

# MISSIONS PASSIONATE CHURCH

How do we measure up

MAP

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# Background

- After a 28 year career in Life & Health Insurance and Reinsurance joined ACMC in 2002 and now serve as the Great Lakes regional director.
- Member of Faith Missionary Church for over 27 years, serving in various roles including Missions & Elders chairman.
- Two children (boys), six and 1/2 grandchildren (two boys four girls, one on the way).



# About ACMC

## Advancing Churches in Missions Commitment

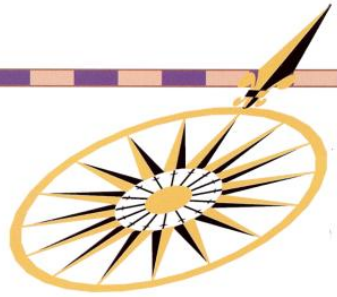
**Vision:** The whole church for the whole world

**Target audience:** Missions leadership in evangelical churches

**Delivery:** Networking, training, resources, and consulting

# Mission Assessment Profile MAP

- Map your church's journey to maximum effectiveness in missions



**ACMC MAP**  
Advancing Churches in Missions Commitment

## Missions Assessment Profile

*Map your church's journey to maximum effectiveness in missions.*

**ACMC helps churches ...**

The ACMC MAP is a culmination of years of experience with thousands of churches. We hope you find it useful and challenging to your church missions vision and ministries.

	Possibility	Project	Program	Priority	Purpose	Possion
Leaders			✓			
Missions Team			✓			
Strategy			✓			
Biblical				✓		
Education		✓				
Involvement				✓		
Prayer			✓			
Giving					✓	
Caring		✓				
Local Outreach			✓			
Short Term				✓		
Training				✓		

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# Global Outreach Passion

- A Missions passionate church begins with missions passionate people.
- Missions passionate people begin with a passion for the lost.
- Passion for the lost begins with discipleship
- Discipleship begins with really caring about what God wants us to do with our lives.
- (We have subsumed outreach passion under the American dream. We as a church are often too busy caring for ourselves to reach the lost. We are often too concerned about political correctness.)

# Luke 24:45-47

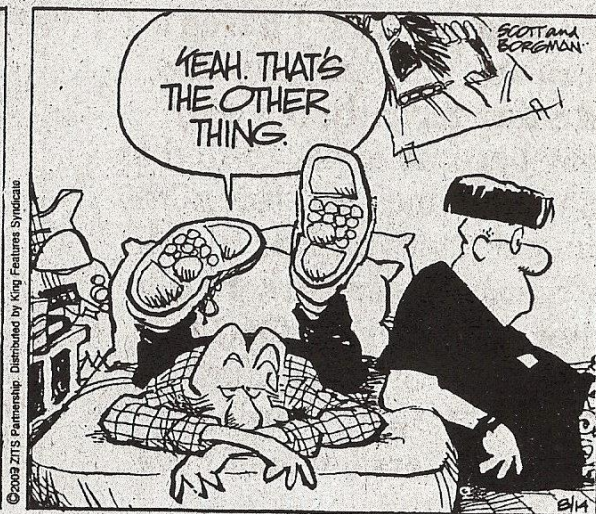
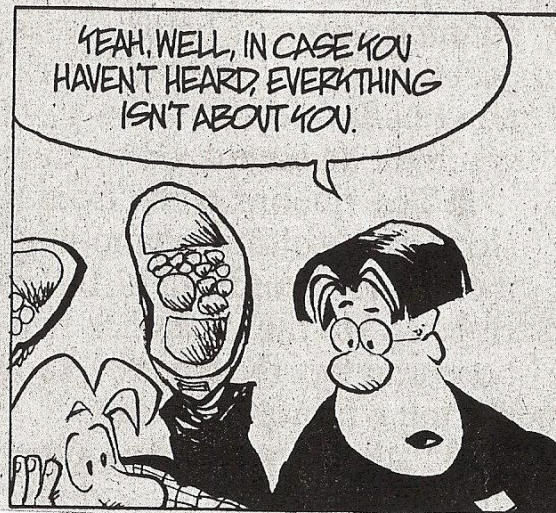
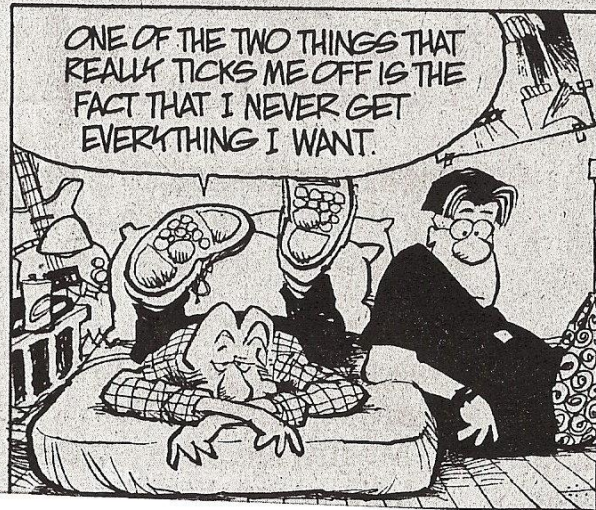
- <sup>45</sup> Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. <sup>46</sup> He told them, “This is what is written: **The Christ will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day,** <sup>47</sup> **and repentance and forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.**”

# So what is the place of Global Outreach in the church?

- What is the purpose of the church?

# THE CHURCH

- In relationship to God – Worship/Glorify
  - Colossians 3:1 Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God.



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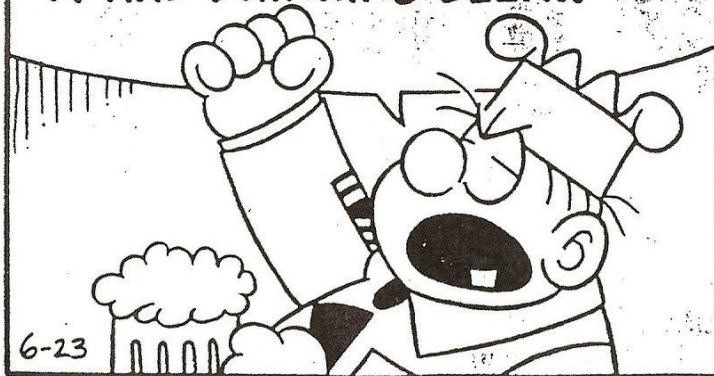
# THE CHURCH

- In relationship to God – Worship/Glorify
- In relationship to Christians – Nurture
  - II Timothy 2:2 And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses, entrust to reliable men who will also be qualified to teach others.

## BEETLE BAILEY

I'M SGT. ORVILLE SNORKEL AND  
I'M STAYING RIGHT HERE WATCHING  
TV AND DRINKING BEER!!

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WHAT WAS  
THAT ALL  
ABOUT?



EVERY SO OFTEN I LIKE TO  
ASK MYSELF WHO I AM, WHERE  
I'M GOING AND WHAT SHOULD  
I DO WITH THE REST OF MY  
LIFE

MORT  
WALKER



By Mort Walker

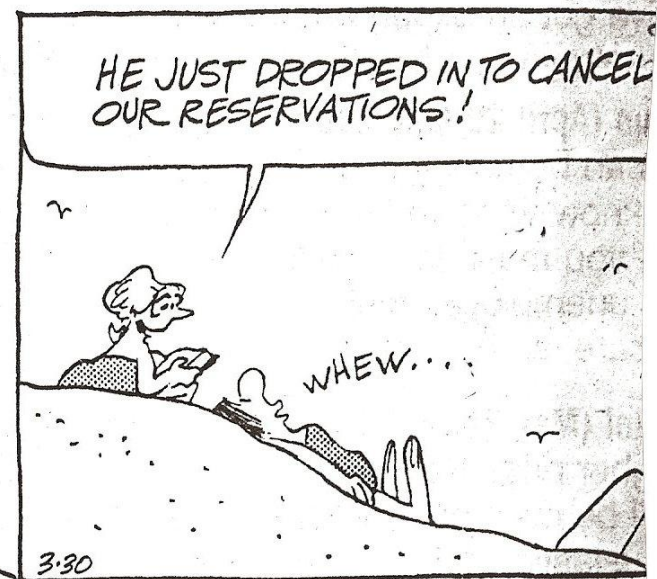
# THE CHURCH

- In relationship to God – Worship/Glorify
- In relationship to Christians – Nurture
- In relationship to non-Christians – Outreach
  - Genesis 12:2 I will make you into a great nation and I will bless you; I will make your name great and you will be a blessing.

# THE CHURCH

- In relationship to God – Worship/Glorify
- In relationship to Christians – Nurture
- In relationship to non-Christians – Outreach
  - Outreach is both Global and Local Acts 1:8
    - Local – Mostly done personally with your time and energy.
    - Global – Mostly done overseas with your prayers and support of others.
- Are people without Christ really lost?

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NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER

TAKING BACK  
YOUR FAITH  
FROM THE  
AMERICAN DREAM

# RADICAL



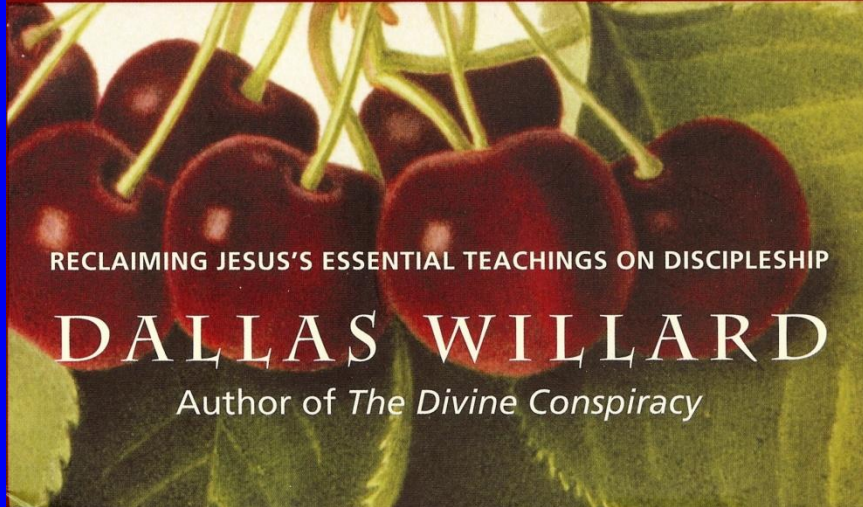
DAVID  
PLATT

*"David Platt challenges Christians to wake up, trade in false values rooted in the American dream, and embrace the notion that each of us is blessed by God for a global purpose.... This is a must read for every believer!"*

—WESS STAFFORD, president and CEO, Compassion International



# THE GREAT OMISSION



RECLAIMING JESUS'S ESSENTIAL TEACHINGS ON DISCIPLESHIP

DALLAS WILLARD

Author of *The Divine Conspiracy*

**don't waste  
your life**



**john piper**

The church isn't just about us, it is also about a mission that he has given us.

Global Outreach is something that is missing in any significant way in the vast majority of churches.

It is something that is a purpose of the church and close to God's heart.

The point is don't lose heart ...

How many of the good ideas that you hear at any conference end up in the list of unaccomplished good ideas.

- MAP's purpose is to provide help in moving forward on your best idea from the conference.

# MAP

- Diagnostic Tool:
  - This is a self assessment tool, not from outside
  - No perfect scores, simply an assessment
- Group Assessment:
  - Church leaders & Missions team
- Scoring Your Profile:
  - Pick the box that best fits your assessment for each category
- Applying Your Profile:
  - Most of us drastically overestimate what we can do in a year, and sadly underestimate what God can do in five years.

# MAP

- Twelve key areas important to missions in your church
- Grouped into 4 categories
  - Leadership
  - Mobilization
  - Support
  - Sending

# MAP

- Uses the P-Scale Global Outreach (GO)
  - Possibility – GO a hope for your church
  - Project – We are involved in a few GO projects
  - Program – GO is a regular part of our ministry

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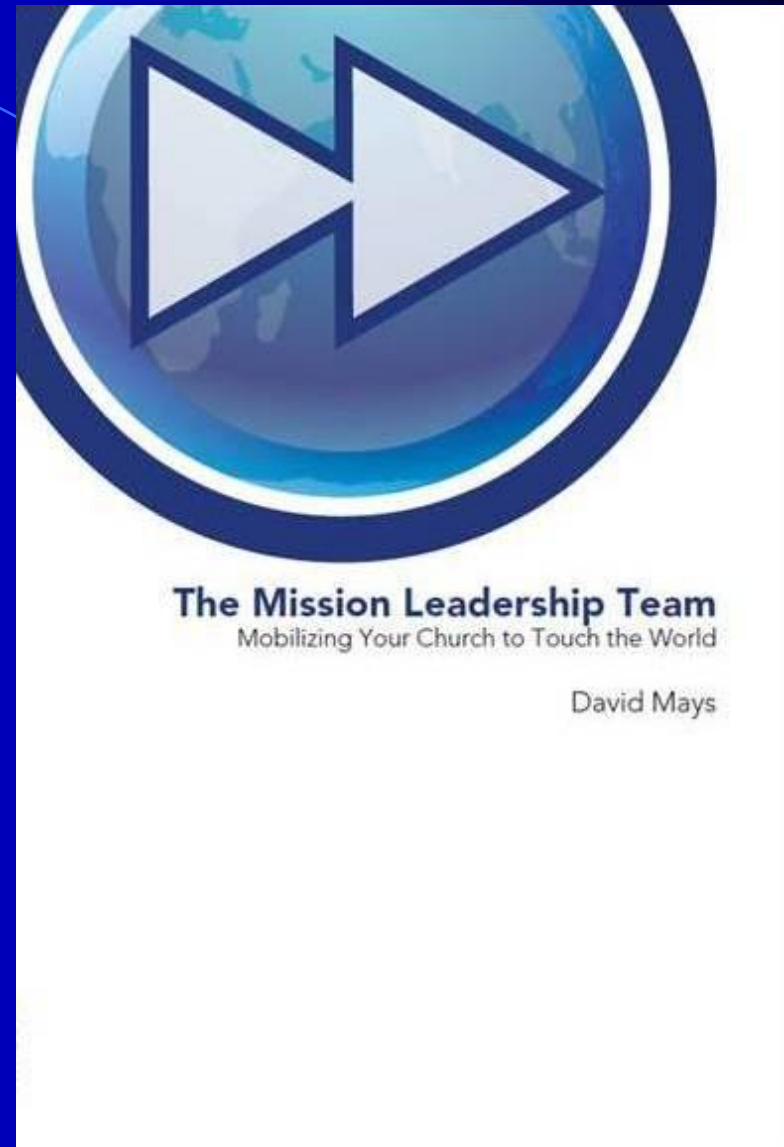
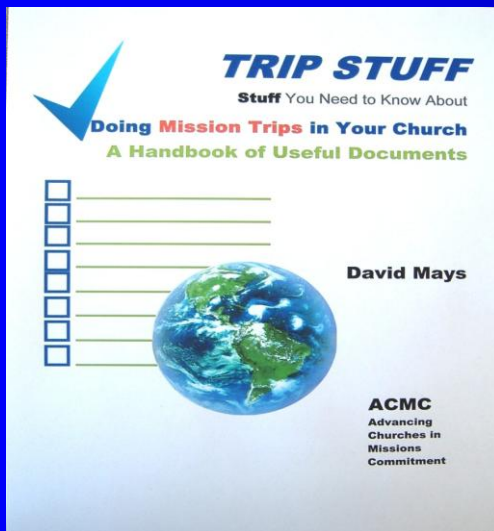
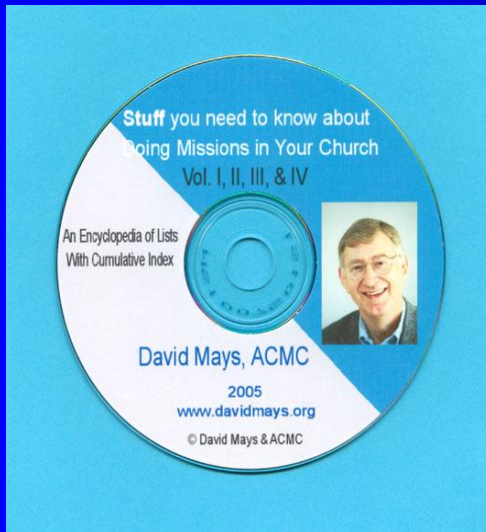
  - Priority – GO is important in our church
  - Purpose – GO is seen as a primary responsibility
  - Passion – GO is integrated in life of the whole church

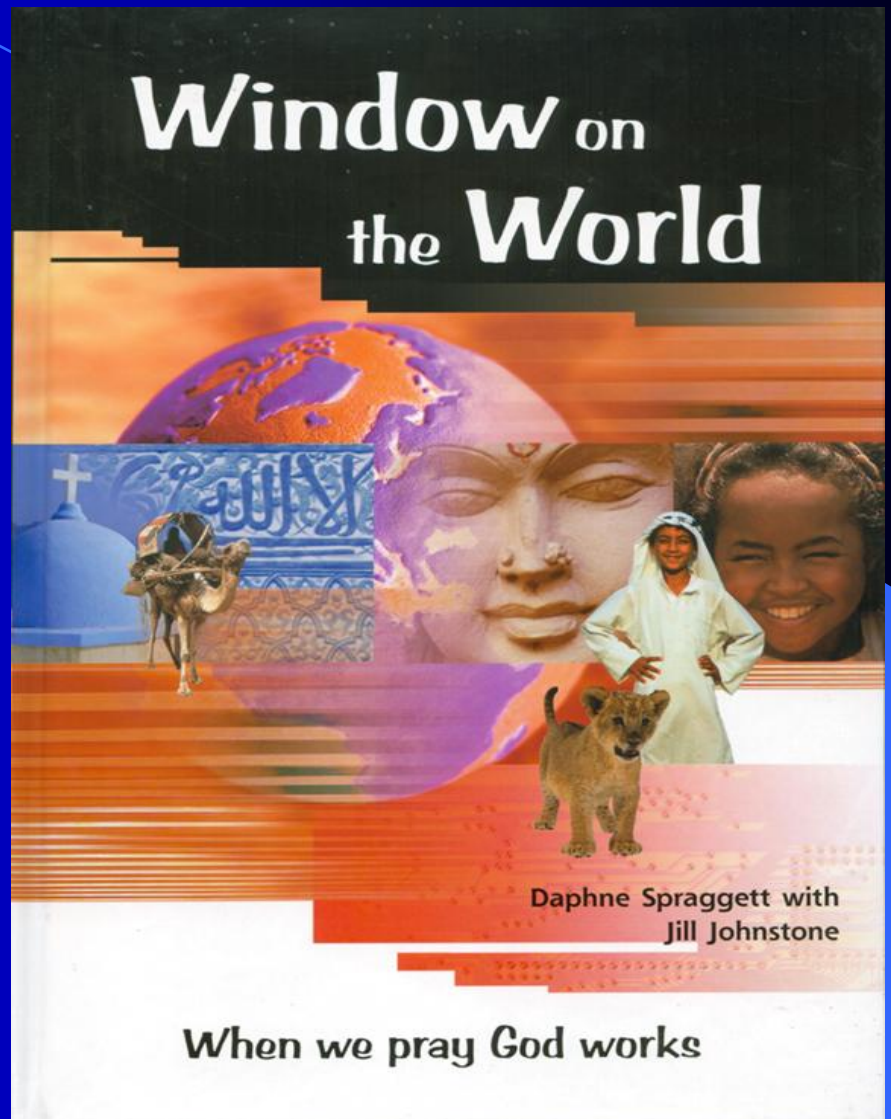
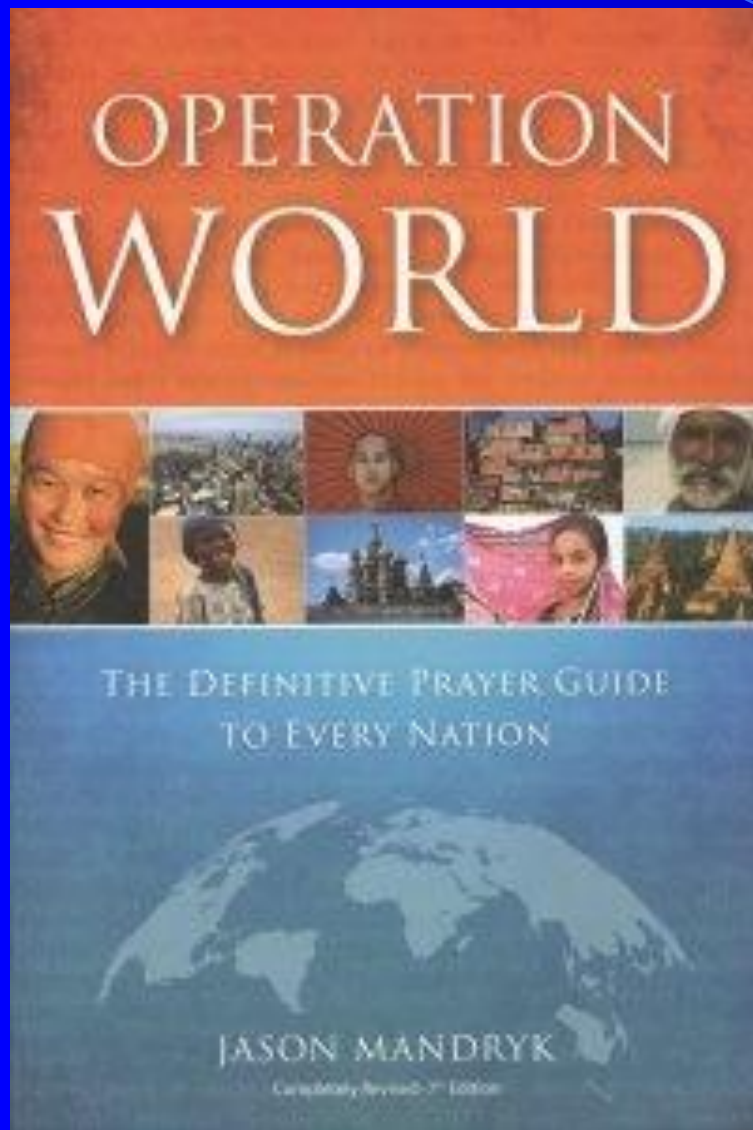
# Missions Assessment Profile MAP

- Conferences great for generating ideas, but:  
How do you move forward?
  - Excitement of a conference fades!
  - The rest of the church doesn't share your enthusiasm
  - Your own enthusiasm wanes.
  - You-all don't agree on exactly how to move forward.
- Think of an idea that you don't want to lose.

# Using this tool

- Get as many as possible to be part of the process.
  - Missions Committee, Elders, Pastors
- Discuss together the different answers to questions given by different people.
- Identify the area that needs the most attention.
- Put together a plan to move forward.





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