MAKING a DEEP IMPACT

A. INVITE (preparation)

1. Preview this month's video segment, story, and meeting plan.

2. Copy bulletin inserts – one for every two bulletins. Cut full pages in half and place in bulletins the week before the meeting. (see "resources" section to the side)

3. In addition to the bulletin inserts, promote your meeting during announcement times, in the church newsletter, through e-mails, and through any other opportunity.

4. Copy participant's guide – one per person.

B. INTRODUCE (15 minutes)

1. <u>Welcome and Opening Prayer</u>. Welcome the group. Tell them what the meeting will be about. (Make sure that you begin and end on time). If you wish, use the promotional sentences or information from the participant's guide to introduce the study. Pray, asking God to open ears, hearts, and minds as we study what He is doing in the world. (5 minutes)

2. <u>Reports</u> – Take just a few minutes to report very briefly on recently completed or plans for upcoming mission projects, activities, and/or offerings. (5 minutes)

3. <u>Worship</u>. Lead the group in the singing of one or two praise choruses or choruses from familiar hymns. Singing will set a worshipful tone to your meeting. Enlist help from your music minister or other musically gifted church member – or consider the use of a worship DVD. (5 minutes)

C. EXPLORE (35 minutes)

1. Scripture. Read or ask a volunteer to read the Scripture verse listed on the participant's guide. (1 minute)

2. <u>Introduction</u>. Give some pre-video comments. Example: "Did you know a 6th grader can be a missionary? Through the NC Baptist Men's Deep Impact Missions Week, middle and high school youth have an opportunity to serve the Lord by serving His people. Let's look at the highlights of last year's Deep Impact and catch the vision for missions." (4 minutes)

3. <u>Video</u>. Show the video. Videos vary from 3-10 minutes. Adjust your time between video and testimony time in accordance to video length. (5-10 minutes)

4. <u>Testimony</u>. Consider enlisting someone who has participated in this particular mission to come speak to your group. If no one from your church has participated, there is a good possibility that someone in a neighboring or nearby church has. Contact the NC Baptist Men's Office to get suggestions. [1-800-395-5102 x 5607] (20-25 minutes)

D. INVOLVE (10 minutes)

1. <u>Give</u>. Inform participants that ministries like Deep Impact Youth Missions are supported by gifts to the NC Missions Offering (NCMO).

2. <u>Go</u>. Let participants know that Deep Impact is a great way to involve young people in missions. There is a place for your young people as well. Contact Tom Beam at NC Baptist Men to express interest (1-800-395-5102 x 5624 or <u>tbeam@ncbaptist.org</u>) or go to our website at <u>www.ncmissions.org</u> for more information. [Camps/Deep Impact].

3. <u>Pray</u>. Divide into groups of three and pray. Pray for the youth in your church as they face many temptations in their lives. Pray that they will understand the need for Christ in their lives and that for their spiritual growth. Pray that the youth in our churches will develop a love for sharing Christ with others. After several minutes, end this time of group prayer with an audible prayer.

E. CLOSE

Thank the group for coming. Encourage them to continue praying for the ministry of Deep Impact.