



Opening Ceremony Ideas and Guidelines

- The service should be upbeat and exciting with many visuals.
- Make this service a “big blowout event”!
- Make sure to include worship as part of the event.
- Utilize an international flag procession early in the service to accompany the mission partners into the service.
- Plan a significant introduction of the mission partners to the congregation.
- Have the mission partners wear their national dress, if possible.
- Utilize as many choirs or groups as possible. For instance, traditional and contemporary worship, children, youth, adult choirs, etc.
- Allow no more than 30 minutes for the speaker.
- Have the pastor interview a few mission partners.
- Consider showing a video montage of mission work the church has been involved in to celebrate all that God has already done through the church.
- If showing a custom video is not possible, show a two-minute video highlighting missions and cultures around the world. (We have suggestions if needed.)
- Promote the rest of the activities of the GIC.
- Talk about the Faith Promise and Life Commitment cards.