



## Church Outreach Ideas

We are listing ideas for a great VARIETY of possible ministry opportunities\*\* ...

They are organized according to like areas of ministry, if you find more, please let us know so that we can pass your ideas on. Our areas are broken out in the following:

College Students (Exchange students, MKs)

Community Helpers (Police, Fire, Sherriff, Rescue workers, Social services, school teachers, sanitation workers, mail carriers, school bus drivers, etc.)

Disaster Ministry

Elderly, Shut-Ins, Disabled, Needy, Single moms

Hospital Ministry

Hygiene Kits (for migrant workers, homeless shelters, domestic violence safe houses)

New Neighbor Ministry

Prison Ministry

Rest Home Ministry

Servant Evangelism

Miscellaneous ideas

*\*\*We provide ideas with the specific idea that you will research what guidelines you will need to work within, if outside the confines of your church property\*\**

**College Students (Exchange students, Missionary Kids, etc)**

During exam week, provide a box of snacks for a college student

Invite students to dinner or to church functions

Provide stationery, cards, stamps, etc to send notes to home or other friends

Most college campuses have a student health center with a nurse for students who live on campus and become ill. Provide 'care kits' with such things as cough drops, Kleenex tissues, instant chicken soup, tea bags, crackers, etc.

**Community Helpers (Police, Fire, Sherriff, Rescue, Social Services, School teachers, Sanitation workers, Mail Carriers, School Bus drivers (etc.)**

Children can make cards saying 'Thank You' to be delivered

Children can tape Bible verses to individually wrapped "Little Debbie" cookies to be delivered

Make care baskets for an office or station

Deliver some kind of 'goodie' or a box of candy with a "Thank You" card and Gospel Tract attached

During the last week of school (or right before school starts) take refreshments to school teachers

**Disaster Ministry**

Supply emergency food, clothes or supplies like a flashlight with batteries, etc.

Provide a place to do laundry or take a bath

Provide cots, blankets or towels

**Elderly, Shut-in, Disabled, Needy, Single moms**

Replace light bulbs

Replace smoke alarm batteries

Replace AC/heat filters

Provide emergency supplies (flashlight with batteries)

Shop for them or taken them on shopping errands

Clean ceiling fans

Clean house (vacuum, dust, mop, etc)

Wash windows

Take them to a restaurant

Winterize their homes, well house, etc.

Turn mattresses

Be a telephone companion

For the hearing impaired, provide closed-captioned Christian videos

For the visually impaired, visit and take a tape of a church worship service. Offer to write letters for them , read to them, take a CD of Christian music

For the crippled, visit and offer to take them for a 'walk' in the 'fresh air'

Donate cans of *Ensure*®

### **Hospital Ministry**

Visit

Read to patients

Provide "goodie tray" for nurses station

Provide snacks for a waiting room

Provide Christian literature and/or tapes

Provide writing materials

Take a variety of age-appropriate gifts to the children's ward of a hospital for helping get through the day

Make a Bible verse tree

Provide in bed activities like puzzles, word games, art supplies

Conduct a puppet show in the children's ward

Ministry at a Ronald McDonald House:

Make a meal for the families, have a game night, rent a movie & provide the popcorn

Host a baby shower for a pregnancy care center or a needy mom

**Personal Hygiene kits (Migrant workers, Homeless Shelters, Domestic Violence Safehouses, etc)**

MEN - Toothbrush/toothpaste, Soap, Washcloth, Hand towel, Shaving cream, Razor, Shampoo, Comb, Deodorant

WOMEN - Toothbrush/toothpaste, Soap, Washcloth, Hand towel, Shampoo, Conditioner, Hairbrush, Hand/Body lotion, Deodorant, Feminine items

CHILDREN - Toothbrush/toothpaste, Soap, Washcloth, Hand towel, Shampoo, Hairbrush & 5 band-aids

INFANTS - Ivory Soap, Washcloth, Hand towel, diapers, diaper rash ointment, baby powder, baby wipes, & baby shampoo/wash

***\*\*Please use the Extra-large size Ziplock bags and label each kit appropriately\*\****

**New Neighbor Ministry**

Visit a new family in the neighborhood and take them a '**Welcome**' gift.

[Which should include the emergency information, your phone number, info on your church and any special things your community does.]

Go with a new student to school on their first day and show them around

Host a cook-out for the family to meet other neighbors

**Prison Ministry**

Donate cards for inmates to send to their families (for all occasions)

Donate toiletries to the prison

Provide Christian literature & paper-back Bibles for the prisoners to check out & read

Provide stationery for letter writing

Find out the name of , show support & appreciation for the prison chaplain

Pray for the prisoners & those guarding them

### **Rest Home Ministry**

Visit

Take a child or a pet (if allowed & previously cleared with administration)

Read to residents

Offer to write notes to family members

Decorate a resident's room (with permission of resident & administration)

Paint the fingernails of the women (with permission)

Provide 'pillow corsage'

Host monthly birthday parties for residents

Provide music, puppets, clowns etc for entertainment

Conduct an arts & crafts activity in the day room (with permission)

Offer communion (with permission)

Host a resident party & play Bingo

Assist at mealtime

Donate cans of *Ensure*® for nursing home residents

Make walker pockets or lap pads

Provide adult bibs or diapers

Provide personal hygiene items

Provide bird feeders & bird seed, place them outside a window (with permission)

### **Servant Evangelism**

Set up blood pressure checks at a store or shop (with permission of owners/management)

Distribute cups of COLD water at the flea market

Pass out quarters, small bags of detergent and Gospel tracts at a Laundromat

Clean restrooms at a local business, letting them know you appreciate their service to the

community

Distribute canned drinks & tracts at an intersection  
(with permits & approval from town administration)

Wash windshields in a parking lot at a store/shop (with permission of owner/management)

**Miscellaneous**

Hold a 1-day Backyard Bible Club or VBS in a trailer park or some other location  
(with permission)

Build a wheel chair ramp or a porch (as asked for by people & if the need can be met)

Collect coats and/or shoes for the needy

Fix lunch bags for the homeless

Do yard work or trim shrubs for someone

Make lap quilts for people in wheelchairs

Host a block party

Fix someone's roof

Distribute Jesus videos & popcorn

Repair community playground equipment like in a park (with approval)

Show a movie with popcorn in a housing project or apartment complex

Hold a Bible study in an apartment complex

Collect school supplies to replenish a classroom or for a needy child

Place Christian magazines in waiting rooms, Laundromats, beauty/barber shops, motel lobby/  
rooms, hospital lobby, Dr. office, train/bus stations

Prayer walk for a specific area/need

Provide large print materials for elderly

Have a car clinic, offer free automotive work for elderly, single moms, needy families.  
Change the oil, replace the wipers, etc.

Free neighborhood/community car wash & hand out tracts/brochures about your church

Collect supplies for a food pantry, a clothes closet, etc. Several churches have them & would appreciate donations

Provide a coffee/cookie stop at an airport or bus terminal (with permission from authorities)

Set up a booth at a campground giving out cups of cold water & Gospel tracts (with permission)

Call your closest association office and put your name on the *'volunteer'* list to help on days when needed in the office

Send care packages to missionaries or missionary kids

Prepare Easter Baskets or fill stockings for homeless children

Fill a backpack with school supplies for needy children

Plant flowers at a group home (with permission)

Participate in the Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child at a packing center

Volunteer at a school -- reading a book to classroom, putting up bulletin boards, tutoring/mentoring students, offer to listen to students read out loud.

Volunteer time at a Senior Center

Go caroling at the hospital or rest home. If it is not at a holiday time, sing old church hymns

Make salvation bracelets & distribute them at the mall, at the flea market, etc (with permission)

Work at a soup kitchen, homeless shelter, pregnancy crisis center, etc.

All of the ideas presented are workable & adaptable to your ministry or its needs. We do encourage participation outside the walls of your church for it work properly. Again, please consider carefully what you and/or your group would like to do and seek the necessary permissions to accomplish the goal of serving as the hands of our Savior, Jesus Christ. And by permissions, we don't mean only the parental permission for children involved. If you are desiring to work in the secular arena, there are permissions by management, owners, administrators and civil authorities that are necessary to obtain BEFORE doing the work. We don't want to have issues arise that conflict with the law and taint the ministry you want provide. After trying one or more of the ideas presented, please let the association know how well (or not) your endeavor to serve goes. You may call the office (252) 443-3883 or [email](#) us.