

Purpose & Vision Statements for Church Missions Ministries

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Bent Tree Bible Church, Dallas, TX

Missions vision: To see God glorified through the establishment, strengthening and multiplication of indigenous churches, all over the world, especially among the unreached peoples

Values: church planting, leadership development (training nationals to reach nationals), sending out BTBF members (STM trips and missionary candidacy process)

Crystal Evangelical Free Church, Minneapolis, MN

"To plant and fully establish local churches worldwide."

Central Wesleyan Church, Holland, MI

Global Ministries Mission Statement:

"For Central Wesleyan Church to be a church saturated with missional disciples who strategically go into the world to make followers of Christ, and to encourage and facilitate training of pastors and church planting around the world."

North Point Community Church, Atlanta

"Our mission is to encourage, strengthen and equip the people of North Point Community Church and national Christian leaders to become effectively and personally involved in leading people of other nations into a growing relationship with Jesus Christ."

University Presbyterian Church, Seattle WA

The Department of Urban and Global Mission's purpose is to plan and supervise the development and deployment of human, financial and partnership resources for cross-cultural ministry opportunities locally, nationally and globally. (Art Beals, *When the Saints Go Marching Out*, pp 14-15)

Calvary Church, Souderton, PA

Mission: Calvary's International Ministries exists to strategically deploy people and resources around the world to introduce lost people to Jesus Christ and to help them become fully devoted followers.

Vision:

For the church – to see every person at Calvary Church become actively involved in International Ministries

For the world – to see God raise up indigenously led, self-sustaining, reproducing churches in targeted regions of the world.

Strategy: To make a significant impact by targeting several key regions of the world.

(from World Pulse, January 25, 2002, p. 6)

Grace Church, WI

In a determination to globally develop fully devoted followers of Christ, the Global Outreach Team commits to equip the people of Grace Church to join God in rapidly fulfilling the Great Commission.

Broadway Christian Church, Ft. Wayne IN

The vision of Broadway's Missions Ministry is:

To glorify Jesus Christ by creatively and flexibly impacting all parts of our Acts 1:8 in a measurable and identifiable way;

And to incorporate every member of the Broadway body in the process.

The mission of the Missions Ministry at Broadway Christian Church, in obedience to the Great Commission of Jesus Christ, is to proclaim the Gospel in its fullness beyond the immediate sphere of activity of the local church, whether in our neighborhood, Fort Wayne, the United States, or abroad.

Christian Fellowship Church, Evansville IN

To make His name great among the nations through planting reproducing churches, partnering with nationals, and equipping leaders.

Mission Hills Church, Colorado

To facilitate the reaching of lost people, especially unreached people groups, by making the Gospel accessible to them, by planting and empowering churches around the world. (see also, "Our Commitment," a list of commitments)

College Park Church, Indianapolis

Vision (The Big Picture): To see the church established within each people group of the world and equipped so that it can effectively reach the rest of its people group with the life-changing Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Mission (How we envision that happening through us): We want to help establish and equip the church within the people groups of the world by implementing culturally effective global partnerships that demonstrate the grace and holiness of Jesus Christ.

Cherry Hills Community Church, Highlands Ranch CO

MISSION

To serve Jesus as we Motivate, Equip and Involve all segments of the congregation at CHCC in local, national and global outreach.

VISION

To see the members of Cherry Hills be so Passionate about God's heart for the lost that they have become Proficient in ministry skills and are Pro-actively involved in strategic outreach ministries locally, nationally and globally.

GOALS (WHAT WE WILL FOCUS ON TO ACHIEVE OUR VISION)

PRAYER: To see an ever increasing number of people praying for, and the focus of those prayers being directed to; 1) CHCC sponsored missions personnel and projects, 2) the people who are the focus of the ministry of those personnel and projects, and 3) God's global purposes.

LEADERSHIP AND MOBILIZATION: To provide ongoing leadership to the entire church in the area of outreach and serve as a mobilizing force within the congregation in order to provide and promote outreach both here in Denver, and globally as is consistent with our human and financial resources and our strategic objectives.

MINISTRY TRAINING: To provide cross-cultural orientation and training opportunities for those individuals in the congregation who are preparing for cross-cultural service.

PARTNERSHIPS: To work intentionally in order to provide opportunities of partnership in missions between the Outreach Program and; 1) other ministry departments of CHCC, 2) our denomination, and 3) local, national and international missionaries and ministries with whom we feel called to partner.

STRATEGIC INVOLVEMENT: To develop plans for CHCC's strategic involvement in those areas of ministry where CHCC assumes primary responsibility and involvement rather than looking to an agency for its leadership. Currently those areas are the inner-city poor of Denver and the Chantik people of Indonesia.

STRUCTURES: To continually evaluate the structure of our organization to ensure its effectiveness in allowing us to work towards achieving our goals.

MINISTRY TEAM CARE: To take a holistic approach to ensure that individuals ministering under the Outreach Program umbrella will be cared for in a consistent and sensitive manner.

RESOURCING AND FUNDING: To develop and distribute material resources for the support of CHCC sponsored: 1) local, national and international missions personnel, 2) projects and 3) national scholars.

VALUES (WHAT ELEMENTS LIE AT THE HEART OF WHAT WE DO?)

PRAYER: We believe that God is the author and finisher of the plan to build His kingdom worldwide, and our relationship with Him is of utmost importance. Through prayer we praise and worship Him, seek Him for direction, call on Him to intervene in natural and supernatural ways and trust Him to bring results.

GOD'S WORD: We believe that the Bible provides intent, motivation and strategy for building God's kingdom worldwide. Our Outreach Program will therefore be based on the Scriptures. In obedience to His Word, we commit to glorify God by making disciples so that people in every tribe, tongue and nation might know Him as Savior and Lord.

QUALITY OF MINISTRY: We believe that God has entrusted sufficient resources to the Church to complete the Great Commission and the Great Commandment. We will strive to use these resources in a responsible, effective manner and commit to do our work for the Lord with integrity, accountability and excellence.

EQUIPPING THE SAINTS: We believe that each Christian is uniquely gifted to make a contribution to building God's kingdom. We will work to equip the members of CHCC so that they may grow as World Christians and fulfill their individual role in this work. We will seek to involve all the ministries of CHCC in this effort in appropriate ways. As we are able, we also commit to equipping the Church worldwide in the task of building God's Kingdom.

SUPPORT OF CHCC MISSIONARIES: We believe that in order for our missions family to be as strategic and effective as possible, they must be spiritually, emotionally, and physically healthy and financially stable. We therefore commit ourselves and our resources to support our missions family in each of these areas.

Xenos Christian Fellowship, Columbus, OH

Mission Purpose Statement

Glorify God by mobilizing the resources entrusted to Xenos Christian Fellowship for the fulfillment of Christ's commission to make disciples in all nations.

Core Values

- Cell-based community
- Grace-filled
- Outward focus
- Action oriented
- Culturally relevant
- Youth oriented
- Equipping
- Spiritual depth
- Discipleship

Vision Statement

Cross two or more cultural barriers:

- geo-political
- ethnic
- linguistic
- worldview
- socio-economic

to plant indigenous churches and promote social justice.

Perimeter Church, Atlanta

GO Mission Statement

"Mobilizing Perimeter to facilitate church multiplication movements in Atlanta and the world."

Expanded Mission Statement.

To aggressively seek opportunities and relationships to expand the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the un-reached worlds to the end that there is a church for every people and the Gospel for every person, and

To facilitate movements of discipleship-based, saturation church planting in the United States and abroad by providing strategic, human and financial resources and equipping to our national church planting partners who share our vision for planting churches that will give themselves away for the least and the lost.

GO Core Values:

1. The Local Church.

We believe that the local church is God's primary vehicle for the expansion of His Kingdom. Therefore we will invest the largest portion of GO resources in church planting strategies in various cultural contexts both in the US and abroad.

2. Prayer.

We believe that it is God who changes the hearts of people; therefore prayer should be the most consistent, mobilized activity of the GO Ministry. We want to help create structures within Perimeter and other churches for the understanding and execution of strategic intercession for the world.

3. Indigenous Ministry.

We believe that ministry is most effectively done by trained men and women within their native cultural contexts. We also believe that for long-term reproducibility, ministries should receive their primary financial support from sources within their culture.

4. Transformation.

We believe that the presence of the Church universal within a culture should be a transforming agent for the culture. We believe that through the uniting of the churches within a culture in prayer and work, the Holy Spirit will use the unity of the Body of Christ to transform the culture for the Kingdom.

5. Mobilization of People for Mission.

We believe that God calls each believer to be engaged in mission in their Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria and the uttermost ends of the world. We want to help create structures within Perimeter and other churches for the understanding and execution of strategic involvement in mission in Atlanta and around the world.

Harvest Bible Chapel – Glen Ellyn Missions Framework

Vision

To glorify God by fulfilling the Great Commission in the spirit of the Great Commandment, through ministry partnerships here and abroad.

Purpose

Recognizing that the missionary mandate permeates all of Scripture, our purpose for missions is:

1. To participate in God's plan of blessing for all nations
 - Gen. 3:15; 12:3; Psalm 47:7-9; Romans 15:8-12
2. To allow people of all nations the opportunity to experience the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ
 - John 3:16-18; Romans 10:13-15; Isaiah 49:6
3. To join God in his pursuit of true worshipers from every tribe, tongue, and nation
 - John 4:23; Ps. 67:3-4

4. To join with other believers in growing Christ's church and furthering his kingdom
 - Matt. 16:18; 24:14; Mark 1:14-15; Ephesians 4:11-13; Acts 28:30-31
5. To share Christ's compassion for people by meeting both their physical and spiritual needs
 - Mark 9:41; 2 Corinthians 8:1-4; Matt. 25:34-36

Goals

We will accomplish our vision and purpose by:

1. Integrating the missions mandate into our teaching and preaching
2. Balancing the allocation of financial support between local and global partnerships, with the local allocation to rarely exceed 50% of the budget
3. Partnering with a small number of missionaries and organizations
 - Emphasizing those that come from or attend our church
 - Supporting financially those local ministries where we have hands-on involvement
4. Organizing short-term mission trips locally and globally
 - Equipping our church for God's work around the world
 - Instilling a vision to reach out to those abroad, as well as those in our community
 - Identifying and growing up long-term missionaries from within our church
5. Encouraging hands-on involvement in local compassion ministries

Core values

In light of our vision, purpose, and goals, we place a high priority on the following core values:

1. *Prayer* – the foundation of our missions effort (Matt. 9:37-38; Acts 13:2);
2. *Un-reached people* – giving priority to people who have the greatest need and least opportunity to hear the gospel (Rom. 15:20);
3. *Church planting* – focusing on the ultimate goal of establishing, strengthening, and multiplying churches (Matt. 16:18);
4. *Discipleship* – developing quality disciples (2 Tim. 2:2; Matt. 28:19-20);
5. *Harvest Bible Chapel missionaries* – raising up, equipping, and supporting missionaries from our own body (Acts 9:15; Rom. 10:14-15);
6. *National workers* – partnering with key national ministry leaders to assist in furthering the kingdom of God (3 John 5-8);
7. *Compassion* – meeting the physical needs of people, as well as spiritual (Matt. 25:34-46);
8. *Church awareness* – working towards broad church awareness by informing, teaching, and providing them with opportunities for involvement;

Select partnerships – giving more support to fewer missionaries or organizations in order to maximize our impact and increase the quality of care toward them.

Tri Lakes Chapel, Colorado Springs

Tri-Lakes Chapel is committed to changing lives, both across the street and around the world. Our missions ministry focuses on getting the life-changing message of Christ to people of all walks of life. We accomplish this through strategic partnerships, here in Monument, and in places like Zambia, Nepal, Kazakhstan, and Chile. Just like a drop of water falling into a pond, there should be a ripple effect that starts in us. When our life is changed, the message should start to go out from us in many ways and in many directions - God can give us new life!

We believe that we can have the greatest impact by partnering with organizations or specific missionaries that have unique knowledge and experience in their areas of ministry. We also believe that when Jesus told his disciples to go to "Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and the ends of the earth" that he was referring to different groups of people - people like us and near us, people like us and further away, people not like us but near us, and finally, people that are not like us and not near us. We need to intentionally target people in all four of these areas in order to be successful in missions. The ripple effect will be world-changing!