

## **Pipeline Book Review**

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Consisting of seven sections with forty-three informative chapters, *Pipeline: Engaging the Church in Missionary Mobilization* edited by David and Lorene Wilson is a comprehensive tool for those wanting to reverse the decline of long-term missionaries sent from North America. The goal of the book is to help churches create a supply line for more missionaries who are disciplined, trained, and deployed around the world.

The text begins by laying the foundation of prayer and Bible study as a crucial component of missions mobilization. Next, the authors list missionary call experiences from both the past and the present. Reading how others have been called to the mission field gives us valuable insights into how God often works. Though every missionary's call experience is unique, the common factors of missionary speakers, short-term trips, and conversations with missionaries are seen throughout the stories shared in the text.

Since many obstacles exist that prevent would-be missionaries from going to the field, the topics of family, church, money, short-term trips, and inadequate vetting are addressed in Part 2. The rest of the book is dedicated to giving practical advice on mobilizing others, listing several organizations and missions agencies that are valuable ministry partners. In addition, each section closes with group discussion questions that will help pastors and churches develop a pipeline for the continuous flow of new missionaries being sent all over the globe.

We all want to see more missionaries going to the field so that God's name is made famous in all the earth and this text gives us all the resources to make that happen. More than a book to be read, *Pipeline* is a tool to be implemented.

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