

MISSIONARY



A missionary is a person who is sent out, mostly to a foreign country, by his or her church to preach and teach the gospel. In The Salvation Army this also involves community work with welfare programs and medical services - serving the physical needs of people throughout the world. The Salvation Army serves in over 100 countries, speaking over 150 languages.

In working through this emblem, you will discover what being a missionary is all about - both in lands far away and in your local community.

REQUIREMENTS:

1. _____ **Discovering missions and missionaries.**
2. _____ **Interview a missionary.**
3. _____ **Complete an overseas missionary project.**
4. _____ **Complete a local missionary project.**
5. _____ **The Great Commission.**

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REQUIREMENT #1 - Missions and Missionaries

Read Matthew 28:18-20 and Mark 16:15 and discuss them with your leader.

These verses tell us of God's *Great Commission* - to go out into the world and share the good news of Jesus Christ. We can share this good news by telling others that God loves them. We can also share this news by showing them that God loves them through our actions, service and example. This is what Christian missions work is all about - sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ through what we say and do.

A mission can be a place, e.g. Chikankata Mission in Zambia, Africa. A mission can be a task for a short time, e.g. building houses for a summer. A mission can also be a calling for a lifetime, e.g. spreading the gospel through Christian broadcasting.

Some missions are short term, such as the Summer Service Corps which sends young people overseas and into local communities for two months each year. Most missions are longer. The usual missions term in The Salvation Army is three years. Some people serve one term while others serve most of their lives overseas.

Missionaries are people appointed to work in a country other than their own. They can be officers, soldiers, single, married, with children, anyone God leads to go.

It is important to know that the United States is not the only country to send missionaries; every Salvation Army officer in the world is available to go anywhere he/she is sent. Almost every country in which The Salvation Army has work sends missionaries to other countries.

By speaking with your leader or corps officer and using a Salvation Army Yearbook, write down at least six countries throughout the world where there is a missionary at work:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

Choose two of the above countries, locate them on a world map or globe and find out about the lifestyle and culture in each of them. Write a one page report describing both of these locations.

REQUIREMENT #2 - Missionary Interview

Find out through your leader and corps officer if there is a Salvation Army officer or lay person in your local area who has served as a missionary. If so, invite them to your Adventure Corps and interview them, asking the following questions:

- Where and when did you serve as a missionary?
- What were the living conditions like?
- What did you do there?
- Describe a typical day when you were there.
- What did you learn from your experience?

If you do not have a missionary in your area, write to one who is still in another country. Divisional headquarters will be able to help you find a missionary to write to. Ask them the same questions outlined above.

Write a one page report about what you learned from this interview.

REQUIREMENT #3 - Overseas Missionary Project

Find and choose a missionary family (single or married, officer or soldier) doing missionary work and put together a small care package for them.

Include letters, cards and photos if possible in your package. Try not to make this a one-time event, missionaries would love to hear from you on a regular basis. Ask them to keep you informed on what is happening in their part of the world, but do not expect immediate responses. Your leader will provide you with a few ideas as to what may be appropriate to include in the package. Do not put pens and soap in the same package with food.

Remember that mailing will cost money, so you might want to do some fundraising ahead of time. Also, the people receiving the package might have to pay to get it.

REQUIREMENT #4 - Local Missionary Project

As mentioned in the first requirement, anyone can be involved in a missions project. Being a missionary means sharing God's Word and God's love through your own words and actions. Any service project you do in Adventure Corps could be considered a missions project.

