

# Local Missions Ideas for Men



*Missions is a vital area of ministry where men are always called to serve. While many mission projects are global in nature, there is a great need to use resources, and especially manpower, locally to share the loving light of Christ. While global missions offer us the opportunity to give so others may serve, local missions give men a chance to actively participate in hands on ministry where they can see the benefits of their labors and look into the eyes of those they serve to see Christ in their midst. Local missions also offer opportunities for men to bond as a group around service to neighbors.*

*There are many ways your group can participate locally in missions including:*

- Serve at a soup kitchen
- Perform home maintenance/repairs for elderly church members
- Make repairs to church building and provide maintenance work on church grounds
- Visit homebound church members
- Give copies of *Strength for Service to God and Country* to troops at nearby posts or *Strength for Service to God and Community* to local first responders, [www.strengthforservice.org](http://www.strengthforservice.org)
- Read to children at school
- Adopt-a-Highway/clean up a city park
- Make cleaning buckets or health kits for UMCOR, [www.umcor.org](http://www.umcor.org)
- Raise funds for camp scholarships or mission trips by hosting barbecue dinners, golf tournaments, peanut sales, garage sales, or other fund-raising events
- Plan a worship service/visitation at a prison. For ideas, go to [www.disciplebibleoutreach.org](http://www.disciplebibleoutreach.org)
- Plant/tend a community garden
- Offer financial education classes to community
- Offer nutritional education classes to community
- Sponsor an outing or provide a special event for seniors
- Collect supplies for a food pantry
- Volunteer at a hospital or VA clinic
- Volunteer to be a big brother for an at-risk child
- Participate in a charity event as a group
- Chaperone a local school event
- Entertain patients at a children's hospital
- Manage the church website or blog
- Host a community dinner/block party
- Volunteer to serve at a clothing or food bank
- Provide transportation for elderly church members and people with handicapping conditions
- Volunteer as an after-school tutor
- Participate in a Stop Hunger Now packaging event, [www.stophungernow.org](http://www.stophungernow.org)
- Prepare care packets for deployed troops



And when in doubt...

***Look around your community and see where you can share the light of Christ***