

MISSION UPDATE

AGM 2024

WHY FOCUS ON GLOBAL MISSION?

This is God's Mission:

- “You will be **my witnesses** in Jeursalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the **end of the earth**” (Acts 1v8)
- “Go therefore and make disciples of **all nations**” (Matthew 28v19)
- “After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from **every nation**, from **all tribes and peoples and languages**, standing before the throne and before the Lamb” (Revelation 7v9)

“The whole church taking the whole gospel to the whole world”
John Stott

OUR COMMITMENT

Current mission partners:

- Worldlink
- Sergey & Irina
- Colin & Elida Stephen
- Rod & Debbie Jones
- Kirsty Holt
- Alwis Rajendran
- UCCF
- Out of the Box

10%

Partnership model

Prayer support

Engagement across the wider church family

MISSIONARY FELLOWSHIP UPDATE

- Led by Isobel Aitken for many years until pandemic.
 - Monthly meetings with invited “mission focused” speakers
 - “Supply Boxes” sent to Missionaries, mainly focused in Zambia
- Challenges to continuing
- Made contact with the missionaries / MMN to obtain feedback:
 - No longer practical or efficient to send boxes

Continuing our mission focus legacy?

MISSION:A STRATEGIC APPROACH

- Mission Team
 - Cross section of the church (inc. elder representation)
 - Meet quarterly
 - Governed by our Missions Policy (provide operating remit of Mission team)
- Mission Partner Selection Criteria
 - Clarity & Consistency
 - Strategic areas of God's work we want to support
- Widen Church Engagement in Mission
 - Mission Sunday
 - Encourage mission trip opportunities (GLO mission teams / Firstserve)
 - Mission Partner selection input
 - Home Groups to facilitate Mission Partner relationships and church updates

MISSION PARTNER: SELECTION CRITERIA

Criteria	Defined
Great Commission ^(Matt. 28v18)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mission partners must have a clear Gospel Focus • We desire to see Spiritual growth based on Discipleship through the Word
Alignment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mission Partners should be aligned with our Statement of Faith • This creates a strong Foundation for our Mission Partner relationships
Indigenous	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Where possible, indigenous-led mission is preferred • Indigenous missionaries understand the culture, language, people and problems faced
Community	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community development must be sustainable and have a gospel focus • Poverty relief, education, social injustice initiatives etc. must be used to build relationships for gospel witness
Impact	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kingdom investment: we should consider what kind of "Kingdom return" the investment will create? • Can impact be measured? It is understood that impact may be difficult to measure in certain scenarios
Priority	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Priority will be given to partners who are less able to get support elsewhere or who are supported at a lower level • Where possible, priority to mission partners who are "embedded" in a local church in the mission field
People	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our focus will be on supporting and developing relationships with people as our Mission Partners • We will seek to build relationships through regular fellowship, prayer support and updates
Accountability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must have a clear structure of accountability (both theological and lifestyle) in place