



Setting a Yearly Goal for BGMC

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We feel it is very important for every church to set a yearly goal for BGMC. We would also like you to turn in their goal to their District Christian Education Director. Just call your district office and give them the total. These directors will compile the list of goals set and turn them in to the national office. We, then, can get a clearer picture of just where BGMC giving could be for the year. This is something new that we want to do every year for BGMC.

Why should you set a goal?

Setting a goal gives you a target to work for. It will inspire you and your church to do its best to reach that goal. Without a goal, there is nothing to work for. It's easy to forget about BGMC and to just occasionally throw in a token offering. Setting a goal causes you to be creative with fund raising and gives you an incentive to keep on working.

How do I determine what my goal should be?

Be realistic. Look at what your giving was for the previous year and increase it. Think about what you think the children and the adults can do to increase the giving from the previous year. Think about new fundraisers to try during the next year. Most importantly, pray and ask God to give you a figure to strive for. He'll inspire you and lead you.

Don't make your goal so high that it becomes discouraging to

ever reach. At the same time, don't make your goal so low that you'll be able to meet the goal with little or no effort.

Remember, more BGMC giving means more souls being reached for the kingdom.

Every cent puts more money into missionary's hands, so they have more supplies and tools to reach out to the lost. I'm amazed at the number of missionaries that I talk to who are so grateful to BGMC and how BGMC has helped them. Many a missionary has told me they couldn't have done it without BGMC.

Encourage your kids to make a goal/faith promise.

Not only should you make a goal for your church, you should also encourage the children to make their own individual goals – a faith promise. By them making their own goal, they have something to work for. A child who doesn't have a goal will just occasionally throw a coin in their Buddy Barrel and be satisfied. But a child who makes a goal – a faith promise, will do their best to meet that goal by working to earn the money. They will also learn what it is to sacrifice a candy bar, a can of soda, etc. and give that money to BGMC so they can meet their goal.

Ask the kids for monthly testimonies and reports on how they are doing to meet their goals. These reports will produce excitement and will encourage the other kids to keep on working. It

will also give other kids ideas on how they can earn money. Plus, every time the child meets his/her goal, it becomes a real "faith" builder in them. They are experiencing God providing for them and helping them. We personally have seen tremendous spiritual growth in kids who make faith promises and then trust God to help them and provide.

Encourage the kids with their giving by rewarding them. You can give monthly, quarterly, or yearly rewards. BGMC has great items that you can use as rewards such as ribbons, pins, medallions, certificates, hats, t-shirts, flying discs, and more. Information on these items can be found in the BGMC resource catalog. (Item number 715-076. It's free.)

Children need to be taught to do their best to earn their money for missions and they need to be taught to make sacrifices for that money. If kids don't learn that now, they won't do it as adults. God asks all of us to do our best to help supply the needs of His Kingdom.

Resources

Here are some resources to help you and the children in making your yearly goal/faith promise. These are also great resources to use for National BGMC Day:

I. Faith Promise Cards

This is a tri-fold card that can sit on the child's desk or dresser. The card shows the total amount

pledged and has a place to keep track monthly of how much has been given. There is also a tear-away faith promise card that can be turned in during the service for record keeping. (Item number 715-009, cost is FREE.)

2. Faith Promise Flyer/ Bulletin Insert

This flyer clearly explains what a faith promise is, how to make a faith promise, and why it is important. It's great to explain to the kids and adults just what a faith

promise for missions is. (Item number 715-553, cost is FREE.)

3. Reaching the Children of the World Flyer/Bulletin Insert

This flyer/bulletin insert clearly explains what BGMC is, what BGMC does, and how BGMC is reaching the children of the world. (Item number 715-554, cost is FREE.)

4. Faith Promise Poster

This full color poster is 11 X 17 in size and is great to hang in the classroom, hallway, or kids

church to remind the kids about their faith promises. (Item number 715-604, cost is \$2.00.)

5. 55 Ways to Earn Money for Missions

This booklet gives kids 55 great ideas for earning money for missions. It also explains about BGMC, faith promises, has charts, and places to keep track of their giving. It's 34 pages long. (Item number 715-016, cost is \$1.00 each, 10 for \$7.50, 25 for \$17.50, and 50 for \$30.00.)

Questions For Further Study—

1. What is your yearly goal for BGMC? (If you have not set a yearly goal, work together with your children's ministry helpers to set one.)

2. List ways to help your children reach your yearly BGMC goal.