

2019 Walk for Bibles and International Ministries (WFBIM) Ideas for Enlisting Walkers and Sponsors

Note: See im.mobilebaptists.org for basic information about International Ministries (language churches, language schools, Bible distribution, etc.).

Set Up a Central Display

Locate a high-traffic area. Place a table against the wall. Above the table place the WALK FOR BIBLES AND INTERNATIONAL MINISTRIES poster. Cover the table with a colorful cloth. On the table, lay several international language Bibles, photos of internationals (from Mission magazines), a *Walkers Sign-up Sheet*, and a stack of *Sponsor Sheets*. On a smaller standing poster list instructions on how your church members can join your team and contact you.

Involving Children and Youth

Most churches have weekly youth and children's meetings (choirs, missions, Wednesday youth worship, etc.). Begin in September, personally announcing the WFBIM at these various meetings to motivate participation. Also distribute *Sponsor Sheets* and details for parents.

Involving Adults

Begin in September asking each adult department director to allow you a few minutes to explain the WFBIM and distribute a *Sponsor Sheet* to each person. If there are more adult departments than you can cover, get others to help you get around to all of them.

Provide Transportation.....and MORE!!

Transportation from the church is a must and coupling the WFBIM with another activity like a picnic, McDonalds on the way home, games at the park, tour of the Battleship, ice cream stop, etc. will add to the fun of the day.

Use Bulletin Inserts

Use the enclosed bulletin insert to announce and promote the WFBIM. Make your own bulletin insert for Sunday. Write an article about the WFBIM for the Sunday bulletin that includes the "Who, What, When, Where, and Why." Have a bulletin sign-up that can be torn off and dropped in the offering plate to indicate if they are planning to walk and/or sponsor.

Show the WFBIM 2019 DVD

Show the WFBIM 2019 DVD to encourage and explain this year's WFBIM. Show the video in the Sunday worship service, Sunday School classes, youth meetings, and mission organization meetings.

Set Up a Sponsors' Table

Let children and youth stand behind an attractively covered table outside the worship center/auditorium. As members depart they can stop by and select a child or youth to sponsor.

REMEMBER: Encourage people to give their money *up front*. It is always harder to collect after the WFBIM.