



Week of Prayer for
Texas Missions 2011
Mary Hill Davis Offering

Worship Service Elements

Music

Anytime you gather to worship God having a time simply to praise Him corporately through music is important. I encourage you to choose uplifting music that focuses on the freedom that the Lord gives us. His saving grace or the the promise of hope. When it comes to missions and sharing the Gospel with a dying world, we are able to see the invisible chains being broken from our lives. I recommen a blend of hymns and contemporary music if this service is for the whole church. If it is for your students alone and you have a student praise team/band, then your options widen and you can choose the style that best fits your group. Below is a list of songs that focus on being set free from what ever hinders us from serving the Lord.

Consider using the following songs in your service:

Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone) - Chris Tomlin
Come Thou Fount- Hymn
In Christ Alone - Adrienne Liesching, Geoff Moore
Freedom (Where the Spirit of the Lord is There is Freedom) - Darrell Evans

Videos

Your church or youth group may already use numerous videos when leading a worship service. For those who are not as familiar with video usage, I want to encourage you to use the video resources included in the Mary Hill Davis DVD. These videos highlight 4 ministries that are supported by the Mary Hill Davis Offering® for Texas Missions. Each video gives an upclose and personal view of how the offering is making a difference and impacting their ministry area.

Consider using the following videos in your service:

MHD Video - Human Trafficking
MHD Video - Western Heritage Church

Testimony

Missionary testimonies can be the most powerful element of a worship service focused on missions. If someone in your church was a career missionary, done short-term missions in Texas or has worked personally with one of the ministries receiving funds, seek them out and ask them to share their story. If a student can hear a story about how God accomplished something amazing through someone they know, they will be interested. If you don't have anyone in your church who has first-hand experience in Texas missions, ask around to area churches or your associational director. You can use one of the videos from the DVD as well. Even if you don't use a video or have someone who can share personally, I encourage you to find a story to share, even if it is Mary Hill Davis' story. Sharing the stories of how God has worked through ordinary people who simply made themselves available is critical when motivating people to develop a missional lifestyle and passion for the people in our state.