

“Bottlenecks in Starting Missionary Programs”
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A Missiological Dialogue

What are the main obstacles to organizing a missionary sending agency?

- Lack of Vision
- Lack of Prayer
- Lack of Knowledge (i.e. what steps should be taken to start a missionary program) (What should we do?)
- Lack of Support from denominational leaders
- Lack of Stable Missions Leadership (Critical Mass)
- Lack of Disciplines
- Lack of Cooperation

How can the bottlenecks be overcome?

What actions need to be taken?

- Foment vision- (PRAY! Preach the Word, Missionary Stories, contemporary opportunities and challenges
UPGs, short terms missions participation.)
- Educate- biblical basis of missions, missionary disciplines, missionary realities.
- Create organizational structures (make clear pathways to participation)
- Accountability

In what ways can the WMC/PWF facilitate the start of missionary programs?

- Inspire – In what ways? Preaching/Advising by visiting WMC members/ Print and media resources,
create space for the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of Missions to move. PRAY!
- Educate – Provide resources and learning experiences (create space) to enable national leaders capture
and commit to God’s missionary vision for their community of faith and sphere of influence.
Provide
models of organization but allow indigenous forms to emerge.
- Connect – Create means to foment relationships that lead to partnership (Network, visit from WMC,
coordinate short terms missions activities.
- Challenge/Accountability – Communicate: Can do it. Must do it. Periodically: Are you doing it?