



# HOW TO START **BGMC**<sup>TM</sup> IN YOUR CHURCH

CREATING  
A HEART OF  
**COMPASSION**  
IN KIDS



is the missions education program for all kids in the Assemblies of God. BGMC stands for “Boys and Girls Missionary Challenge.” Kids are **challenged** to help our missionaries, **challenged** to sacrificially give to missions, **challenged** to help the needy in the world, **challenged** to pray for missionaries, **challenged** to pray for various people groups, **challenged** to love and accept people of all races, **challenged** to reach the lost, and **challenged** to keep their hearts open to the call of God for full-time missions. The money raised through BGMC is used to provide our missionaries with whatever supplies they need to reach people around the world. BGMC equips kids to know, to care, to pray, to give, and to reach the lost. BGMC has a two-fold purpose:

- 1 to reach the kids of the world, and
- 2 to create a heart of compassion in kids.

*I want to teach my kids’  
church about missions.  
What is BGMC all  
about?*

### How Did BGMC Start?

In October 1949, the BGMC program was launched because of a need—the need that missionaries all over the world had for literature which could be used for distribution, for translation work, and for study material. Another need was for the disposal of the backdated literature in the Gospel Publishing House. At the seventh National Sunday School Convention held in Springfield, Missouri, these two needs were brought together, and BGMC was formed as the agent. The specific purpose of BGMC was to raise money through Sunday School for the literature program. The first task undertaken by the new BGMC program was to raise funds for shipping these materials to the mission fields.

At that time, supplies were shipped to missionaries in barrels. It was determined that small wooden barrels would be given to all Sunday School kids. The kids were to take the barrels home and each day place a penny, nickel, dime, or more in it. Once a month on the designated Sunday, each child would return his or her barrel to Sunday School. As a result, Buddy Barrel became the mascot for BGMC.

Today, the wooden barrels have also evolved to much larger plastic yellow barrels. Kids are encouraged to do their best to fill their barrels every month for missions. We want kids to not just ask mom and dad for money, but also to earn money. Kids are also encouraged to make a monthly goal or faith promise for BGMC.







# Mission Statement

The Boys & Girls Missionary Challenge of The General Council of the Assemblies of God, in conjunction with district, sectional, and local kids' ministries, adopts the following mission statement, vision slogan, motto, definitions, objectives, and strategies:

## BGMC Mission Statement

BGMC has a twofold purpose:

- to reach the kids of the world
- to create a heart of compassion in kids

BGMC exists to serve the Church in preparing kids for its fullest participation in world evangelization. As a kids' missions education agency of the Assemblies of God, BGMC is committed to beginning the processes of missions awareness, missions concern, and missions stewardship in each young life and to introducing kids at the earliest possible age to Christ's Great Commission.

## BGMC's Motto

Challenging Kids to Reach the World.

## Definition of Kids' Missions Education

Kids' missions education engages:

- the kid's **head** with knowledge (missions awareness)
- the kid's **heart** with caring and compassion (missions concern)
- the kid's **hands in** responding to what he/she knows and feels (missions stewardship)

**Missions awareness** includes multicultural education—introducing the kids to a fascinating, culturally diverse world; to the sights, sounds, smells, tastes, and the way of life in another culture. This must culminate in a look at religious beliefs and in the kids' awareness that many of the people are lost and do not have an adequate explanation of the gospel to enable them to make a decision to follow Christ.

**Missions concern** involves theology—teaching the kids who God is and the part that God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit play in missions. It is this aspect of kids' missions education that introduces kids to Christ's Great Commission.

**Missions stewardship** involves life application response and commitment to the Great Commission—giving time, talents, and treasures to reach the lost. Within this objective is training in prayer and personal evangelism and in giving systematically, once a month to reach the lost.

## BGMC's Vision Slogan

*Equipping Kids to Know, Care, Pray, Give, and Reach the Lost.*



BGMC is the program that allows our missionaries to get the supplies they need to spread the gospel and reach the world. BGMC is the only program that gives our missionaries the freedom to buy such things as puppets, clown outfits, costume animals, Bibles, Sunday School literature, computers, training manuals, food and water, equipment for schools, clinics, and orphanages, and lots more. The only restriction that BGMC places is that items must have to do with "evangelism" or "discipleship."

BGMC is the program that provides **whatever** missionaries need—**where** they need it and **when** they need it. Many missionaries would be at a loss without BGMC. That's why our missionaries **LOVE** BGMC.

BGMC not only helps individual missionaries, but it also helps fund various missions organizations, such as International Media Ministries, Global University (formerly International Correspondence

Institute), Global Initiative, Network 211, Africa Oasis Project, Africa's Hope, Africa Tabernacle Evangelism, CompassionLink, Latin America Radio, Unsi3n TV, Teen Challenge International, Convoy of Hope, Life Publishers, and many more.

BGMC also provides supplies to our U.S. missionaries and missions organizations that we have here in America. BGMC helps Chi Alpha Campus Ministries, Institutional/Occupational Chaplaincy, Intercultural Ministries, Chaplaincy Ministries, Teen Challenge, and Church Planting. In fact, BGMC provides each new church plant with a grant to buy the supplies they need to get started. A percentage of BGMC funds is also given back to the districts to use for home missions projects in their own districts. As you can see, BGMC is greatly used and greatly needed by our missionaries.

## BGMC Provides More Than Supplies

BGMC especially tries to target the children of the world by providing for street kids, orphanages, feeding programs, water wells, school supplies, sending kids to camps, the making of children's TV programs and videos, and lots more!

BGMC also pays to have materials translated into different languages so people can read things in their own language. BGMC has had the JBQ program, Royal Rangers, Girls Ministries, kids' church curriculum, and Sunday School lessons translated into many different languages around the world. As you can see, BGMC is a GREAT help to our missionaries around the world.

# What Does BGMC Do?





## Kids Need BGMC

BGMC provides resources to help you teach kids about missions. Missions education will create an attitude of compassion for the lost in the hearts of the kids you teach.

As you expose kids to the **Great Commission**, they'll see the need to reach out to those around them and to the world with the gospel. They will learn to have a heart for witnessing and for sharing their faith. They'll understand that witnessing is something that God commands us to do.

As you expose kids to the **needs of the world**, you create a heart of compassion that wants to reach out and help those who are less fortunate. Kids can be selfish sometimes. Through BGMC, they will begin to realize how blessed they are, and they will want to share their blessings with others.

As you expose kids to **missionaries**, they'll learn about the call of God and about the miracles that are taking place all over the world. Kids often develop a burden for a particular area or group of people. As a result, they will pray for those missionaries, those countries, and the people. Kids will also learn to keep their hearts open to God and will be willing to accept His call.

A survey done among our missionaries showed that a large number of them were first called to the field as kids. If we don't expose kids to missions, how can God call them?

## BGMC is More Than A "Giving" Program

BGMC is also a missions education program. As kids learn about the needs around the world, they will want to respond. Jesus commanded us to reach out to those less fortunate. Regular, systematic giving to missions creates a giving heart and spirit in kids. It helps kids to not be so "me-centered." Kids learn to help others through the blessings God has given them. Kids who learn to give to missions now, grow into adults who give to missions later.

BGMC provides materials for missions education for the kids. We want the kids to learn about countries, people groups, and missionaries. We want kids to accept and love all people for who they are and realize that God loves all people. As kids learn about the need to reach

the lost of the world, they will pray for these people, and they will keep their hearts open to the call of God to one day go and reach these people with the gospel. Kids are also taught how important it is to be a witness now.

BGMC produces an annual BGMC missions education curriculum manual on data DVD. It contains 13 missions lessons for elementary kids and 13 lessons for early childhood kids. Each manual highlights 12 foreign countries or missions ministries plus one U.S. ministry. The lessons contain facts about the country, puppet skits, object lessons, Scripture pictures, true missions stories, recipes, slide presentations, and more. Each lesson is set up so a complete kids missions service can be done.

If you don't want to have a whole service or class time dedicated to a missions lesson, then just use portions of the lesson to teach the kids about missions.



## BGMC MUST-HAVE RESOURCES!



### Buddy Barrels with Lids

Watch your BGMC offerings grow with this new translucent yellow plastic Buddy Barrel! Kids fill them up with money and bring them back to church each month on BGMC Sunday. Approx. 2 3/4" x 5" (Must order in increments of 24.) NOTE: These banks can ONLY be used for collecting BGMC offerings.

715-022 .....24 for \$8.00



### Buddy Boxes

These boxes come folded flat and fit inside church bulletins. Great for older kids to use for BGMC offerings. Approximate size is of a juice box container. Design may change.

715-200 .....FREE

1-855-642-2011

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# How to Jump-Start



## In Your Church



### Who Will Be the BGMC Coordinator?

Who has the Lord placed in your congregation for this special ministry? Pray for the Lord to guide you in your selection.

- ◆ Look for a person with a heart for missions!
- ◆ Look for a person who can help kids understand that people without Jesus are lost.
- ◆ Look for a person who can help kids care enough to give so the lost can hear the Good News.
- ◆ In some instances, the kids' pastor serves as the BGMC coordinator.

Invite the person you find to look over the job description (see page 15) and prayerfully consider this ministry opportunity.

### When and Where Will BGMC Fit in Your Church Schedule?

**A. Plan to promote BGMC** once a month on a Wednesday or on the Sunday designated as missions Sunday.

**B. Decide where to feature BGMC monthly.**

Consider these possibilities:

#### Kids' Church:

- ◆ When kids' church is provided, often this is the best place to fit BGMC. All the kids are together and more excitement is generated in the group setting.
- ◆ The BGMC coordinator may give the annual missions education manual to the kids' church leaders to use as they see fit. When this occurs, the coordinator may assume all the other responsibilities listed in the job description.
- ◆ If the BGMC coordinator is a gifted motivator and has good rapport with the kids, he/she should work out a schedule with the kids' church leaders to personally present BGMC to the kids on BGMC/ Missions Sunday.

#### Opening/Closing Assembly:

- ◆ In the smaller church, BGMC may be presented to all the kids in the opening assembly before dismissal to the Sunday School classes or following dismissal from classes and prior to the morning worship service.
- ◆ Larger churches may present BGMC in the opening assembly of the early childhood and elementary departments.

#### Wednesday Night Church:

- ◆ Present BGMC to the Royal Rangers, Girls Ministries, or other clubs in their classrooms.
- ◆ Provide them with the lesson materials that are in the missions manual. Have contests between the classes, bring in guest missionaries, etc.



## Other:

- ◆ During Sunday School class time.
- ◆ During extended sessions or breakout groups.
- ◆ At a learning center or missions interest center.
- ◆ On Sunday evenings.
- ◆ On family night in an opening activity before the regular kids' programs.

## C. Feature BGMC at other special times during the year:

- ◆ On National BGMC Day, the second Sunday in March, BGMC is to be presented to the entire congregation and a special offering taken.
- ◆ At the annual missions convention, feature BGMC as one of the important missions endeavors of the church.
- ◆ At a kids' crusade or Vacation Bible School, many churches designate the offering for BGMC.
- ◆ Some churches give Buddy Barrel an annual birthday party on the day of their choice.
- ◆ Missions banquet for kids.

## What Do You Need to Do Before Your First BGMC Presentation?

**A. Download the annual missions education manual** from My Healthy Church. If you give to BGMC, the download is free. If you're just getting started, contact the BGMC office for a Starter Kit (see back page).

**B. Read the introduction section of the lessons** in order to understand how each section of the BGMC lesson should be taught. Then study the individual lessons to become familiar with the materials. The Missions Manual download includes many extra resources to help you teach the lessons, including videos.

**C. Go through** the slide presentation provided BGMC Missions Manual download so you are familiar with it. Decide if you want to use all of the slides or just a portion of them.

**D. Check out the BGMC website** for great information and ideas. Go to [bgmc.ag.org](http://bgmc.ag.org)

**E. Prepare a letter** to send to the home of each kid a w days before you give out the barrels or boxes.

**F. Set a BGMC goal** for the church to work toward.

## G. Record your goal on the free BGMC Goal Posters.

Encourage the kids to set their own individual goals. Give them a poster to take home. (Free BGMC Goal Posters can be ordered from GPH, item 715-599. English on one side, Spanish on the other.)



## BGMC's Vision & Objectives

- 1 To establish an effective kids' missions education program through BGMC in every Assemblies of God church.
- 2 To train and equip BGMC coordinators for church, sectional, and district leadership.
- 3 To inform the kids' parents and caregivers of the objectives of BGMC and participate with them in fostering missions awareness, missions concern, and missions stewardship in their children's lives.
- 4 To introduce kids at the earliest possible age to God's love for the world and to Christ's Great Commission and effectively equip them to be His witnesses.
- 5 To educate kids about the peoples of the world, their countries, their cultures, and their need for Christ.
- 6 To involve kids in praying for lost family members and friends and for the evangelism efforts of career missionaries.
- 7 To invite kids at least once a month to give of their treasures, time, and talents to reach the lost with the gospel of Jesus Christ.
- 8 To encourage kids entering their teen years to commit to personal evangelism and missions involvement and to assist their transition to participation in Speed the Light and U.S. and World Missions endeavors.



#### **H. Duplicate Buddy's Newsletter for Kids.**

- ◆ Give each kid a copy to take home and read later or use as an incentive for daily prayer.
- ◆ Provide a classroom-size world map or globe for helping the kids locate the countries being studied.

**I. Decide** whether you will feature the Winnie the World puppet script, or the Speedy D. Light puppet script, or the BGMC True Missions Story in your presentation. Pick and choose one or all of them as your situation allows.

If you do not have a consistent puppeteer who is able to create the character voices, you can download the Winnie the World and Speedy D. Light puppet scripts from the BGMC website. (Look under Resources > Skits.)

The True Missions Stories are included in the slide presentations with built-in audio. The slides will forward automatically at the proper points in the narration.

**J. Decorate the classroom** or area where BGMC will be presented. You'll find posters, banners, and other items in the BGMC catalog.

- ◆ Display the Buddy Barrel banner (item 715-030).
- ◆ Display one or more of the other BGMC banners.
- ◆ Display one or more of the BGMC posters.
- ◆ Display a world map or globe.
- ◆ Decorate the room to feature the country being studied.



**K. Decide where kids will bring their barrels or boxes** on BGMC Sunday. Consider these options:

- ◆ Set up a table at the back of the kids' church room. When the kids come to kids' church, have them give their barrels or boxes to the helpers. If you wish to keep individual giving records, have the helpers count and record their offerings during kids' church.

- ◆ Build a Buddy Barrel offering scale. Plans can be downloaded from the BGMC website. When it's time for the BGMC offering, the kids come forward and empty their barrels into Buddy's buckets. To generate excitement, boys compete against girls.

#### **What Do You Do at Your First BGMC Presentation?**

**A.** Have a kid find the country you are studying on the map or globe.

**B.** The entire BGMC lesson is made to be taught via the slide presentation. This includes a video about the country, country facts and photos, how our missionaries are reaching the people, and how BGMC helps. It also includes prayer needs, a Scripture Picture, and the True Missions Story with built-in audio.

**C.** Use the Winnie the World puppet script to present information about this country to the kids. Pass out the Buddy newsletter for the lesson. Point out the prayer list at the back of the newsletter and have the children pray for these needs.

**D.** Tell the True Missions Story (included in the slide presentation).

**E.** Help the kids learn the memory verse by presenting the Scripture Picture (included in the slide presentation).

**F.** Do the missions object lesson found on the PDF lesson pages.

**G.** If you have time, do the Activity Page (or send copies home with the kids) and provide one of Winnie's Wecipes.

**H.** Tell the kids, "Our missionaries need your help! They need Bibles, Sunday School lessons, gospel tracts, and all kinds of gospel literature written in many different languages. More people can learn about Jesus if the missionary can give them things to read and share with their friends. The money to buy these materials comes from BGMC."

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Ask the kids if they would like to help our missionaries. Say, "If you would like to help, I will give you a Buddy Barrel or a Buddy Box to take home to save your money in. Every month bring your barrel or box back to church and we will send your money in to help our missionaries tell others about Jesus. Every month you can write down how much you gave in your bankbook. This week I want you to talk with your parents about how much you think you will be able to give each month."

**I.** Pass out the barrels or boxes, bankbooks, and goal/ faith promise cards. You might also choose to provide a BGMC Passport and stickers for each kid to keep track of which countries they've learned about (715-075).



**J.** Tell the kids when they will need to bring their barrels or boxes back and where they will bring them.

**K.** Tell the kids that everyone who brings his/her barrel or box next month will receive a special gift (optional).

**L.** Pray. Thank God for His goodness and for the way He blesses your kids. Ask Him to help each kid tell people all around the world that Jesus loves them through BGMC.

## BGMC Offerings

**A.** Have the church secretary or treasurer mail the BGMC offerings quarterly to:

**BGMC**  
**1445 N. Boonville Ave.**  
**Springfield, MO 65802**

The offering may also be sent with other offerings remitted to the General Council of the Assemblies of God but must be designated to BGMC on the Church Ministries Giving Form in order for your church to receive credit for giving. The offerings are disbursed quarterly to the divisions of U.S. Missions and World Missions for use by our missionaries.

**B.** In order to be counted toward the year's giving total, the BGMC offerings must be postmarked by December 31.

## Recognition Awards

**A.** The BGMC coordinator is responsible for determining and presenting awards in the local church. Individual participation certificates are available as a

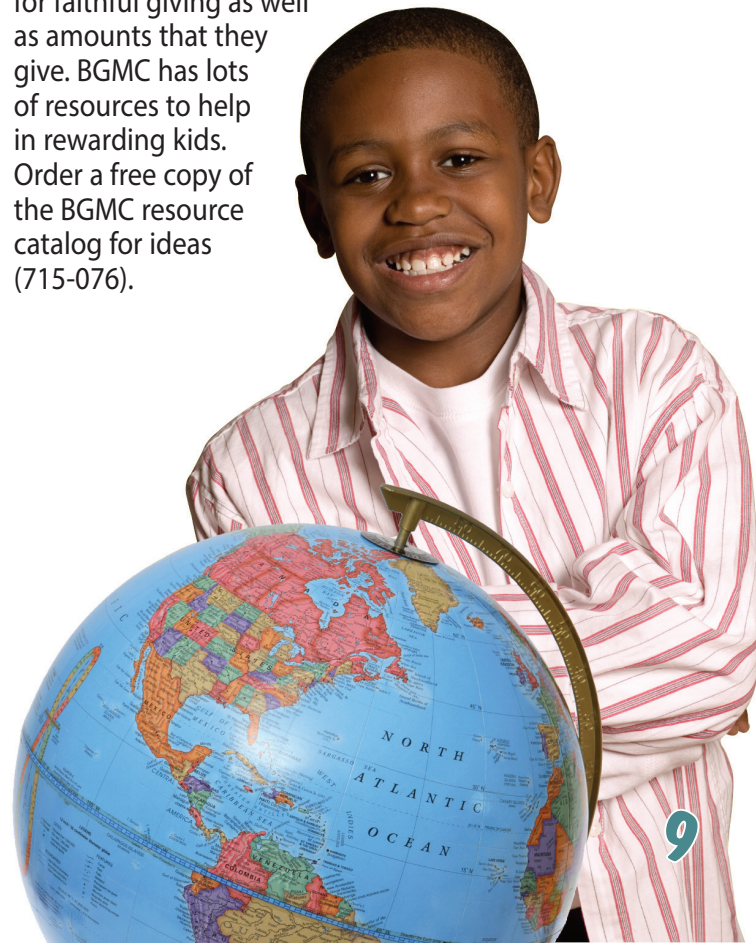
free download from the BGMC website. Use them to reward every kid who has participated in BGMC for the year, regardless of how much money was given.

◆ The kids will have an opportunity to give to BGMC for 6 to 8 years (from 3 to 11 years of age). For this reason some coordinators wish to keep records of individual giving and use the Buddy Barrel Lapel Pin and the Add on Bars as the standard BGMC award. When a kid gives \$25, he/she should be presented with the lapel pin; \$50—the \$50 add-on bar, and so on. (You can order through GPH at 1-855-642-2011.)

◆ BGMC has many options for awards, such as ribbons, certificates, pins, etc. See the BGMC catalog for ideas.

◆ Larger churches may find it too burdensome to keep records of individual giving and will eliminate individual giving awards. Some kids' pastors honor all the kids quarterly as they reach their church goal and celebrate with a pizza party, Mexican fiesta, 100-foot sundae, or other special events. Others honor the kids yearly.

◆ Make sure all the kids know you value faithfulness in giving, even if it is not a large amount. Honor kids for faithful giving as well as amounts that they give. BGMC has lots of resources to help in rewarding kids. Order a free copy of the BGMC resource catalog for ideas (715-076).





**B. BGMC CHURCH AWARDS:** Churches are divided into divisions according to their Sunday morning attendance. The divisions are as follows:

- ◆ Division 1-A (0–50 Sunday A.M. attendance)
- ◆ Division 1-B (51–100 Sunday A.M. attendance)
- ◆ Division 2 (101–250 Sunday A.M. attendance)
- ◆ Division 3 (251–500 Sunday A.M. attendance)
- ◆ Division 4 (501–1,000 Sunday A.M. attendance)
- ◆ Division 5 (1,001+ Sunday A.M. attendance)

#### Language churches

- ◆ Division 6-1A (0-50 Sunday a.m. attendance)
- ◆ Division 6-1B (51-100 Sunday a.m. attendance)
- ◆ Division 6-2 (101-200 Sunday a.m. attendance)
- ◆ Division 6-3 (201-450 Sunday a.m. attendance)
- ◆ Division 6-4 (451+ Sunday a.m. attendance)

The following awards are given to the top two churches in each division and the top 15 churches in the nation:

- ◆ A large plaque
- ◆ A gift on behalf of the BGMC office
- ◆ An invitation to the national BGMC banquet. This banquet is held in the spring every year in the Springfield, Missouri, area.

Plaques will be given to the top 100 churches in each division for their giving. In addition, every church who gives at least \$1,000, regardless of their standing, will receive a plaque.

## BGMC MUST-HAVE RESOURCES!



### Child Offering Envelopes

Great for older kids to use to bring in their BGMC offerings. Can also put in church bulletins for adult offerings. Showcases the faces of children from all over the world.

715-036 ..... FREE



### Bankbooks

Resembles a real bankbook, with spaces to record giving over an entire year. Kids can keep a record of their monthly giving and the year-to-date total.

715-006 ..... English ..... FREE

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## So what's with the little yellow barrels?



When BGMC began in 1949, the supplies purchased with BGMC funds were packed into large, water-tight barrels. The barrels were put on ships and taken overseas to the missionaries. This is how Buddy Barrel became the mascot for BGMC. The first Buddy Barrels were wooden. Kids put their BGMC offerings into the little wooden barrels, knowing they were helping to buy supplies for missionaries.

Nowadays supplies are packed in boxes and flown by airplane, but Buddy Barrel remains the familiar icon for BGMC. Buddy has gone through several face-lifts over the years, until he became the plastic, translucent yellow barrel you see today.

Even though BGMC is the “kids” mission program, adults can and should be involved. Remember that the purpose of BGMC is to provide supplies for our missionaries. Adults can also be involved in that. It doesn’t just have to be “money from kids.” We’d encourage you to take up adult offerings, adult pledges, involve them in your fund-raising, or challenge your adults to match what the kids raise.

Raising money for BGMC becomes a great “family” project that the whole family can do together. Moms and dads can do projects with their kids to help them earn money for missions. The more funds that come in, the more supplies our missionaries can receive, so they can reach more souls. That’s what this is all about! (Look in the BGMC giving section of the missions manual or on the BGMC website for ideas on how to involve the adults.)

# Additional BGMC Information



## How Often Should BGMC Offerings Be Taken?

We suggest that you choose one Sunday or one Wednesday every month to be “Missions Day.” If you can, have the entire class time or kids’ service centered around missions. Use the missions education curriculum that BGMC provides to help you put a missions service together. Show missions videos. Tell missionary stories. On this day, the kids can turn in their offerings that they have been collecting all month.

You will also want to have special fund-raisers throughout the year, especially during missions conventions. We also strongly suggest that you send your offerings quarterly to the national office. BGMC funds are distributed to the mission fields quarterly. As missionaries need supplies, they make requests for funds. If the funds are there, they can get their supplies. If not, they can’t. Saving your offering until the end of the year can sometimes be a hardship for our missionaries.

## Set a Goal for Your BGMC Giving

We would strongly encourage you to set a goal every year for BGMC. This gives you and the kids something to strive for. Make the goal realistic, yet not too easy to achieve. The kids will become excited as they see themselves getting closer and closer to the goal. It will encourage them to work harder and be more persistent in their giving. Without a goal, it’s very easy to forget about missions and to forget about bringing your Buddy Barrel. There’s just something rewarding about reaching your goal! Every year, raise your goal and challenge your kids to reach higher in their giving.

## Goals/Faith Promises

Encourage your kids to make a “faith promise.” A faith promise is a goal or a pledge that they set between themselves and God. They then are to do their best to raise that amount in one month or one year. For kids, a one month goal is easier to achieve. If they make a yearly pledge, have them divide that amount by twelve months and find the amount each month that they are going to try to raise for BGMC. That amount becomes their monthly pledge.

Every month, encourage them to find ways to earn money. Some months it will be easy, and other months it may be hard. Ask for monthly reports and testimonies from the kids. These reports will produce excitement



and will encourage the other kids to raise money for their pledges.

Once again, kids who make a pledge/goal have something to work for. It gives them an incentive to raise money for missions. Without a personal goal, they may just throw an occasional quarter in their barrel instead of working hard that month to meet their goal amount.

Plus, every time they meet their goal, it's a real faith builder for them. They are experiencing God providing for them and helping them. We personally have seen tremendous spiritual growth in kids who make faith promises and then trust God to help them and provide.

**NOTE:** BGMC has FREE goal/faith promise cards for the kids and a free flyer that you can give to the kids and adults that explains about goals/faith promises. Both are available in Spanish. (See sidebar at right.)

## Can BGMC Offerings Be Designated?

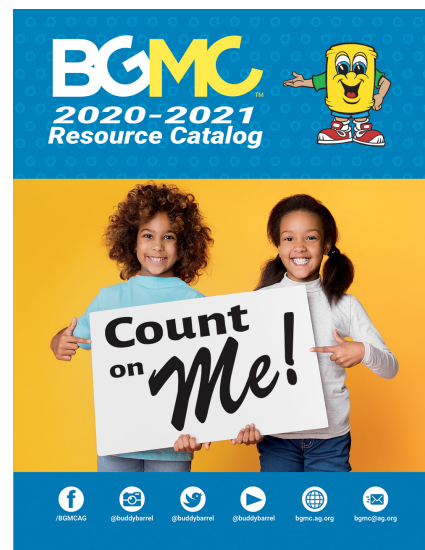
No, except for the special targets that have been approved by the Assemblies of God World and U.S. Missions departments. BGMC was originally set up as an *undesignated* program—a “ready fund.” This means that all offerings go into the BGMC fund. The fund is then divided between the Assemblies of God World Missions and U.S. Missions departments. When a missionary has a need (request), he/she then requests the amount of funds needed. This request is filled based on the need and the amount of funds available at the time. Because BGMC is set up this way, any missionary anywhere has the same access to the funds.

We have many missionaries working in sensitive countries, and they can't expose where they are or what they're doing. BGMC is a great help to them. These missionaries cannot go to churches to request funds, but they can request funds through BGMC.

Once money is designated to a certain project or cause, all of that money has to be used for that cause (according to government laws). Some missionaries have an easier time raising money for a cause while others do not—yet their needs are just as great. Sometimes more money comes in than needed; yet if it is designated, it has to be used for that cause. By BGMC being undesignated, all missionaries have the same access to the funds, and only the amount of funds needed is used.

## Resource Catalog

For a complete listing of BGMC products and resources, order the free resource catalog (item 715-076) by calling My Healthy Church at 1-855-641-2011 or visit [MyHealthyChurch.com/BGMC](http://MyHealthyChurch.com/BGMC).



## BGMC MUST-HAVE RESOURCES!



### BGMC Goal/Faith Promise Cards

Have kids set goals toward their faith promises for BGMC. Includes a tear-away card that can be turned in during the service, and a bookmark for the kids to keep. Design may change. English on one side, Spanish on the other.

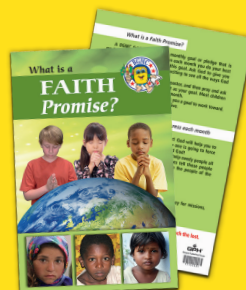
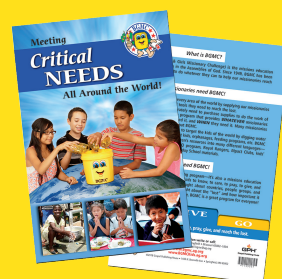
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### Meeting Critical Needs Flyer/Bulletin Insert

This flyer clearly explains what BGMC is, what it does, and how it is meeting critical needs all around the world. (Must order in increments of 25.) Design may change.

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715-551 ..... Spanish ..... FREE



### Goal/Faith Promise Flyer/Bulletin Insert

This flyer teaches kids just what a goal/faith promise is, how to make one, and why it is important. 5½" x 8½".

Order in multiples of 25.

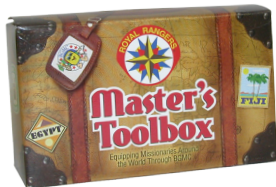
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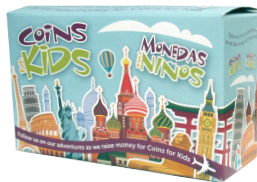
## Partners



Master's Toolbox and Coins for Kids are the missions arms of Royal Rangers and Girls Ministries, respectively. Both are a part of BGMC, thus all Master's Toolbox and Coins for Kids offerings count toward the

church's total BGMC giving for the year. Each has its own offering boxes and resources to promote their missions projects.

The Master's Toolbox project is a main emphasis at Royal Rangers Pow Wows. The Coins for Kids project is a main emphasis at the national sleepover held in September.



For more information go to:

- [RoyalRangers.com/outreach/worldwide](http://RoyalRangers.com/outreach/worldwide)
- [ngm.ag.org/Missions/Coins-for-kids](http://ngm.ag.org/Missions/Coins-for-kids)

## BGMC Videos & YouTube® Channel

BGMC has created lots of videos that tell just what BGMC is, what it does, who it helps, etc. BGMC also has many videos from missionaries showing how BGMC has blessed their ministry. They can be viewed and downloaded from the BGMC website or the Buddy Barrel YouTube® Channel. You'll also find many videos in Spanish.

## BGMC E-News & Newsletters

To keep up-to-date on what is happening with BGMC, be sure to sign up for the BGMC E-News on the BGMC website ([bgmc.ag.org](http://bgmc.ag.org)). Scroll all the way down until you find "Join Our Mailing List!"

## Social Media

To stay up-to-date with BGMC, be sure to follow us on social media. All the most recent information and updates can be found there. We also post videos and missionary testimonies. You'll also find a BGMC Spanish Facebook page.



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# BGMC's<sup>TM</sup> Cast of Characters



**BUDDY BARREL** is the mascot for BGMC. When BGMC started in 1949, supplies were shipped to the missionaries in barrels by boat. As a result, Buddy

Barrel was created. The barrels have been through many changes over the years, but he's the same Buddy Barrel!

## WINNIE THE WORLD

gives us facts about the different countries around the world. She just loves missions! She knows what each country is like, where it is located, and how the people live in that country.



**SPEEDY D. LIGHT** represents the Speed the Light missions program for teenagers. Teens raise money to buy vehicles for our missionaries.

These vehicles are used to transport the materials purchased by BGMC. The vehicles also take our missionaries wherever they need to go in order to reach the lost.

**PENCIL PAL** gives us the names and addresses of the missionaries, encouraging us to write to them. Pencil Pal also wants us to be prayer pals. We need to pray for our missionaries—for their protection, their health, and for the work they do.



# Annual Resources to Enhance Your Missions Education Program

Every year, BGMC produces missions education resources to help you teach kids about missions. You can order these resources by calling My Healthy Church at 1-855-642-2011. Please note that every year the volume number will change. There is a charge for the resources.

## BGMC Missions Manual (free download)

The BGMC Missions Manual is available as a free download for all churches that have sent an offering to the BGMC office during the previous year. Spanish lessons are also available for download.

The manual contains 12 lessons on foreign countries and ministries, plus one bonus lesson on a U.S. ministry. Also included are puppet scripts, recipes, true missions stories, object lessons, maps, activity pages, a Scripture verse and activity, and more. Inside each lesson folder you will also find thank you letters, lessons for preschoolers (called Little Buddies), and bonus videos (if available).

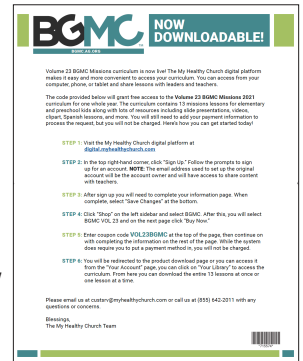
You can print as many copies of the lesson PDF pages as you need to hand out to workers. You can also email lesson pages to them as needed.

We've also created an all-in-one slide presentation for each lesson. Several videos are embedded into each presentation—a BGMC countdown, a video clip about the country (usually from GO360), and the Digital Verse Traxx of the lesson memory verse.

Included in the slide presentation is the True Missions Story with audio built right in. Sit back and let the slides progress automatically as someone reads the story for you.

## How to Get the Free Download

Each year, churches that have given to BGMC will receive a letter with instructions on how to download the Missions Manual. Watch for this letter to arrive in November. Don't throw it out! The instruction sheet contains the code to download the lessons for free.



If you're just getting started and haven't yet sent in an offering, call the national BGMC office at 417-862-2781 to request a Starter Kit. The kit includes the download information letter.

## BGMC Missions Manual Printed or on DVD

If you do not have access to a computer, or if you do not have an Internet connection, you can request the manual in a printed version or on DVD (free) by calling the BGMC office at 1-417-862-2781, or by emailing BGMC@ag.org. Quantities are EXTREMELY limited. Not all the features from the downloadable manual are on the DVD or the printed manual due to space restrictions.

## Skits pre-recorded and downloadable

The Winnie the World skits and the Speedy D. Light skits from the BGMC missions manual have been pre-recorded. Each skit has background music for the country being studied. Use these skits for puppets, drama, and more. Download them from [bgmc.ag.org](http://bgmc.ag.org) > Resources > Skits.







## Coordinator Responsibilities

Under the supervision of and responsible to the kids' pastor and the lead pastor, the BGMC coordinator shall serve the church in preparing kids for their fullest participation in world evangelization. Specific responsibilities of ministry are:

### To grow personally by:

- ♦ Maintaining a consistent spiritual life.
- ♦ Attending regular church services.



*Wow! Everything  
I need to know.*

### To establish an effective missions education program in the local assembly by:

- ♦ Introducing kids at the earliest possible age to God's love for the world and to Christ's Great Commission.
- ♦ Educating kids about the peoples of the world, their countries, their cultures, and their need for Christ.
- ♦ Involving kids in praying for lost family members and friends and for the evangelism efforts of missionaries.
- ♦ Inviting kids at least once a month to give of their treasures, time, and talents to reach the lost with the gospel of Jesus Christ.

### To become an effective BGMC coordinator by:

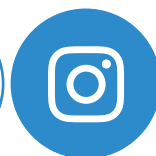
- ♦ Working closely with the kids' church leaders, Sunday School teachers, Royal Rangers commanders, or Girls Ministries leaders. (Note: Who you work with will be determined by when your program occurs.)
- ♦ Ordering and distributing kids' missions education resources from BGMC. Supplies and resources are listed in the BGMC resource catalog. Check the resource catalog and BGMC website or Facebook page for new items, and inventory your present supplies to see what needs replenishing.
- ♦ Introducing kids to visiting missionaries and conducting interviews and question/answer sessions with missionaries to give kids a better understanding of the work of a missionary.
- ♦ Regularly go to the BGMC social media sites for news, ideas, and more. While you're at the website, scroll all the way down to join the BGMC mailing list.



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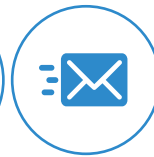
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# What you'll find at the



# website

Be sure to visit the BGMC website ([bgmc.ag.org](http://bgmc.ag.org)). Peruse all the features to discover new and exciting ways to get BGMC started with a bang!

Here are just a few of the things you'll find there:

- Videos and skits
- Missionary thank you letters
- True Missions Stories
- Current news
- Church testimonies and successes



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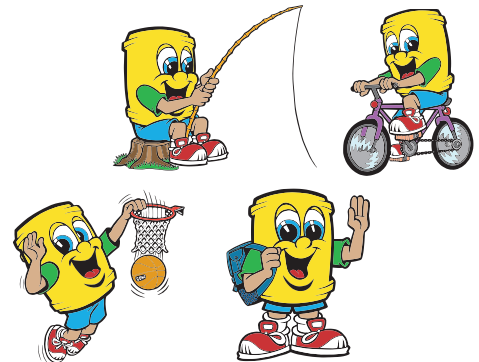
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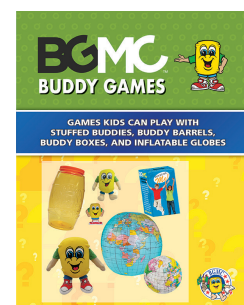
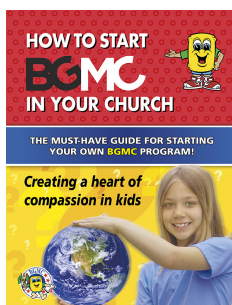
- ◆ Blackline images of Buddy to use as coloring pages
- ◆ Full color images of Buddy in many different positions
- ◆ The BGMC lettermark in its official colors



## Informational resources

All of the booklets listed below are available in both English and Spanish.

- ◆ This *How to Start BGMC* booklet
- ◆ BGMC's *BIG BOOK of Fund-Raising Ideas*
- ◆ How to hold a *BGMC Missions Carnival*
- ◆ How to do a *Kids' BGMC Missions Trip*
- ◆ *BGMC Buddy Games*, filled with games that make use of Buddy Barrels, Buddy Boxes, Stuffed Buddies, and Inflatable Globes.



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