



Teaching Guide for Adults

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2015 State Missions Emphasis and Eliza Broadus Offering

Leader Background Information

Kentucky Baptists observe the Season of Prayer for State Missions in September. The suggested date is September 13-20, 2015. The theme, **The Heart of the Story**, is based on the story of the blind man healed by Jesus Christ found in John 9:25-27. Upon hearing the story offered to him by Christ and the subsequent healing, he proclaimed, *“One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see.”*

This teaching guide may be used for adult audiences including Women on Mission, Adults on Mission, myMission, or a Churchwide audience.

Desired Outcome

Adults will learn about ministries supported by the Eliza Broadus Offering; pray for the missionaries in Kentucky; and give to the Eliza Broadus Offering for State Missions.

Before the Session

1. Read the Master Article for 2015. Pray that the Lord will give you wisdom in how to best communicate this material to the specific people in your congregation/group. Print copies to distribute to participants. Eight ministries are featured including prayer requests and contact information.
2. View all of the video segments on the 2015 State Missions DVD. Prepare to show the ones suggested in this teaching plan or that you select for the mission study based on time available and special interests of your congregation.
3. Pray that the Lord will prepare the hearts of your congregation/group to both hear and understand the material being presented.
4. Pray that the Lord will clearly guide His people into how they can be personally involved in one of more of the ministries presented.
5. Promote the date/time/location of your presentation throughout the church via clearly displayed signs and the church bulletin, newsletter, and website. Also utilize social media such as Facebook, Twitter, personal text messages to cell phones, e-vite, etc. to promote the event.
6. Obtain The Heart of the Story prayer guides and Eliza Broadus Offering envelopes for participants. Print copies of the 2015-16 EBO Allocations included with this teaching plan.

2015 State Missions Emphasis Highlights

Suggested Date: September 13-20, 2015

Suggested Scripture: John 9:25b

“One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see” (John 9:25b ESV).

Music Suggestions: Amazing Grace, He Touched Me, Now I Belong to Jesus, Since I Have Been Redeemed, Since Jesus Came Into My Heart, Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone), The Light of the World

Master Article (print from DVD) – information about eight ministries in Kentucky.

Video Options (Use one each Sunday in September and/or for mission study):

- TellYourStory.Today
- Language Missions through Church Planting
- Creative Ministries Festival 2.0
- First Priority Student Ministry
- Disaster Relief Overview
- Disaster Relief: A Response of Hope
- Disaster Relief: An Opportunity to Serve
- Operation Insasmuch Kentucky

All 2015 state missions materials and videos are also available online: www.kywmu.org/ebo

7. Enlist people to assist with the study:

- A volunteer to lead one or more music selections suggested for the emphasis or a person to sing a solo.
- A volunteer to provide technical support for the video clips to be shown as well as the sound system, if necessary.
- A volunteer to close the session with prayer for state missions. Ask him/her to specifically pray for the missionaries and ministries presented during the study.
- Two or three volunteers to help distribute the handouts, prayer guides, and offering envelopes at the appropriate time.
- Secure a volunteer to share either a personal testimony or one they listened to on www.tellyourstory.today. Or arrange to play one or more testimonies from the web site.
- If your church has a creative arts team, or individuals who do creative arts such as clowning, ballooning, mime, etc., enlist the team or an individual to do a special presentation during the study.

8. Learn about Operation Inasmuch Kentucky and plans for your church to participate.

- <http://www.kybaptist.org/homepage/missions-mobilization/operation-inasmuch-kentucky/>
- <http://www.operationinasmuch.org/churches/operation-inasmuch-kentucky/>

9. Create a display area of your favorite books, along with cutouts of hearts in varying shape, color, and sizes. Have hearts ready to give out as participants arrive or place one in each seat for the event.

During the Session

1. Welcome participants as they arrive. Give each person a heart cutout or direct them to the seats where hearts have been placed.
2. Open the session with prayer, thanking the Lord for the opportunity to learn about ministries in Kentucky and asking Him to reveal to all participants ways that they can help make an impact for missions in Kentucky.
3. Point out the display table of various books and hearts. Ask, "What are some stories that have made an impact on your life?" Allow a brief time for responses. Say, "A mark of any great story is that it makes an impact on the heart of the hearer. In our time together we are going to listen to several stories of how God is at work in Kentucky. I want to challenge you to listen carefully to THE HEART OF THE STORY and see you it can affect YOU.
4. Use music (congregational singing, special music, or a music video) to begin the emphasis study.
5. Say, *"The theme for the 2015 state missions emphasis is 'The Heart of the Story.' For many years, Paul Harvey captured attention on the radio as he told little known engaging stories about people and situations with some key element of the story held back until the end. The stories always ended with the tagline, 'And now you know the rest of the story.' This year we want you to know not only the rest of the story, but also the heart of the story. Our print materials feature eight ministries that are sharing Christ across our state. There are many people who have been saved through Kentucky Baptist ministries who would echo the focal verse of this year's state missions emphasis, John 9:25b, 'One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see.'*

"We have written information about all of the featured ministries and we will watch short video clips about several of them in this session. Now it is time for us to listen to the stories, learn about the ministries, lift these ministries to the Lord in prayer, and leave a gift for the Eliza Broadus Offering to support the continuing work across our state.

"As you listen to the videos, use your paper heart to make notes about how you can personally be involved in one or more of these ministries or a similar need or opportunity in our area."
6. Show the video: "TellYourStory.Today."
7. Ask the pre-enlisted volunteer to share his/her testimony (or share a testimony from the web site).

8. Show the video: “Language Missions through Church Planting.”
9. Say: *“This video helps us understand the need for language missions and church planting partnerships. Do you know of any internationals living in your neighborhood, working with you, or going to school with your children that you can begin praying for? What is being done in our area to share the gospel with people who speak other languages? What could our church do?”*
10. Show the video: “Creative Ministries Festival 2.0.”
11. If a creative arts team or individual was enlisted, have them do their presentation at this time. Lead the group in a discussion of how creative ministries could be used for outreach in the community and on mission trips.
12. Show the video: “First Priority.”
13. Say, “We need to be in prayer for Christian ministries to students. First Priority has been assisted through the Eliza Broadus Offering and your gifts help many ministries across our state that apply to Kentucky WMU for grants.” Ask the group about student ministries in your area.
14. Draw attention back to the book/heart display area. Say, “We have been introduced to the stories of important ministries that are sharing the gospel in Kentucky. Using your hearts, please write down at least one ministry that you will commit to pray for this week.”
15. If your church will be participating in Operation Inasmuch Kentucky, share plans for the ministry project. Emphasize how important it is for each person to be personally involved in missions.
16. Distribute copies of the Master Article, prayer guides, Eliza Broadus Offering Allocations, and offering envelopes. Discuss how the funds are used through the Kentucky Baptist Convention, Baptist Associations, ministries which apply to Kentucky WMU for grants, and for missions education through Kentucky WMU.
17. Say, *“Our church goal is \$_____ for state missions through the Eliza Broadus Offering. We have discussed the need for prayer and participation in these ministries. Yet, as you can see, each ministry also depends on our sacrificial giving. As we tell our stories, pray, and give, hearts will be changed throughout Kentucky. A changed life is not only the rest of the story, it is the heart of the story.”*
18. Ask the enlisted volunteer to close in prayer.

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2015 ELIZA BROADUS OFFERING

Kentucky State Missions,
Associations & Special Ministries,
And Missions Education

2015-16 OFFERING ALLOCATIONS

Kentucky Baptist Convention	\$860,000
Missions Mobilization	438,000
State Missionaries.....	250,000
Church & Community Missionaries.....	65,000
Metro Ministry Centers.....	15,000
Missions Mobilization Coordinator.....	30,000
Ministry Centers Buildings	10,000
State Missionaries Retreat.....	3,000
Disaster Relief Ministry, Training, Equipment.....	35,000
Evangelism & Church Planting.....	398,000
Church Planting (Anglo/Language).....	197,000
Church Planter Network, Resources, Training	5,000
LIFE Project Evangelism Strategy.....	50,000
Evangelism Strategy Implementation/Outreach	12,000
RISK Conference / Outreach	9,000
Hispanic Bible Institute.....	10,000
Ethnic Evangelism.....	2,000
Collegiate Summer Missions	28,000
Baptist Campus Ministry	25,000
International Student Ministry	60,000
Church Consulting & Revitalization.....	24,000
Project More Women / Seniors.....	9,000
Church Revitalization Initiatives.....	15,000
 Kentucky Baptist Associations & Special Ministries	 \$130,000
All Kentucky Baptist Associations will be given a ministry grant of \$500 provided the association meets EBO grant guidelines. Additional requests for Special Ministries Funds may be made through an application process. Kentucky Baptist affiliated ministries may apply, including ministries of associations, MSC missionaries, etc. The deadline for submitting an EBO allocation request from the 2015-16 offering is <u>December 15, 2015</u> . Contact Kentucky WMU for an application form or download from www.kywmu.org/eboapplication .	
 Kentucky WMU.....	 \$260,000
Missions Education, Leader Development, Resource Materials.....	146,635
Missions Events, Kentucky Changers, Camps & Overnights.....	52,615
Missions Promotion & Season of Prayer	60,750

ELIZA BROADUS OFFERING GOAL\$1,250,000

