

### Thrive Missions

Description	Thrive Missions is an online bible study and fellowship platform for deployed missionaries. Bible studies are asynchronous to accommodate time zone differences but have weekly schedules. Each bible study lasts for one to three months. Each bible study has a developed component for fellowship built in.
Mission Statement and Goals	Thrive missions supports the spiritual growth of missionaries in the field through theologically rich bible studies. 1) Provide theologically rich bible studies on a range of topics. 2) Provide for fellowship with believers who are experiences similar circumstances for the purpose of encouragement. 3) Encourage continued spiritual development of missionaries on the field.
Components to satisfy goals	1) four bible studies will be offered at one time: 1) specific to missionary life/ministry 2) mens 3) women 4) free topic. Two will be month long and two will be 3 months long. 2) Along with weekly bible study work, a fellowship component will also be included each week. This may be an invitation to post a picture from the week or a question to be answered or weekly fellowship challenge. 3) Continued completion of bible studies will result in badges or awards.
Resources required	1) Website 2) Bible study contributors/facilitators (there could be some development of participants to facilitators) 3) Website management
Technical platform	As already stated, Thrive Missions will use a website to host it's ministry. Given the online and asynchronous nature of the ministry, a website allows for multiple people to use different components at different times.
Weakness foreseen	I'm part of an asynchronous group online right now (not for bible study), and it struggle to meet full participation. I hope that a month-3 month commitment would encourage more regular participation. Additionally, finding consistent bible studies, or find people to create them will be difficult without some sort of staff. Online risks of abuse or bullying is something I see as a risk. That's why I would want a human facilitator monitoring both the Bible study AND fellowship component.
Implementation plan	1) Find other excited people to commit to facilitating bible studies for one year. 2) Plan and find/write Bible studies 3) Create website 4) Promote 5) start!
Privacy plan	Honestly, I'd probably just steal a privacy plan from another site to make sure we were covered legally.
Promotion plan	I would promote on facebook with my personal network of missionary friends and let them spread the word. Also, the other missionary sites I found that do slightly different things would be a place I'd ask to advertise.
Sustainability plan	An offering will be collected for each bible study to cover the cost of the website subscription, this can be collected via paypal. Additionally, leadership of facilitators will overseen by one manager who is always lining up the next year's facilitators and bible study topics/materials.
Criteria for success	Thrive Missions is considered successful if each bible study has between 8-12 participants. If growth really takes off we can add more than four options. Participation is another test that will tell if the ministry is being effective.

