

Leader: \_\_\_\_\_

Street or Zone: \_\_\_\_\_



## Overview

### Purpose

Liberty Church's Mobile Ministry was formed to bring personal ministry to people who might not ever come to a church. Another purpose is to train workers for ministry. Our teams visit homes in target neighborhoods in order to pray for needs, share the gospel, do appropriate servant evangelism and start prayer groups. It is our hope that people will be saved, healed, delivered, and otherwise personally touched by God during these visits and will want to become a disciple. We also want to plant small groups in the neighborhoods we visit, and perhaps even launch a new church plant.

### Training

Basic training for team members and leaders will include the following.

- A review of the Handbook
- Familiarization with the report form
- Training on how to pray for people
- Training on how to share the gospel
- Training on what kinds of issues should be referred to others

Much of the training will take place as the teams actually do ministry. The general idea is for the team leader to first do the ministry in front of the others on the team so they can see what should happen. Then the leader should ask a team member to lead the prayer, etc., as they are ready with the leader there as back up. Eventually the leader should recede more in the background, especially if one of the other team members shows potential for leadership.

Leaders may receive additional instruction regarding how to lead ministry teams, how to maintain safety, how to handle difficult situations, how to complete reports and how to mentor workers.

## Ministry

### Praying for People

The MMT's main strategy is to use prayer as a doorway through which to minister in other ways. God has gifted and graced Liberty Church in a special way to minister through prayer in the power of the Holy Spirit. As people experience God's presence and power, they may become more open to the gospel, which is our hope. The kinds of prayer that we are most interested in offering are the following.

- Prayer for Healing
- Prayer for Needs (Financial, Family Members, Personal, Job Related)
- Prayer for Deliverance

Deliverance ministry is a more specialized and complex type of ministry and should generally be delegated to the church's pastoral team. It will be up to the team leader to make a decision regarding the appropriateness of any ministry.

## Scriptural Foundation for Prayer Ministry

It is vital that each team member understands his or her authority in Christ and how the Holy Spirit ministers in power through his people. Authority in Christ is what releases the power of God into a situation or life. As believers, we have been invested with that authority in Christ's behalf. When we release that authority in prayer and proclamation, the Holy Spirit goes into action enforcing what Christ's authority commands. It is not up to us to make it happen. Only the Spirit of God can do that. It is our responsibility to release Christ's authority. This is the essence of the prayer ministry.

We have authority from Christ in the following areas:

1. **To present the gospel** - *Therefore we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were making His plea through us. We plead with you on Christ's behalf, "Be reconciled to God!"* **2 Corinthians 5:20 (NET1)**
2. **To pray for healing** - *These signs will accompany those who believe: In my name they will drive out demons; they will speak in new languages; 18 they will pick up snakes with their hands, and whatever poison they drink will not harm them; they will place their hands on the sick and they will be well.* **Mark 16:17-18 (NET1)**
3. **To cast out demons** - *Look, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions and on the full force of the enemy, and nothing will hurt you. <sup>20</sup> Nevertheless, do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names stand written in heaven.* **Luke 10:19-20 (NET1)**
4. **To proclaim liberty** - *"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and the regaining of sight to the blind, to set free those who are oppressed, <sup>19</sup> to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."* **Luke 4:18-19 (NET1)**
5. **To pray for the baptism in the Holy Spirit** - *Then Peter and John placed their hands on the Samaritans, and they received the Holy Spirit.* **Acts 8:17 (NET1)**
6. **To assure forgiveness sins** (in Christ's behalf) – *If you forgive anyone's sins, they are forgiven; if you retain anyone's sins, they are retained.* **John 20:23 (NET1)**

MMT members will be expected to pray for people in each of the above areas and be familiar with at least a basic concept of their authority in Christ to do so.

The Holy Spirit will do his part to "back us up" when we minister to people in Christ's name. God is vitally interested in demonstrating his power to those who do not yet know him in order to turn their hearts toward him. We should expect the Spirit to confirm the gospel by demonstrating God's power.

*And the disciples went everywhere and preached, and the Lord worked through them, confirming what they said by many miraculous signs. Mark 16:20 (NLT)*

## The Gifts of the Spirit

The Spirit is looking for people through whom he can minister to people via the gifts of the Spirit mentioned in First Corinthians Chapter 12. Jesus used these gifts in his earthly ministry. An example is when he spoke with the Samaritan woman at the well. He used the gift of the word of knowledge to gain her attention and open her heart to the gospel of the kingdom. We can experience God using us in the same manner. For this to happen, team members should be familiar with each of the gifts and learn how they operate. After that it is simply a matter of being open to the Spirit's leading.

Team members will be trained in each of the following gifts.

1. Tongues
2. Prophecy
3. Interpretation of Tongues
4. Faith
5. Healing
6. Miracles
7. Word of Wisdom
8. Word of Knowledge
9. Discerning of Spirits

## Sharing the Gospel

Each team member should have a basic understanding of the gospel and be able to lead someone to salvation. We will use gospel tracts to assist in the presentation or to leave with people who are visited. Future training will include role playing time, instructions on how to share your testimony and the basics of the gospel message.

## Policies

In an effort to promote unity, safety and excellence, the following team policies have been adopted. Each team member will be expected to cooperate.

### General

- Each person on the team must also go through training in the following:
  - a. How to share the gospel
  - b. How to minister healing prayer
  - c. How to pray for other needs
  - d. How to handle the demonic
  - e. Instructions in policies and safety issues
  - f. How to fill out a report
- Each team must have a trained team leader.
- The team leader will make sure all policies are followed and safety insured.

- Each team leader will be responsible for mentoring less experienced workers.
- If a male and a female are paired who are not husband and wife, a third member must be added to the team.
- Mature children may accompany the team with parent's permission. Permission slips must be signed and in the hands of the team leader before any minor can take part.
- If severe pastoral or financial needs are encountered, these should be referred to the pastor and elders via the visitation report.
- Care should be taken not to offer directive pastoral counsel to members of other churches; although, general prayers for blessing are welcome. Also, we will not pull on members of other churches to come to Liberty.
- Team leaders must report to the ministry director after each outing and turn in written reports.
- All team members, except small children should wear labeled apparel or some sort of identification showing that they are MMT members. At the very minimum, the team leader must have a shirt imprinted with the MMT logo. Name tags with the MMT logo are also acceptable.

## Safety

- No team should go out to minister without informing the ministry director.
- No team should enter a home unless the team leader approves it.
- If any "red flags" pop up during a visit, the team leader should remove his team from the premises. Even if the leader cannot pinpoint any reason, but simply feels "uneasy", he or she should remove the team.
  - a. Threatening
  - b. Drunkenness
  - c. Strange or demonic behavior
  - d. Mockery
  - e. Profanity
  - f. Immoral behavior
- No all female teams will be allowed, except for follow-up visits to females. This is for safety reasons.
- Any safety issues that may arise should be reported to the ministry director immediately via the visitation report.
- Should anyone be injured, proper medical care should be obtained as needed and a report made.
- A copy of the parents' permission form must be in the possession of the team leader, the ministry director and on file in the church office. This means we need three copies, one in the hands of the team leader, just in case medical help is needed urgently. No minor is allowed to participate on a team without a permission slip, even if the parent is present on the team. This is to protect the church and the individual, just in case something very unusual should happen.
- Team leaders should carry with them blank copies of children's permission slips should one be needed. When one is completed and submitted by a parent, two copies should be made, one going to the church office and one to the ministry director. The original should be held by the team leader.

## Reporting

- The ministry director will make sure each team leader has an adequate supply of all forms. Forms will be downloadable from the church website.
- The team leader will assign someone to be a record keeper. A visitation report will be completed and turned in to the ministry director for each home visited, who in turn will provide copies to the pastor who will keep them on file in the church office.
- Any evidence of child abuse must be reported immediately to the ministry director and the pastor or one of the elders. Such should be noted on the visitation report as well.
- Any injury received during a ministry visit must be reported to the ministry director immediately. In addition, the injury must be reported on the visitation report and an insurance form filled out.
- If follow-up is wanted or needed, the team member should try to ascertain the best times and note these on the visitation report.

## Forms

The following forms will be made available on the church website and the ministry director. Each team leader should have some of each on hand.

- MMT Handbook
- Visitation Report
- Parental Permission Form
- Insurance Claim Form

# Scope and Strategy of Ministry

## Scope

The MMT will adopt one neighborhood section, breaking it down into team areas. Each team leader will receive a map of his or her team area. Each team will adopt that area and over time attempt to contact someone from each home to see if prayer or some other form of ministry is needed. If a home is open to ministry, attempts will be made to do follow-up ministry during succeeding visits. Beyond simply praying for people, our desire is to see the following happen.

- Salvations
- Baptisms in the Holy Spirit
- Discipleship
- Small Groups
- Church Partnership
- New Church Plants

Each team leader should keep this in mind during ministry visits and follow-up should interest in any of the above surface.

Once a team area has been completed, the team should ask the ministry director for assignment to another area. When the entire neighborhood section has been completed, the ministry director will move the team into a new larger area. All this will be done under the general supervision and knowledge of the pastor and elders.

One way to reach people in a neighborhood is through servant evangelism. If obvious needs are seen which do not involve great amounts of money, the team leader should coordinate with the ministry director to set up a ministry project to bless the neighborhood. This could include such things as yard cleanup, gutter cleaning, etc.

If a small group is desired, the team leader should consult with the ministry director, who in turn will talk with the pastor and elders and small group coordinator to see who would be the best person(s) to lead such a group and how to get it going. At this point, oversight would be assumed by the small group overseer; although, MMT involvement would be welcome. The MMT is designed to minister door to door in neighborhoods rather than become “locked down” for long periods of time in one place. Should a church plant develop, this would fall under the oversight of the pastor and elders and the church planting team, when we have one in place.

## Strategy

The pastor and elders in cooperation with the evangelism and outreach team will select a general target area for the MMT. The MMT will divide the area in team sections. The following will be the general sequence of events.

1. Selection of target area
2. Division into team sections
3. Prayer walks through the entire area
4. Distribution of informational door hangers
5. Visitation of homes (“Sorry We Missed You” hangers left where no one is home)
6. Follow-up visits as available
7. Establishment of small groups, if possible, which will come under the oversight of the small group ministry
8. Beginnings of a new church plant, if feasible, which will come under the oversight of the church planting team
9. Completion of visitation and ministry in a target area
10. Assignment to a new target area