

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