

The PreConference Rally / Orientation *Missions Fest*

Here are the expectations:

1. Audience: many volunteers who are giving up their weekend to help run the Missions Fest conference. There will be those out in the parking lot, driving shuttle vans, providing hospitality and information, ushers, seminar hosts, water carriers, people carrying into seminar rooms audio/visual equipment setting it up and taking it down, children's workers, youth workers, counselors, musicians, seminar leaders, the main speakers...and the list goes on.
2. Purpose of the gathering. First, to worship together for a few moments, and then be challenged and encouraged by our guest speaker. After the large group meeting, the volunteers will meet with the coordinators in other rooms to get instructions and job descriptions, meet their leaders and set the schedules for their participation on the weekend.
3. The guest speaker. We want to reinforce the purpose of volunteering during Missions Fest i.e. that their participation will have an impact of the world. We want them to realize how important is their work, which is very necessary and not always easy, but a strategic link in fulfilling our goals for having this conference. Here are the conference goals:

The Festival's goal is to help individuals find their place where their interests and abilities can best be put to use in the Great Harvest.

Its three-fold purposes are

- i. to provide information about the needs (physical, spiritual) around the world and the opportunities to serve,
- ii. to celebrate what God is doing through His people around the world, and
- iii. to challenge people of all ages to get involved in the Great Commission by going, sending, praying, and giving.

So, our guest speaker might be able to paint a picture of one part of the world and both the need of the Gospel and the impact the Gospel has, so that these volunteers will be "re-ignited" with vision for whatever they do during and after the conference.

Outline of PreConference Rally for Volunteers (2-3 weeks before conference)

1. Open with a short worship (10 minutes max.)
2. Speaker (20-25 min.)
3. Circles of Prayer (10 min.+)
4. Announcements & Explanation of Orientation
5. Orientation. Sign-up at different Stations around the room; receive instructions, times & locations; sign-up to more than one responsibility.