



“CURRENT” INFO

Missions, Missions Rap

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Part 1

Missions, Missions! What does it mean?

Missions, Missions! How is it seen?

Giving, giving, and giving some more.

Offrings, off rings, more than before.

Budgets here and dollars there;

Money is all you folks talk about and care.

Missions—Budgets! That’s what it means.

Missions—Off rings! That’s how it’s seen.

My friends, this is what some people today think when they hear the word *missions*. How unfortunate! How mistaken they are! Now, let me remind us of what *missions* is really about.

Part 2

Missions, Missions! What does it mean?

Missions, Missions! How is it seen?

Going and preaching, loving and caring,

Helping and teaching, serving and sharing.

Working and toiling, winning the lost.

Striving and moiling at any cost.

Men and women, sisters and brothers,

Teens and children, people and others.

Missions—People! That’s what it means.

Missions—Others! That must be seen.

Note: Part 1 reflects an attitude of many people today—“missions” and “money” are equated. Part 2 affirms what the attitude should be—“missions” and “people” are synonymous. A brief explanation or exhortation may be given before each part. The paragraph after Part 1 is an example.

Invite a youth or youth group to rap this promotion. The bold syllables indicate four stressed beats per line, which should be reflected in the speaking voice/s.

MISSION MOMENTS SOURCES

- Adult Mission Education (AME) study packet
- NMI missions books
- NMI Web site <www.nazarenemissions.org>. Check out “Helpful Sites,” “NMI Update,” and “Fast Facts.”
- *Global Glimpses*
- *Mission Connection*
- NMI page and other mission articles in *Holiness Today*.
- *World Mission DVD/Video Magazine*
- NMI missions books promotions (available from district NMI president)
- World Mission Department Web site <www.nazareneworldmission.org>
- NCM Web site <www.nazcompassion.org>. Click on “The Latest,” “Lifestyle Education,” and “Newsletter.”
- Harvest Partners JESUS Film Ministries Web site <www.jfp.org>
- NCN News web site <www.ncnnews.org>
- Personal contacts with missionaries, including deputation services.
- Missionaries’ newsletters.
- World Mission Regions’ newsletters.
- *The Church Around the World*, monthly publication of Tyn-dale House Publishers, Inc. Order toll-free 1-800-495-3265.
- Book: *Operation World: When We Pray God Works* by Patrick Johnstone and Jason Mandryk <www.wec-int.org>
- Prayer for the Persecuted Church Web site <www.persecutedchurch.org>
- The Voice of the Martyrs Web site <www.persecution.com>
- Yourself. Be creative. Think outside the proverbial hard-to-open box (a.k.a. NMI tradition).

Solution

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1. KNOW SCRIPTURE to help guide you on your way to the Great Commission!
2. Keep a PRAYER JOURNAL in your classroom.
3. SPIN THE GLOBE—wherever your finger lands, pray for that country.
4. LEARN about people of other religions.
5. Read stories from REAL MISSIONARIES.