

Mission Orientated Service Model



Theme – Focus on Mission in Tanzania*

(* You could change the country to one that suits you or where your link missionaries live.)

1. Welcome

2. Songs

See our Mission related song list on the web site

3. Introduce the theme

Leader: Today we are going to focus on mission in Tanzania. Our parish link missionaries (NAME) are currently working there and today we want to remember them and the people with whom they live and work. Tanzania is in East Africa and has a population of approximately 30 million people. People traditionally speak tribal languages or Kiswahili but English is now the language of education and commerce. A significant proportion of people in Tanzania would say they are Christians but almost as many are Muslim and some people follow traditional animist beliefs. About 20 percent of the population in Tanzania are infected with the HIV virus and only 5% of children would get to go to high school.

Show photo of the missionaries and a map of the country. Indicate on the map exactly where the missionaries live.

4. Prayer

Our Gracious Father, thank you for bringing us together today to worship You. Thank you that You are the same Lord here and in Tanzania. We give thanks for the people throughout the years who have stepped out in faith to share the gospel with us and with the people of Tanzania. We pray that we may continue in their footsteps and be faithful in proclaiming Your word and demonstrating Your love where ever it is that You lead us. Help us today to understand that You are the Lord of ALL the universe and that no matter where we live we can be in relationship with You. Amen.

5. Praise Shout

See our 'Litte Bit Extra' page on the web site to hear a pronunciation

Leader: In Tanzanian churches it is very common during the service for people to say frequently Bwana Asifiwe. It is a phrase that means Praise the Lord! When someone (usually the preacher or the service leader) says Bwana Asifiwe the congregational response is usually to shout out AMEN.

Lets try it!

Leader: Bwana Asifiwe (*It sounds a bit like Bwa- Na, Ass-if-fee-Way*)

People: AMEN!

6. Song – chose a good praise song!

See our Mission related song list on the web site

7. Video or Power point presentation on Tanzania

CMS has a small number of video's available that show Tanzania and some of its missionaries. We can also make you a powerpoint presentation or a series of OHP slides which will give people some kind of visual impression of what it is like in Tanzania.

8. Bible Reading

9. Sermon

10. Offertory Song

You may like to tell people that most Tanzanians would earn the equivalent of \$2 a day upon which they would support their family. You might like to give a percentage of the offering towards the support of your link missionary. A significant proportion of Tanzanians still live as subsistence farmers. See our Mission related song list on the web site.

11. Congregational Prayers with a focus on Tanzania

Before the service write some prayers for Tanzania on small pieces of paper or cardboard and distribute them to people in the congregation. During the prayer time ask people to pray out loud the prayers written on the card.

Prayers could include:

Father thanks for our link missionaries (NAME) and for the work they are doing in Tanzania. Help us to be faithful in our support of them. Amen

Gracious God we pray for the (PLACE) were the missionary works, that you would raise up local people to be involved in this ministry and that in all its operations it would bring honour to your name. Amen

Loving Heavenly Father bring comfort to children who have been orphaned by Aids. Give them the support and care they need. Amen.

Thank you Lord that in Australia we have such easy access to education. Thank you for our teachers and we pray that you would raise up more people to become teachers in Tanzania. Amen

Father give us courage to share the good news about Jesus Christ with people where ever we are – be it in Tanzania or in Australia. Spur us on to share what we know about you with others. Amen.

Lord God we pray for just government in Tanzania. Please raise up political leaders who seek to serve you and who will stand firm against corruption. Amen

Jesus help us to hear your call in our lives. Let us be open to the possibility of serving you overseas. Amen

Father work for justice in your world and help us to share our resources. Amen

We pray for seasonal weather and a good harvest in Tanzania Lord. Help the people to have enough to eat each day. Amen

12. Song

See our Mission related song list on the web site.

13. Closing prayer

Leader: Our Father, bless the people of Tanzania, be with them in times of hardship and in times of celebration. Remind us that your Kingdom is not defined by geography, or language, or colour. Thank you that we can praise you where ever we are and in what ever language we speak. Bless our link missionaries (NAME) and be with them this week. As we leave now keep us mindful of the blessings you provide for us. Help us to be people who live out your love and compassion and to share the gospel with those we come across. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.

14. Sending out

Leader: Bwana Asifiwe

People: AMEN!