On the following chart, please determine the level of your church’s missions engagement for each area by using the criteria listed on the back. Each characteristic that describes your present level of missional engagement counts as one engagement point. The more criteria you have for a specific area, the higher you level of engagement. Please use this tool with you church leadership team to prayerfully consider how your church might increase its missional involvement for “such as time as this” and for generations to come. The goal of this exercise is not to have a high score; it is to increase missional engagement in your church. Remember to pray first!

An International Worker (IW) is defined as an official worker who serves with the Alliance and receives financial support from the Great Commission Fund (GCF), marketplace ministries (MM), Envision (EN) or Compassion and Mercy Associates (CAMA).

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| **Engagement Points**  **Please use the criteria on the back to determine your level of missional engagement.** | **Limited or No Engagement**  **0-1** | **Engagement is Developing**  **2-3** | **Full Engagement**  **4+** |
| 1. ***International Worker (IW) Care***   Level of care for IW’s can include:  emotional, spiritual, physical needs while on the field and home assignment. List who you are caring for:  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |  |  |  |
| 1. ***Prayer***   Level of commitment to pray for IWs listed above. |  |  |  |
| 1. ***Financial Support***   -Gifts for IW remuneration support (e.g.: GCF/MM/Envision/CAMA) in assisting them to stay on the field. Amount:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  -Gifts for IWs’ work, approved, and outfit specials. Amount\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |  |  |  |
| 1. ***Connecting***   Hosting IWs in your church and using technology such as CMAStories and Skype to stay connected. |  |  |  |
| 1. ***Short-Term Trips***   Level of travel to your IW’s location and work side-by-side on strategic ministry-advancing projects. Note IW and how often:  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |  |  |  |
| 1. ***Partnerships***   Do you have a partnership now or intend to develop a partnership with an IW/Field in the future? List:  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |  |  |  |

1. Examples of International Worker Care:

* sending care packages
* offering pastoral support via Skype
* raising finances for emergencies that arise
* remembering birthdays in creative ways
* providing housing or cars for IW’s on home assignment
* helping the children of IW’s transition to college or work life in the states, etc.

2. Examples of Strategic Prayer:

* having a weekly or monthly update on IW’s needs in Sunday services
* regularly praying for IW’s in your small groups
* including IW’s on the church’s prayer chain
* including IW’s in the Wednesday night prayer service
* praying for IW’s specifically, by name and request per their updates
* teach children and youth how to pray for IW’s
* asking IW’s to pray for your congregation’s needs

3. Examples of Financial Support:

* contributing at least 4% of general income the GCF
* contributing at least 7% of general income to the GCF
* contributing over 10% of general income to the GCF
* contributing to the support of an IW (GCF/MM/Envision/CAMA) in assisting them to stay on the field
* supporting a designated special for an IW
* supporting an emergency relief effort through CAMA

4. Examples of Connecting:

* sharing missions moments with the congregation about this IW several times a year
* emailing an IW regularly
* hosting IW’s in your church
* connecting annually with IW’s via Skype and having their picture on the sanctuary screen
* subscribing to CMAstories.com for an IW
* sending cards of encouragement to IW’s
* sending IW’s your church’s newsletter

5. Examples of Components of Short-Term Trips

* discovering the strategic need for a short-term missions team in an IW’s field
* sending a pastor on a district vision trip
* casting (or recasting) the vision in your church for a strategic partnership
* planning at least one short-term trip or joining with another Alliance church for a trip within the next 2 years
* budgeting monies to assist team members with the cost of a trip or project costs
* taking the lead on a multi-church Alliance short-term missions trip

6. Examples of Components of Partnerships

* praying and fasting multiple times for a Spirit-led partnership
* spending time discussing with an IW and field the implications of a strategic partnership
* making a partnership part of your church’s mission/vision statement and conveying it to the church
* completing a memorandum of understanding with an IW and field
* communicating with the district office the specifics of the partnership
* joining other churches in a strategic partnership