

PLANNING AND PROMOTING MISSION VBS AND BACKYARD KIDS CLUBS

Actions to Take as Associational Mission VBS

Director:

- 1. Understand your duties as Mission VBS Director.**
 - Evaluate your role in light of the list of duties and other expectations communicated to you. Recognize the importance of your assignment.

- 2. Enlist and train an associational mission VBS team.**
 - Enlist at least three age-group conference leaders (preschool, children, and student) to complete your team.
 - Seek to enlist team members with experience in mission VBS and/or Backyard Kids Clubs and experience in teaching their target age groups.
 - Check with the Associational VBS Director or Director of Missions to be certain that materials needed have been ordered. When the requested materials arrive, distribute to training team members.
 - Check with your state VBS promoter to see if age-group mission VBS training conferences or Spanish conferences will be offered at the state VBS clinic. Inquire about any other mission VBS training through which your workers can receive training/help.

- 3. Develop, along with your team, a mission VBS strategy for the association.**
 - Identify ethnic, language, or socioeconomic groups as well as specific areas (such as inner city areas, multi-family housing communities, and subdivisions) that are not being reached by any church VBS.
 - Enlist churches to adopt at least one target area or group.
 - Survey churches to offer assistance in planning and conducting a Backyard Kids Club or mission VBS.

- 4. Conduct an associational Backyard Kids Club/mission VBS training clinic (or lead such conferences at the associational VBS clinic).**
 - By providing a separate Backyard Kids Club/mission VBS clinic, you may be able to offer training for those who will conduct both VBS and Backyard Bible Clubs/mission VBS.
 - Encourage groups planning to go on mission trips during the year to attend a training clinic. Conduct such clinics later in the spring on a Saturday so that youth mission teams can attend.

- 5. Keep in touch and follow up with churches as they conduct their projects.**
 - Encourage churches to identify prospects for Sunday School and to conduct intentional follow-up activities following a mission VBS or Backyard Kids Club.

6. Encourage churches to report their successes.

- Lead churches to combine all of their Backyard Kids Clubs and mission VBSs with their traditional church VBS and include them on a single VBS Report.
- List the church name on the report as the congregation that conducted or hosted the mission VBS/Backyard Kids Club. For church plants and missions, fill the report under the sponsoring church's name.
- Personally contact and commend churches that conduct Backyard Kids Clubs and mission VBS projects.
- Summarize all activities at the conclusion of the last event and file away forms for use in planning for next year.