December, January, February

Show His Love Unconditionally

Pour Our Lives and Resources into Others... Stay Focused... Do the Hard Things

This is the time of year when we think about giving to the people we love. How about the people God loves? As we express our affection to those who are special to us, how can we put love in action to reach the lost, even those who are difficult to love?

Choose from the following ideas for publicity, creative uses of the prayer calendar, and ways to live on mission as a group.

**Publicity**

1. **Bulletin Board**—prepare a bulletin board to use for December, January, and February. At the top, print the quarterly theme, Show His Love Unconditionally. For December, display an opened gift. Spilling from the gift, place an outline of the world, a Lottie Moon Christmas Offering® envelope, words such as tell the world, and a picture of a glass of water. At the bottom, write the words Join us as we pour our resources into others. Then provide information about your meeting. For January, replace the opened gift with a picture of binoculars. Across the bottom write, Our Women on Mission group wants to stay focused. In February, put a large red heart in the center. Then place a cross on top of it. Across the bottom write, Sometimes God wants us to do the hard things. Place monthly save-the-date flyers on or near the bulletin board.

2. **[December]** In a prominent place on Sunday morning, distribute cups of water. As you give a cup of water to women, say, God wants us to pour our lives and resources into others. Invite them to your Women on Mission meeting.

3. **[January]** In your church newsletter, invite women to “stay focused” and attend your meeting. Use clip art of eyeglasses.

4. **[February]** Enlist two people to enter into the following dialogue on a Wednesday night service or during announcements on a Sunday morning:

   1ST PERSON: What does unconditional love look like?
   2ND PERSON: It’s a homeless person with food to eat.
   1ST PERSON: It’s a neighbor sharing her testimony with her friend next door.
   2ND PERSON: It’s a sacrificial gift made to a missions offering.
   1ST PERSON: It’s a scholarship so that a child can go to camp.
   2ND PERSON: It’s going with a missions team to witness in a faraway place.
   1ST PERSON: It’s going with a missions team to witness in a nearby place.
   2ND PERSON: It’s making friends with non-Christians and sharing a witness.
   1ST PERSON: Unconditional love is not easy.
   2ND PERSON: Sometimes it’s very hard.
   1ST PERSON: Our Women on Mission group is working on doing the hard things to reach the lost.
   2ND PERSON: Is God calling you to join us?

**Prayer Calendar**

1. **Names on the map**—Place a large map of the world at the front of the room. Write the names of missionaries on the prayer calendar on small Christmas tree cutouts and attach to the map in the area where each missionary serves. During the meeting, invite the women to come to the map and remove a tree and share the name. If you would like to use the map for the next two months, then eyeglass shapes could be used for January and hearts for February.

2. **[December]** Write the names of the missionaries on pieces of paper and place in a pitcher and pass around for women to draw out. As the pitcher is passed, remind the women that, like our missionaries, we are to pour out our resources to reach the lost. When all the papers have been taken, pray for the missionaries.

3. **[January]** Use a picture of a magnifying glass with the word focus in the center. Write the names of missionaries on the paper.

4. **[February]** Place a small nail through a piece of construction paper.
Write, Jesus did the hardest thing for us. What can we do for Him? We can pray for ___ (name of a missionary).

**Living on Mission Projects**

1. Secure gift cards for the homeless. Encourage women to buy $5.00 gift cards from local fast-food restaurants to give to those asking for a handout. With the card, remind the recipient that God loves him or her.

2. Make a new friend. Inspire the members of your group to reach out to a neighbor. Take some homemade sweet bread or cookies and go for a short visit. As God leads, share your testimony.

3. [December] Adopt a resident. Check with an assisted living center or group home for developmentally delayed young adults about your group “adopting” one of their residents. Ask them to choose someone who gets few visitors. Encourage members to take turns visiting your new friend. Take her a Christmas gift and ensure she has a visitor on Christmas Day. Continue to visit her regularly.

4. [January] Where are my glasses? Since we are staying focused this month, it might be a good time to collect eyeglasses that are no longer needed. It is possible a medical team may need glasses for a missions trip. If that's not the case, then check with a local Lions club.

5. [February] Prepare valentines for servers. Choose a restaurant near your church and inquire about the number of employees they have. Create simple valentines to remind them that God loves them. Deliver the valentines to the workers and invite them to the church for a pedicure so you can interact with them and begin a relationship.

**Save-the-Date Flyers**

**INVEST YOUR TIME AND TALENTS**

*God’s love + your life = eternal dividends*

Join us to discover spiritual investment opportunities!

What: __________________________________________

Date: __________________________________________

Time: __________________________________________

Place: __________________________________________