

# **Ways to Organize Women on Mission**

What are the options for gathering to learn about missions? There are many different ways small groups of women can come together to accomplish God's missions purpose in the world. These small groups form the foundation for the work of Women on Mission.

### **Mission Action Groups**

Mission Action Groups are developed by women who want to engage in hands-on missions. Led by a Women on Mission leader, these groups focus on doing missions and telling others about Jesus through evangelism and community ministry. Their service may be accomplished by ongoing or one-time events. The work of missions action groups can include volunteering at food pantries and crisis pregnancy centers, work with refugees, ministry to the homeless, teaching English as a second language and literacy missions, job skills training, and other ministries.

## Affinity (or "Special Interest") Groups

One way to form a Women on Mission group is to gather women with common interests, hobbies, or similar life stages. These groups help women develop the missional characteristics of learning about missions, praying for missions, supporting missions, and doing missions and telling others about Jesus. For example, knitters may meet together to pray for the recipients of the projects they are knitting. These groups' meetings are flexible, as are the guidelines for when or how long to meet. For example, stay-at-home moms may choose to meet during nap times, play dates, or in the evenings when dads are home.

## **Traditional Groups**

Traditional groups can gather for the purpose of equipping themselves with the missional characteristics of learning about missions, praying for missions, supporting missions, doing missions, and telling others about Jesus. Traditional groups may also come together with a more targeted missions focus, such as contemporary missions, prayer, or Bible study.

#### **Individual Involvement**

Even if a woman doesn't participate in a group, she can still be part of global Women on Mission. She can use Women on Mission resources to be involved in missions and grow in missions discipleship.

