

Our Team's Mission Statement

"We exist to see lives transformed as we pray, support, educate, develop and go."

You may ask... how (and when) will we *Support* missionaries?

We will support missions with our finances through the Great Commission Fund (GFC).

We will participate in Global Partnerships. We'll serve as facilitators for seeing that the logistics of partner care, strategic prayer, doing our share (the handling of finances), going there (short term team arrangements), and staying aware (communication).

You may ask... how (and when) will we *Educate* people?

We'll participate with the C&MA leadership with various conferences and visual promotions. We'll develop and maintain visual aids in the church facility – not only for Global Impact Celebrations but throughout the entire year (banners, flags, maps, "hall of fame", prayer letter "Center"). We'll maintain visual reminders and aids for Great Commission Fund. We'll provide missions PowerPoint slides to be incorporated into pre-worship service on regular basis.

You may ask... how (and when) will we *Develop* those called to missions?

We'll continuously look for those called to missions within our congregation. We'll also look at the next generation for future missionaries. We'll form a team consisting of reps from middle school, high school, and young adults. We'll promote missions among children, youth and young adults. We'll develop a mentoring system to encourage children, youth and young adults to grow in their call to follow Christ.

You may ask... how (when and where) will we *Go* to connect with real people with literal destinies?

We'll plan for Short Term Missions (STM) through domestic partnerships for both youth and adult. We'll also look toward long term missions and remain sensitive to a call to a vocation change.

The following are concepts behind the vision statement:

The purpose for the Missions Team is for foreign and domestic missions. Local outreach will not fall under the responsibility of the Missions Team.

Early draft of the vision – "We'll proclaim the good news to the poor, be deliberate about reconciliation, and compassionate as we push back the darkness in areas where unengaged, unreached people groups abound. We'll accomplish this by supporting missionaries and support-functions already in place; we'll be deliberate about the development of people called to missions; and we'll be doers of the Word... we'll go. Remember, we're dealing with real people and real issues. It's always personal."

Luke 4:18 "The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free"

Questions for self assessment include:

Am I willing to be available and open to God's will for my life?

Am I willing to sacrifice?

Am I willing to pay a price?

Am I willing to leave the vacuum I live in?

Am I willing to join people where they are?

"Action springs not from thought, but a readiness for responsibility" – Bonhoeffer