



Missional LIFEgroups

What is a Missional LIFEgroup?

It is a small group that is concerned with those outside the group along with those inside the group. We can become stagnant and only concerned about our own soul and not the souls all around us. It is showing the Love of God to our neighbors.

“A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another:
just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another.”

- *John 13:34*

Begin praying for God to show you opportunities in our community to show the love of God; think outside the box and ask your group for suggestions.

PROJECT IDEAS

Below you will find two lists of projects ideas subdivided into *Levels of Interaction* and *Categories*.

Before you select an idea, begin by asking your group members the following questions. Hopefully, the answers will help you develop a project that is a perfect fit for your group.

- Who in your neighborhood or community has a need?
- Which business or organization within your sphere of influence could use a blessing?
- What project types best suit your group’s ages and abilities? (Prayer, worship, teaching, physical labor, etc.)

The following lists are Missional Opportunities subdivided into *Levels of Interaction* :

LEVEL 1 = Missional projects that all of your members can participate in, requires limited interaction with others

Suggestions:

- Prayer walk the neighborhood of your LIFEgroup
- Give out free sunscreen at a city park
- Minor car repairs for elderly, widows and/or single mom's
- Minor yard work for elderly, widows and/or single mom's
- Do a community trash clean up
- Make back to school backpacks
- Create food boxes for homeless kids or adults
- Write cards to church leaders, police, first responders
- Angel tree
- Shoeboxes
- Fun basket for foster families
- Mission partner support, cards, gifts
- Manna on Wheels, serving food ministry (East Brandon - 767-5708)
- Lighthouse Ministries Thrift Store (Brandon - 377-3977)

LEVEL 2 = Missional Projects that all your members can participate in but may require some interaction with people

Suggestions:

- FishHawk Park Square events
- Clean up a widow's or single mom's yard
- Meals for sick, shut-in, grieving
- Serve/support single mothers
- Give out free bottled water
- Plan a "Back to School Bash" for foster care children. Have free food, games, and a backpack/school supply giveaway
- Volunteer at one of the local schools during a special event or sporting event, ask the school how your group could serve them
- Be the prayer contact for your child's team/club
- Volunteer in schools
- LifeCare of Brandon, <https://www.lifecarenetwork.net/> (Pregnancy Center), 654-0491 (FFC Mission Partner)
- A Kid's Place, <https://akidsplacetb.org/> (Brandon, 381-3839)
- Everyday Blessings, <https://www.everydayblessingsinc.org/> (Lithia, 982-9226)

LEVEL 2 (cont.)

Nursing Homes

- Deliver fresh flowers to the residents
- Host a worship service at a nursing home (offer worship, devotions, prayer, and fellowship)
- Throw a Tea Party for residents

Special Needs/Youth Home

- Identify a family with a special needs child and give the family a Mom & Dad's day out
- Adopt a group home for the day and throw a party for the residents

LEVEL 3 = Missional Projects that all your members can participate in but may require a great deal of interaction/confrontation with people

Suggestions:

- Serve hot meal for the homeless in your community
- Host a "Block Party" with free food, games, music, etc. for families
- Go on a mission trip together, local, national, or international
- Hand out meals or book bags with supplies to the homeless
- Echo, <https://echofl.org/> (Brandon, 685-0935)
- Women's Resource Center, <http://www.wrctampa.org/> (Brandon, 309-3357)

Missional LIFEgroups Loving Others

By Categories

Prayer/Encouragement w/ cards:

Prayer walk schools, student rooms at church; coaches: fields
Start of school, during final exams
Students: gain their identity in Christ
Coaches: before practices, games
Parents & mentors: lead like Jesus

Elderly / Shut-in

Prayer/Encouragement
Personally Interactive Activities
Individual Personal Interaction
Physical Work / Service
Yard service/project
Evangelism
Financial

Widows / Grief

Prayer/Encouragement
Personally Interactive Activities
Individual Personal Interaction
Physical Work / Service
Evangelism
Financial

Single Parents

Gift cards: Gas, oil change, kids haircuts,
Prayer/Encouragement
Personally Interactive Activities
Individual Personal Interaction
Physical Work / Service
Evangelism
Financial

Evangelism:

Decision counselor during youth events - Uncommon Weekend

Neighbors

Prayer/Encouragement
Personally Interactive Activities
Individual Personal Interaction
Physical Work / Service
Evangelism
Financial

Civil Servants/Emergency Relief/First Responders - Samaritan's Purse, Red Cross, etc.

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Foster Care parents & children

- Prayer/Encouragement
- Personally Interactive Activities
- Individual Personal Interaction
- Physical Work / Service
- Evangelism
- Financial

Financial:

- Scholarship student for camp, *Uncommon Weekend*, etc.
- Contribute to mission trip
- Back to school supplies/backpacks
- Back to school shoes, clothes, haircuts
- Gift cards for gas, fast food, coffee shop, ice cream

Military

- Prayer/Encouragement
- Personally Interactive Activities
- Individual Personal Interaction
- Physical Work / Service
- Evangelism
- Financial

Missionary partners

- Prayer/Encouragement
- Personally Interactive Activities
- Individual Personal Interaction
- Physical Work / Service
- Evangelism
- Financial

Personally Interactive / Personal Interaction:

- School principals & teachers: coffee/doughnuts; lunch or sweet treat

Homeless/Unemployed/Addicts

- Prayer/Encouragement
- Personally Interactive Activities
- Individual Personal Interaction
- Physical Work / Service
- Evangelism
- Financial

Physical Work/Service:

Low income school: work projects, contact principle for needs

USF: Make cookies for CRU ministry to give students during finals

Sex Trafficking Victims

Gift cards: coffee shops

Amazon: select *Not for Sale* ministry as benefactor (smile.amazon.com)

Prayer/Encouragement

Personally Interactive Activities

Individual Personal Interaction

Physical Work / Service

Evangelism

Financial

Prison employees/inmates

Prayer/Encouragement

Personally Interactive Activities

Individual Personal Interaction

Physical Work / Service

Evangelism

Financial