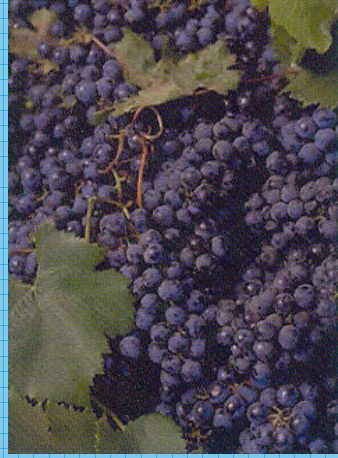


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The consortium is a cooperative effort for churches of like faith and missionary vision. These churches share the vision of quickly and efficiently raising prayer and full financial support for member church missionaries. Combining their cooperative effort with the assistance of missions agencies, consortium churches are able to greatly enhance their worldwide mission outreach. Each member church selects two representatives, one pastoral staff member and one lay person. Each member church maintains it's own missions program in addition to consortium involvement.



"All over the world this gospel is bearing fruit and growing" Colossians 1:16

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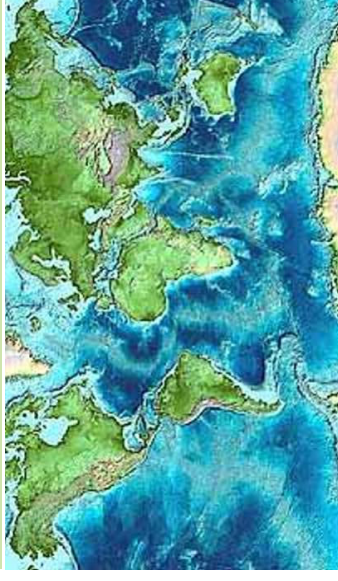
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"The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into His harvest field."
Matthew 9:37-38

The call has gone forth, and people are responding! But how do churches then respond to these individuals who have surrendered their lives for missionary service? How can churches help them get to the field in the most effective way possible?

After applying to a mission board and being appointed, the average missionary spends 24 months or more traveling from church to church raising support. By the time they depart for the field, missionaries average at least 15 supporting churches and 22 individual supporters. Because of these factors, many missionaries are discouraged from career service because of the daunting task of "deputation / pre-field ministry." At the same time, much ripe fruit goes unharvested as others spend months and even years raising financial support necessary before they can leave for the field.

A group of local churches has joined together to form the West Michigan Missions Consortium (WMMC) in order to address these challenges. The WMMC shares together in the prayer and financial support goals of missionaries being sent out by member churches. This results in greater commitment and accountability between the missionaries and their supporting churches. Additionally, there is greater cooperation between the consortium churches. The result is an effective, efficient and energized missions effort.

Purpose

The West Michigan Consortium is a cooperative effort for churches of like faith and missions vision. This effort enables member churches to cooperate in getting missionaries to their chosen field more effectively, efficiently and with greater energy for ministry.

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Consortium churches share the vision of quickly raising prayer and full financial support for member missionaries, enabling them to reach the field as soon as possible. Combining their shared efforts with the assistance of mission agencies, consortium churches are able to greatly enhance their worldwide missions outreach.

- Effective - missions opportunities are realized at a faster rate than traditional missions deputation, on average, 12-16 months.
- Efficient - pre-field and furlough burnout is avoided because of fewer churches are involved.
- Energized - greater involvement by churches in missions projects, and by missionaries in their supporting churches while on furlough. Cooperative conferences and projects by consortium churches cast the vision that every believer is to be an active participant in fulfilling the Great Commission.



"This service you perform is not only supplying the needs of God's people but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God. Because of the service by which you have proved yourself, men will praise God for the obedience that accompanies your confession of the gospel of Christ, and for your generosity in sharing with them and with everyone else."

2 Corinthians 9:12-13



Benefits of a Missions Consortium

- Missionary support is raised more quickly.
- Significantly cuts the expenses of extended deputation and furlough travels.
- Familiarity with missionaries results in greater prayer and financial support.
- Pre-field ministry is more productive since it is directed toward training and spiritual growth rather than fund-raising.
- Eliminates the frustration that arise from the current "rat race" known as deputation.
- Encourages the implementation of a regional strategy for the missionary's support base,
- Consortium missionaries may be involved in meaningful ministries for longer periods of time in each of the consortium churches.
- Missionary children have a stable environment for schooling and establishing friendships.
- Missionary support services such as housing, automobiles, etc., can be used more efficiently when staying in the same region for the duration of the furlough.