

# Beyond the 4 Walls:

Release God's People  
to Change Our World for Christ

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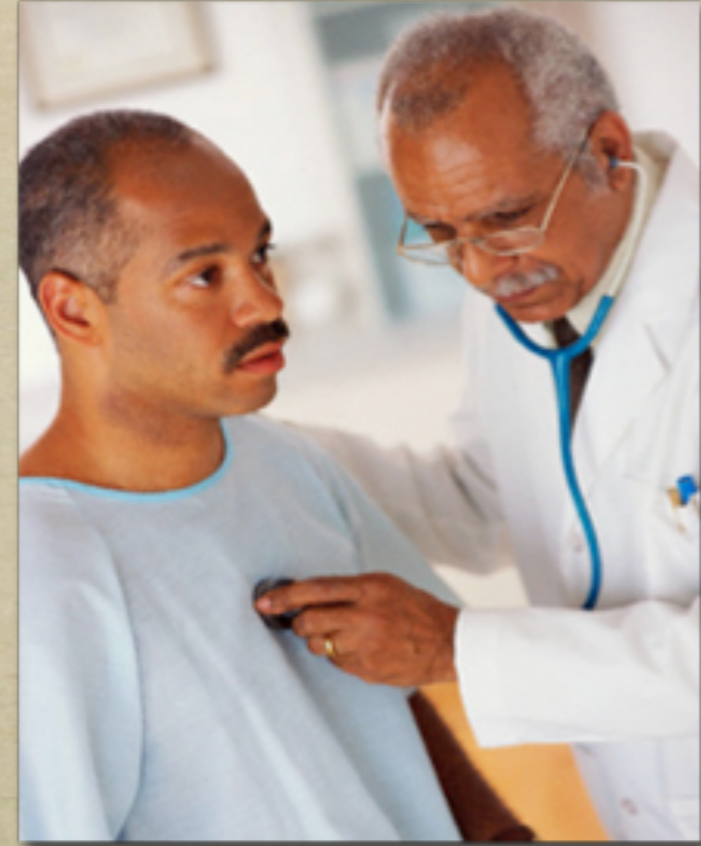


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Mission is here, there, and far away  
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The objective of mission is the transformation  
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# Mobilizing God's People for Mission



A case study:  
Igreja Batista  
Reviver,  
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# The Mission Mobilizer's Team



Motivate, educate and mobilize every member of the church to witness to the Good News of Jesus in word and deed locally, nationally and globally



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# A Healthy and Faithful Church



Source: Dr. Lee Spitzer, *Endless Possibilities for Our Congregation*

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## Step 1 - Define God's Vision

Discover how God has prepared and called your church.

“Why has God ...

★ Brought us together

★ At this time

★ In this place?”



# Step 2 - Discover your mission DNA

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- Spiritual gifts and natural abilities
- Resources
- Passions
- Context
- Mission experiences



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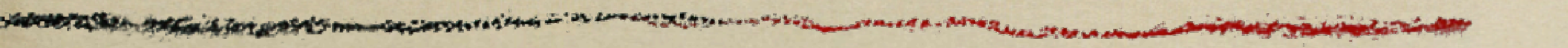
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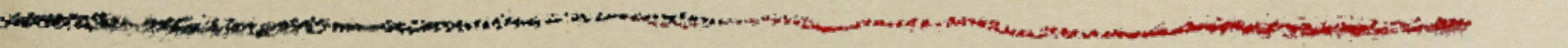
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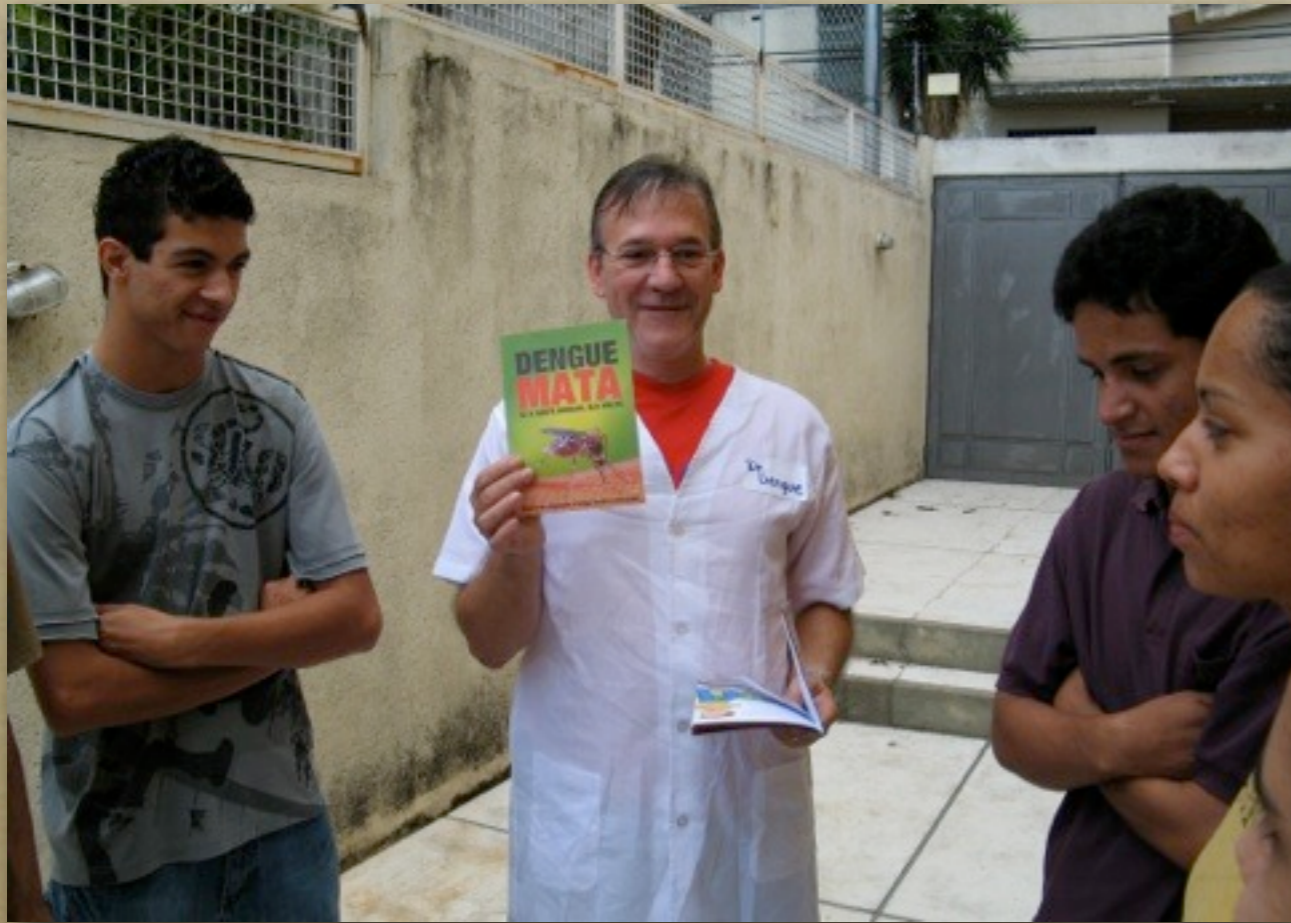
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- *What is God's vision for your church's mission in the world?*
- *What are some elements of your church's unique mission DNA?*
- *What needs of your local community and your world is your church equipped to respond to?*
- *What are your current mission projects?  
Dreams for the future?*

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