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.

- Please provide a brief overview of the effort.
 Our outreach effort was to host monthly movie nights for the community around Farnhamville.
- 2. What goals were established for this effort; that is, what did you hope to accomplish? To give the congregation members opportunities to witness to their faith in Jesus Christ in a casual, non-hostile event. Also, to get the generations together to share their own culture with each other.
- 3. Did you achieve your goals? If not, what do you think were some of the contributing factors?
 We have hosted events and plan to continue hosting them. We are still struggling with getting the generations to come together, unless it is a movie for the younger crowds.
 People have been invited to worship, Bible studies, and other events by some of the members that have attended.
- 4. Is there anything you would do differently if you were to undertake this effort again? Cast the vision in the congregation differently so they know better what the goals of the nights are. Ask for more information from the target audiences BEFORE starting things off. God's Not Dead was great as a starter for the event but after that we found that it was a struggle to find movies that people wanted to see.
- 5. What lessons were learned through this effort? It was much more helpful to tie the movie event with something else from outside the congregation (ie. Mother's Day, Father's Day, etc.) So plan the nights around something else. We are even talking about co-hosting events as fundraisers for community groups like the firefighters and EMTs and the Legion.
- 6. What suggestions would you give to a congregation considering a similar effort? Instead of simply relying on the CVLI license, which you can't hardly advertise, use a Thrivent Action Team card to help supplement the license for more topical movies. They seem to reach more people than some of the popular movies that are out there.

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