



MISSION INCREASE FOUNDATION

PERSONAL GIVING VALUES SURVEY

Giving—it impacts the world and those who give. Jesus said, “It is better to give than to receive.” At Mission Increase Foundation we want to help donors know how giving truly is better.

We all rush through giving, seldom taking time to be good stewards of God’s resources, reducing our confidence that our money is truly doing God’s will. Have you ever made a gift that you later regretted? We all have, but that is easily preventable. Have you ever made a gift, however, that changed your life, as well as the lives of those your donation served? Few have experienced great satisfaction and meaning through their giving, but that is how all giving can and should be.

Wouldn’t it be incredible to know that your money is doing God’s will and is making greater impact than you could have thought possible? The idea of giving from your passions while accomplishing God’s will is truly transformational. Giving this way would be “better than receiving,” and change our lives—and the world.

This giving survey can help you process through your own giving values and interests. We hope that as you use this survey, you will know and understand your giving passions better, and you will gain a greater understanding of God’s design for you and your giving. It is God who gave you wealth. This survey is just the starting point to help you link your God-given passions and your giving, and to fully experience great giving.

This giving survey is divided into four parts:

- Part one is a *Personal Giving Interest Checklist* to help you define what ministries or what type of ministries you like to serve financially.
- Parts two and three deal with *Geographical Giving Interests and Types of Giving*. Perhaps you prefer to give to missions in a specific country, or you might like to give to special projects. These sections help to define specific giving interests.
- Part four consists of questions to help you put your *Giving Passions* on paper, and to help you hear what God may be calling you to do.

If you are married, we strongly suggest you discuss these with your spouse and record your combined answers. It is normal to discover you have unique interests and values. This provides a great tool to discuss deeper issues of life and things that have true eternal value.

When you are finished, please return your survey to me at Mission Increase Foundation. I will review your responses and set a time to discuss these findings with you, and then provide you a summary of your current giving values.

All your answers will be kept strictly confidential. Your information will never be shared or exchanged for any reason. Please do not feel coerced to reply if you are uncomfortable answering any question.

Our desire and prayer is that this survey will be a useful tool to help you become a greater steward and find greater joy and meaning in all your giving. It is truly better to give.

Sincerely,

Dave Farquhar
Executive Director
Mission Increase Foundation

Part 1: Giving Interests Checklist

This checklist is designed to help you identify your giving interests and define areas you like to fund. Please review the list and check all the types of ministries you have supported or like to support. Check all that apply. If you do not see the type of ministry you like to support, then write in the type of work at the end of the checklist.

As you go through the list, ask, “What do we currently give to? What types of ministry do we like to support? Where would we like to see our giving make a difference?”

The categories use one word or phrase to describe a type of work or ministry. For example, under the category of Family and Marriage are seven general types of ministry or service. The topic “Motherhood” refers to organizations that provide support to mothers, etc. Some categories will overlap.

1. Family and Marriage

- Marriage
- Divorce
- Fatherhood
- Motherhood
- Family Development
- Adoption
- Single Parenting

2. Youth

- Camps
- Mentoring
- Sports

3. The Arts

- Cultural Programs
- Music
- Art Museums
- Theater

4. Education

- Education, Literacy
- Camps
- Mentoring
- K-12 Education
- Colleges
- College Scholarships

5. Technology (Your gifts help provide these tools to ministries)

- Computers and IT Tools
- Internet, Websites
- Software

6. The Church and Missions

- Church Growth
- Prayer
- Worship
- Local Church Planting
- Evangelism
- Youth
- Discipleship
- World Missions
- Apologetics
- The Persecuted Church
- Bible Translation and Distribution
- Bible Colleges and Seminaries

7. Community and Personal issues

- Ethics
- Politics
- Community Issues
- Prison Ministry
- The Homeless
- Teen Pregnancy
- Abortion
- Ministry to Homosexuals
- Hunger
- Counseling
- Addictions/Substance Abuse Recovery
- Abuse of Women
- Troubled Youth
- Community Development
- Racial Reconciliation

8. World Issues

- Poverty
- Medical Care
- Relief or Crisis Response
- Shelter
- Feeding Programs
- Education
- Micro credit
- AIDS
- Orphans

9. Other (please list any other types of service you like to support with your giving):

Part 2: Geographic Interest

Do you like to support specific places or people groups? These could be AIDS orphans in Africa, or you may have a passion to help the people of China. Please list the places you have supported, if your gifts were primarily driven by the idea of supporting that country or people group. Also list places you have a strong interest to support in the future.

Country:

People Group:

Continent:

We have no specific places or peoples we prefer to fund.

Part 3: General Types of Gifts

Do you like to donate to specific projects, building campaigns or other special costs? Please check those you most like to support.

- Startup funds
- Strategic projects
- Capital campaigns
- Sustaining general operating costs
- Technology-enhancing gifts
- Capacity-expanding gifts
- Program development gifts
- Other (please list):

Part Four: Giving Passions

1. Please describe a gift that deeply touched you as the giver. Include what the ministry used the donation for and why it was so meaningful.

2. Of all the ministries or organizations you have supported, which ones give you the most satisfaction? Why?



3. Do you feel a strong affinity or passion for a specific need in the church, in your community, or in the world? Please describe the need that you are most passionate about.

4. In your personal prayer time, devotions, Bible study, or alone time, do you have a sense that God is speaking to you about helping in a key ministry or a type of ministry? Describe any areas where you sense God's nudging or calling you to give.

5. Imagine your life ten years into the future. As you look back on your giving, what will it have accomplished? What would you hope to see your giving accomplish?

6. Do you think God is pleased with your giving? Does He want you to donate about the same amount or more than your are currently giving? If so, where or to what would you give more?

7. What motivates you to give sacrificially?

8. Comments:

Please return to: Mission Increase Foundation, 5665 SW Meadows Rd, Suite 160, Lake Oswego, OR, 97035

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