

Missions Strategy Sample – Church 1

We believe that God is calling people from all nations, tribes and languages (Rev. 7:9) and that each culture makes a distinctive contribution to the wealth, and splendor of God's Kingdom (Rev. 21:22-27). Further, we believe that God commands this local body of believers to participate in His magnificent work of reconciling all of mankind to Himself (Matt. 28:19-20, Acts 1:8, II Cor. 5:18-20).

The Elder's guidelines for Our Church state that the "global missions" portion of the budget is to be focused on completing the Great Commission outside of Our Church by supporting missionaries and organizations whose activities are not administered by Our Church. The global outreach budget will be primarily focused on cross-cultural outreach, but may also be used for local or regional outreach as determined by the current team.

There is general agreement amongst Evangelical Christians that the major area that is un-evangelized or under evangelized is that of Africa and Euro/Asia between the 10th and 40 degrees of latitude commonly referred to as the 10/40 Window. It is estimated that between 15-25% of the world's population is beyond the reach of present proclamation of the gospel and still need to be given their first chance to hear the good news.

Because of these glaring needs, the Global Outreach Team has to respond in a purposeful manner to reach these people groups in this area. This can be done on a practical manner by: 1) Each year increasing the portion of our efforts that are directed to this area, 2) Giving priority to candidates/mission groups that minister in this area, 3) Promoting this area to our own congregation and those who would feel called to missions as the focus of our efforts, 4) Partner with other organizations and churches in order to maximize our involvement and make the most of our efforts.

We suggest that the manner to fund outreach be changed from a regular budget item to a faith pledge model. This will allow our congregation to become more personally involved in the efforts and increase participation both prayerfully and financially. This may need to wait until the current stewardship campaign is completed, but we should be moving towards this as a way to reach the lost with an attitude of urgency.