



“Each person should do as he has decided in his heart – not out of regret or out of necessity, for God loves a cheerful giver.” 2 Corinthians 9:7
State Offering Goal: \$75,000

Learning about the Indiana State Missions Offering

Engaging adults is a key element in promoting the importance of the Indiana State Missions Offering. The following suggestions may be used to show how Indiana Southern Baptists are involved in telling others about Jesus. If your church does not have adult missions groups, the ideas can be inserted into already existing adult gatherings.

- Display the printed poster, set a church goal and promote it.
- Order offering envelopes and place in the church’s worship bulletin.
- The brochure that includes mission stories, offering allocations and prayer requests can be downloaded and printed or ordered online. Distribute these in church bulletins or with an Indiana missions display.
- Set a specific time to focus on state missions. September is the suggested month to focus on Indiana missions. The ideas listed below may help as you plan to involve adults.

State Missions Emphasis

Generate interest by enlisting someone to tell one of the mission stories from the brochure. You might use an interview style to present the stories or a panel of “church planters” to tell about their work during a worship service.

Encourage participants to pray for each association during the month and the projects they have planned to use offerings.

Lead a time of prayer for church plants in Indiana. A list of church planters is available at www.scbi.org/smo. Display a map of Indiana indicating where plants are located. Divide adults into small prayer groups to pray for church planters and their families.

Encourage adults to use brochure information and lead their families in praying for the requests listed during the month. Choose several requests from the three categories and use the Bible references to highlight these requests. This can be done during a weekly Bible study, in a worship service, at a men’s or women’s ministry event or in community groups.

Use the allocation information in the brochure “Reaching Indiana” to explain how offerings are used to establish and strengthen missions work in Indiana. Create a PowerPoint presentation to

illustrate the percentage designated for church revitalization, church planting, and associational initiatives. Explain each division and give examples.

As an “attention-getter” use the “Indiana Fast Facts” and “Southern Baptists in Indiana” (available online) as a way to familiarize adults with their state and efforts to reach those who don’t yet know Christ as their Savior. This might be another opportunity to use PowerPoint presentation during the time prior to the worship service.

Another “attention-getter” to capture the mission field we live in is “Pray for Lost Indiana.” This shows Indiana’s population and the estimated number of people living without Christ in our state. This and “Lostness in Indiana Detail,” which gives the data by county, can be used in a prayer meeting or as part of a PowerPoint presentation.

Download and print or order SMO posters and brochures online at www.scbi.org/smo. Order offering envelopes in time to promote during the entire month of September.