

## 7.5 How can we grow young missionaries?

Trainer, present the introductory paragraph, and then discuss the points necessary to achieve this goal listed below. You could use an open discussion (be sure to have a few ideas of your own on each point), or use small groups and assign one point to each, with groups reporting after 5-10 minutes of discussion.

**Introduction:** Our goal in emphasizing missions to children and youth is not **just** to create an interesting unit or to help the missionary with a project, although these are part of it. Our goal is to so whet their interest and so incline their hearts that they themselves will become life-long supporters and pushers of missions, either as senders or as missionaries themselves. Our goal is to get them actively involved in the Great Commission.

### To achieve this goal:

Children need to come to salvation themselves and learn to share the Gospel with others.

(How can we facilitate this happening? --Ask this question with every topic.)

Children need to understand the Biblical basis for missions. (God's love for everyone, the lostness and hopelessness of people outside of Christ, God's offer of salvation to all)

Children need a variety of active, interesting experiences with missions.

Children need to see missions emphasized continually in every part of the curriculum and the church program.

Children need to know missionaries personally—missionaries of their own culture, not only those from another country or culture.

Children need to learn that missions advance requires senders who give, pray, and encourage, as well as missionaries who go to another culture.

Children need to understand the variety of gifts God can use in missions.

Children need to see missions as one of the main reason for living.

Children need to begin to be active in missions now.

Children need to see themselves as givers and goers, not just receivers.

**LET'S REVIEW:**

Let each person try to write down, without consulting his notes or a neighbor, as many of the above points as he can. (In order for children to become missionary do-ers, what is needed?)