



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.
Our goal was to reach out to our community with the love of Jesus and being a witness. We hosted events such as a Fourth of July parade, free concert in the church (gospel singers), "Trunk or Treat," and an Easter egg hunt combined with the story of Jesus.
2. What goals were established for this effort; that is, what did you hope to accomplish?
To provide positive ways St. Paul and its members could connect with unchurched members. Members had chip clips and magnetic clips with church service times to pass out to friends and neighbors, resulting in some visits to our church. We also encouraged the preschool children to attend services with their families and had many non-members families come. We had children from preschool participate in our Christmas program. We tend to have one to two families a year become members through the preschool.
3. Did you achieve your goals? If not, what do you think were some of the contributing factors?
Yes, we had many community people attend our various events and church. We had some of the preschool children come to Sunday school.
4. Is there anything you would do differently if you were to undertake this effort again?
We plan to continue what we have been doing with several new ideas to bring new people to our church. We are now planning events to reach out to the community; they will be revealed in next year's grant application.
5. What lessons were learned through this effort?
Keep doing what works and keep looking for new ways to draw people to our church. We are making a difference in our community.
6. What suggestions would you give to a congregation considering a similar effort?
Be friendly to everyone; greet all who enter your church and have a conversation with them. Show people you care and show the love of Jesus to them.

7. Contact person

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