

PURPOSE OF THE MISSION TEAM

The primary purpose of the mission team is to offer up ourselves as servants in obedience to Christ's "Great Commission," here and abroad, whether sending or going. The mission team has a limited sphere of focus: facilitating the extension of the gospel. That is, our labors are devoted to the work of proclaiming the light of the glorious gospel of Christ to the ethnos (peoples) of the world so as to bring about the obedience of faith in those whom God has called from every tribe, tongue, and nation, for His Name's sake and His gospel. The mission team is not designed to replace the ongoing ministries already active in our church like the fellowship groups which function as evangelistic outposts as well as fellowship for building up the Body of Christ (Acts 2:42-47); however, as God provides opportunity, the mission team serves to facilitate evangelistic outreaches and ministries which bring the gospel across cultural and language barriers.

WE MUST GO

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, to the close of the age. Matthew 28:19-20

WE MUST SEND

But how are men to call upon him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without a preacher? And how can men preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach good news!" Romans 10:14-15

BOTH HERE AND ABROAD

... and you shall be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Sama'ria and to the end of the earth. Acts 1:8

AS STEWARDS OF THE GOSPEL

Yea, so have I strived to preach the gospel, not where Christ was named, lest I should build upon another man's foundation: But as it is written, To whom he was not spoken of, they shall see: and they that have not heard shall understand. Romans 15:20-21

AND WORSHIPERS

And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation. Revelation 5:9

OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST

For we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord; and ourselves your servants for Jesus' sake. For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to [give] the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.. 2 Corinthians 4:5-6

ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE MISSIONS TEAM

SENDERS

The mission team will be actively involved in supporting and mobilizing the congregation to support our present missionaries. They will coordinate with fellowship groups and make sure our missionaries are being remembered regularly. We will seek to encourage our missionaries to fulfill their ministries in the places where the Lord has assigned them.

The mission team will assist with the sending of training materials and resources with our partners around the world.

The mission team will plan the annual missions conference and continue to promote missions throughout the year.

The mission team will be a praying team, and will organize occasional concerts of prayer focused on praying for ministries around the world.

GOERS

The mission team will organize short term teams to go and serve in ministries we currently support (i.e., Uganda, Mexico, Philippines, Ukraine, South Africa, Germany, Honduras, France/North Africa).

The mission team will work alongside the CBC pastors in training, equipping and sending crosscultural missionaries who are called by God and biblically qualified to go and proclaim the gospel and teach the Word of God. This involves actively pursuing ministry opportunities in the local area as well as opportunities abroad.

Who should serve on the mission team?

Believers whom God has burdened for the above tasks

Believers whom the Spirit has gifted in such a way that you receive great joy in corresponding, praying, serving and supporting ministries abroad.

Believers who are members of Community Bible Church, approved by church leadership, and practicing a faithful, personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

Believers who have a deep interest in missions along with the willingness to work hard in a missions capacity. This may be evidenced by having served in some missions capacity in the past.

What is expected of each member of the mission team?

- Faithfully attend a team meeting once a month, as well as any special meetings that are called together if the need arises.
- Be actively involved with the planned missions activities, including the planning and coordinating of the annual missions conference in February.
- Serve as a leader in one of the above tasks, overseeing a particular area (ie. short term teams, "adopt a missionary," communication and support, missions conference, prayer for missions, training/teaching)
- Pray and maintain communication with supported missionaries on a regular basis.
- Commit yourself to this ministry for a one year term, which may be renewed as God so leads.