

ENGAGE your world



*I want you to be concerned about your
next door neighbour. Do you
know your next door neighbour?
~Mother Teresa*

ENGAGE: to bind (as oneself) to do something

: to hold the attention of

: to begin and carry on an enterprise or activity

: to give attention to something

What is Short Term Missions?

Is a week long trip? A month? A year? Is it for youth, single adults or families? Maybe it is all of that...and maybe it could be something else...

Maybe it is an active engagement with your community that takes many different shapes and forms....Not going away to serve, but staying at home to love...

A new way of looking at Short Term Missions can be summed up in the Greatest Commandment that Jesus gave us,

***'Love God and Love your neighbour.'*(Matt.22:37-39)**

Not another program.

Not another committee needed.

Not an outreach gimmick.

Just people who are committed to engaging with their local community.

So, what does that look like? There are some suggestions listed here, but your community is unique. Find what fits you!

Ways to engage:

- Host an Open House/Ministry Fair and meal
- Do a Fall neighbourhood clean up
- Host a Harvest Carnival for kids around Oct 31
- Community Kitchen
 - ~Canning days
 - ~Community meals
 - ~Newcomers Lunches
- Family movie nights
- Volunteer in community groups
- Go Christmas caroling
- Sponsor a booth at a local fair, face painting or bubble blowing
- Plant a community garden and share the food
- Organize pick-up soccer, baseball or volleyball games at a local park
- Hold church in local parks
- Offer church parking lot to hold a Neighbourhood garage sale, provide tables and advertising.
- Adopt a block
 - ~Serve that block/neighbourhood by raking leaves, shoveling snow, getting to know the people.
- Open the church up to specialty/hobby groups, knitters, weight watchers, kids groups, hockey nights.
- Have a block party.
- Make Christmas hampers for food bank, single parents
- Host a Easter egg hunt