inform and motivate individuals, congregations, and circuits to be involved with Ministry to the Armed Forces.

2. What goals were established for this effort; that is, what did you hope to accomplish?

- Inform people about Ministry to the Armed Forces specifically Operation Barnabas
- Motivate individuals, congregations, and circuits to get involved with Ministry to the Armed Forces
- Share ideas from active congregations and circuits

3. Did you achieve your goals? If not, what do you think were some of the contributing factors?

Yes we did achieve the goals. Reports from individuals who attended indicated an appreciation for the event and a desire to learn more. We had individuals from all over the District in attendance!

4. Is there anything you would do differently if you were to undertake this effort again?

No, in fact we are planning another conference this coming September and hope to use some of the remaining monies from this grant to help fund it. One thing that we will do differently is that we will allow for more table talk time.

5. What lessons were learned through this effort?

There is a strong desire to learn about and become involved in ministry to the Armed Forces. Information on "how to" needs to be shared. More time one on one in and with congregations could greatly increase the number of congregations involved with Operation Barnabas.

6. What suggestions would you give to a congregation considering a similar effort?

Motivational speakers, good publicity, and time for people to share is important.

7. Contact person

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