A Children's Ministry "Great Commission Banquet"
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Foundational Principle

Throughout recorded biblical history, God has told us to "consecrate," "celebrate," and "remember." He tells us to "consecrate" ourselves to God, and to His purpose (Ex. 28, 29; 2 Chron. 29; Josh. 7; 1 Sam. 16, etc.). He tells us to celebrate God's goodness and His blessings (Lev. 23; Ex. 12; Nahum 1; Luke 15, etc.). He tells us to "remember" what God has done for us (Josh. 4; Ps. 77; Micah 6; Mat. 16, etc.). Through these actions, the "people of God" are strengthened, unified, and renewed.

The Plan

Plan to hold a "Great Commission Banquet" for all who currently serve in the CM, and all those who have applied to serve in the CM. This dinner will be held at the church. The purpose for the dinner will be to "consecrate," "celebrate," and "remember."

The evening would include:

1. A fine, warm meal with nice tablecloths.
2. A thoughtful, worshipful "tone" throughout the evening. (low light and candles if possible).
3. An inspirational slideshow of the CM "in action" with inspirational music in the background.
4. A ceremonial remembering of Who God is, what He's done, and why we need Him.
5. Prayer times (consecration) for the CM Leadership Team, the current CM team, and the new applicants/team members. This could include laying on of hands.
6. Sharing of stories of the "great cloud of witnesses" who have gone before us (Billy Graham, Bill Bright, Billy Sunday, Chuck Smith, Henrietta Mears, Mordecai Ham, etc.).
7. Sharing of stories of children or families of this church, and how the Lord has impacted their lives through the children's ministry.
8. Sharing communion together.
9. Worship together (songs "sprinkled" throughout the evening). (Main stage worship leaders?).

This banquet would be a regular event that would be held at the end of every rotation. The current, outgoing, and new CM team members would be invited to attend. Those CM team members who are on rotation would not be invited until they return.