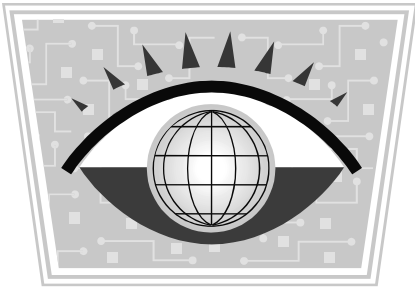


## DISTINCTIVES

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The SC WMU growth plan will focus on several areas. Through these specific areas we will try to encourage leaders and members of WMU to look for new ways to be involved and to involve others in missions. The distinctives of this growth plan are:

- Mission Action
- Witnessing
- Age-Level Focus
- Family Emphasis
- Ministers' Spouse Encouragers
- Associational Growth Consultants
- WMU Growth Specialists
- Technology

### More Children in Action Ideas:

Invite a missionary to share with your Children In Action group and invite all the children and parents in your church and the surrounding area.

Check with local elementary schools to see if the missionary could share with the students about their work in a foreign country. Have the missionary also share that he/she is the guest of your Children in Action group.

Invite adults from the church or association to the Children in Action group to share about or demonstrate their ability, skill or talent and tell how it was used in mission action projects.

Organize a Children in Action Mission Fair (like a science fair) where the Children in Action members highlight and, if possible, demonstrate abilities, talents and skills, sharing ways they are, or can be, used to carry out God's mission around the world. Have a scheduled program during the fair where individual or groups of children actively demonstrate how they would use their talent or ability. Include solos, art work, sport skills, etc. Invite everyone in the church and the community to attend the missions fair.

### "OFF THE CHART" CHILDREN IN ACTION PROJECT

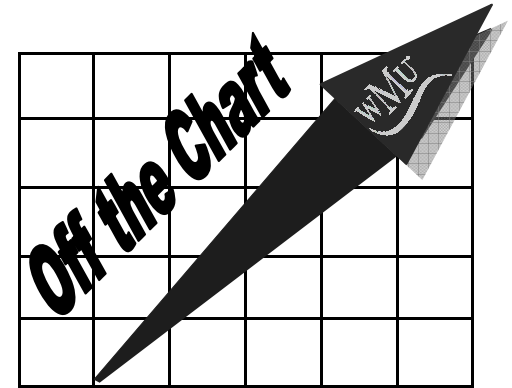
Divide the Children in Action group into teams of 3-5. Give sets of marked "team" invitation/tickets to the teams that members give out to friends at school & play. Points are awarded to teams when new children bring their ticket to a Children in Action meeting. The new child is invited to join that team and help invite others. At a celebration event awards are given to the largest team, and to the team with the most. Growth includes quantity and quality.



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# INGREDIENTS

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## Principles for Growth

Growth is to be undergirded with prayer.

To accomplish WMU growth, one must be true to the vision and purpose.

People use their spiritual gifts and strengths through involvement in WMU/missions education.

There must be a commitment to grow that leads to an expectancy of growth.

Growth includes enlistment and enlargement.

Organizations must meet at times and places that people can attend and offer many avenues of missions involvement.

Growth requires adequate resources and appropriate number of leaders.

Growth requires trained leadership.

Growth demands effective communication.

Networking/Linking is important in starting new organizations.

All churches need missions education.

## Key Elements

*Each church and association are asked to use these key elements in planning their work for WMU. These elements will help us to become better leaders and encourage us to involve more people in missions.*

Define Missions Education to the Church

Communicate the Heart of WMU

Leadership Development

Qualitative Growth

Numerical Growth

People

Units/Organizations/Groups

Coaching

Mentoring

Customization-WMU is different in different churches



Host a Children in Action Party and display photos on posters of the year's activities and mission action highlights. Introduce games and Children in Action activities to newcomers. Invite both children and parents. While children are involved in activities, share with parents about Children in Action's purpose and strategy.

Regularly promote Children in Action meetings and event times in the church through announcements, posters, bulletins, e-mail updates to parents, and postcards to the children.

Find ways for willing parents to assist with and participate in Children in Action on a regular or rotation basis.

Make sure up-to-date Children in Action promotion material is included in new member orientation materials.

Encourage your children to invite friends from their school and neighborhood to Children in Action activities.

Regularly promote Children in Action during Sunday School.

Plan Children in Action mission action activities that newcomers will be interested in and enjoy.

Have a Missionary Artist show his work and teach the children how he/she uses art in his/her missions work. Have them do something in their chosen medium and have a showing of the children's work inviting the church and community to come.