

Vision & Strategy Sample - Church #15

Our Mission: *To honor God as a family of growing disciples who are becoming...Faithful Witnesses.*

Missions Vision: Every person actively involved in global disciple-making through prayer, care, and share.

Definition: “Missions” is glorifying God through any endeavor to make disciples in a location or culture beyond the influence of Our Church by means of evangelism, training, and/or church planting.

Values: Global Vision / Prayer / Quality Missionaries / Spirit Led / Missionary Care

Strategic Emphasis: Unreached People Groups / Bible Translation / National Leadership Training

Missions Strategy: Global disciple-making through prayer, care, and share.

At Our Church, part of our local strategy to be “faithful witnesses” is *prayer, care, and share*. Our global strategy builds on these terms and adds an additional “Kingdom Partnerships” layer to complete the process. This strategy is sequential. It starts with the foundation of “why” we do missions, moves to participation in the work others are doing, and is completed when there is personal ownership and action.

As individuals we can pray for those who have never heard, care for those who have never heard, and go and share with those who have never heard. Through Kingdom Partnerships we can pray for Kingdom Partners (missionaries) to go to the unreached, care for our Kingdom Partners (Our Church Missionary Families) going to the unreached, and share by mobilizing even more Kingdom Partners to go to the unreached. (It is important to note that the strategic focus is on making disciples of the unreached, not on the people at Our Church or our Kingdom Partners.)

	Key Issue	Key Idea	Key Word	Key Question
Prayer	What is God’s heart for the world? <i>(Why should I care about missions?)</i>	God wants worshippers from every tongue, tribe, and nation, and some still have not heard.	Informed (aware)	How do we get more people actively aware of and praying for the unreached? <i>Missions Education Team</i>
Care	How can I assist in caring for those who have not heard so that God’s plan is accomplished?	Somebody else is doing it—I can partner with them.	Involved (supportive)	How do we get more people actively involved in caring for the unreached by caring for those ministering to the unreached? <i>Missionary Care Team</i>
Share	How can I personally participate in global disciple-making? <i>(When and where would God have me personally serve?)</i>	I need to personally go and/or mobilize others to go and make disciples of every people group.	Committed (passionate)	How do we get more people actively involved in going or mobilizing others to go to the unreached? <i>Short Term Missions Team; Missions Personnel & Projects Team</i>

Here is how P/C/S works on the local level and how the terms are translated into the global context:

	Local	Global	
		Personal	Kingdom Partners
Prayer	<i>Pray for the lost (locally or in spheres of influence)</i>	Pray for another people group (especially the least reached)	Pray for God to raise up new Kingdom Partners (missionaries) to go to a lost people group
Care	<i>Care for the lost (locally or in spheres of influence)</i>	Care for another people group (especially the least reached)	Care for the Kingdom Partners (missionaries) who are reaching those in another people group
Share	<i>Share with the lost (locally or in spheres of influence)</i>	Share by going as a Kingdom Partner (full, mid, or short term missionary) to another people group (especially the least reached)	Share through mobilizing and partnering with Kingdom Partners (full, mid, or short term missionaries) reaching those in another people group

Missions Teams Objectives

(Missions Teams are sub-committees of the Missions Committee and are made up of Missions Committee members along with other interested and approved members from the church body.)

- **Missions Education Team** – Teaching every person at Our Church to understand and embrace God’s plan to build his church with people from every tongue, tribe, and nation.
- **Missionary Care Team** – Mobilizing individuals and/or families to regularly encourage Our Church career (long term) and mid-term Kingdom Partners (missionaries) through prayer and care (emotional support) so that they can operate at peak efficiency on the field so that disciples can be made of all people groups.
- **Short Term Missions Team** – Effectively mobilizing short-term teams from Our Church who are equipped to meet the needs at a local mission site in cross cultural locations around the world in order to make disciples of all people groups.
- **Missions Personnel & Projects Team** – Strategically mobilizing equipped individuals who will obey God’s command to make disciples of all people groups.

Core Values Defined

1. **Global Vision** – We believe every individual at Our Church should have a vision of what God has called us to do around the world. We will work to give first-hand exposure through education, short-term trips, and visits from missionaries to encourage first-hand involvement in the area of world missions. (Matthew 28:18-20)
2. **Prayer** – We believe God calls us to regular prayer for our current missionaries and fervent prayer for new workers to be raised up for the harvest. We will offer regular opportunities and communication to lead our body in prayer. (Matthew 9:37-38; Colossians 4:2-4)
3. **Quality Missionaries** – We believe that we should send out and support missionaries (Kingdom Partners) who are clearly called and equipped for ministry. We will prayerfully discern the qualifications of new missionaries, and regularly evaluate the missionaries we currently support. (Acts 13:2-3)
4. **Spirit Led** – We believe that we must depend on the leading and guidance of the Holy Spirit for our vision and our day-to-day decisions. We will endeavor to allow the Holy Spirit to guide us in how to implement the plans and policies we prayerfully establish. (Acts 16:6-10)

5. **Missionary Care** – We believe we are responsible to support and care for our missionary family in every way possible (emotionally, spiritually, financially, etc.). We strive to be an oasis of encouragement and rest to our missionary families. (Philippians 1:5; 4:10, 15-16)