



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.

This is an usual outreach project. We feel it is a very much need one. Going after the lost and missing members of the church.

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

The evangelism board came up with going after the missing members. Since it's the elders job to contact these missing members we talked to the elder board about our idea.

Since a lot of people think an elder visit is applying pressure on them for missing church. So we thought of having members who are or were friends of the missing members go visit them.

It was very important to get the elders on board and oversee the mission. We wanted to bring them a bag of goodies to let them know they were missed.

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

We then prepared a list of names to go visit. We went through the attendance sheets and see who hadn't picked up their giving envelopes. Also we had the elders go over the list.

Then we had a list and passed it around in the adult Sunday school class. We asked members of the class to sign on to a name or names they know and would visit.

We had 33 households to visit who still lived in Ames.

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

5. What lessons were learned through this effort?

Ask for guidance from God and pray the Holy Spirit will open their hearts to us.

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

Be kind and loving and say we miss you and here is a present for you. Don't intrude on them, you may ask if they have any prayer concerns.

If not just say we miss them and be on your way. Some invited us in and we had a good talk. Remember the Holy Spirit will work on their hearts and we can only do so much.

7. Contact person

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