

GBC Local And Global Mission Priorities

How do we decide about mission involvement and mission giving at GBC?

First we pray about God's direction. Then we receive dozens of opportunities to consider partnering with mission and ministry projects. Finally we evaluate opportunities based upon leadership - we ask, "Is there a Champion?" To assist us in evaluating GBC involvement we ask the following Strategic Questions.

Five Strategic Questions (Vision 2010)

Is there a clear Gospel witness which results in spiritual multiplication? We minister in ways that Christ is clearly communicated and new churches are the result. Our goal is to see 101 new churches started by 2010.

Is there a GBC Champion? What relationship to GBC does this ministry or these missionaries have? Has God raised up and equipped leadership to guide and direct this ministry? Ideas are great but ministries are formed when Godly men and women step up and lead out in ministry. Our priority is to train up and equip 100 GBC long term local and global missionaries and send out 2500 volunteers.

Is this ministry strategic, viable and verifiable? There are many well-intentioned but poorly conceived missions. We examine closely the strategy, who, what, when, where, and how of ministries before we join them in partnership.

Is this a ministry to the unreached, the persecuted or restricted access church? Is this mission effort in an area of the world where preaching the gospel is restricted? A priority at GBC is to see Christ be made known in areas and among peoples where no scripture is available and where Gospel proclamation is severely restricted.

Are missionaries or ministry partners experienced & equipped for this ministry? We try to insure, for example, that our church planters have adequate training in evangelism and church planting. Many, who are called, remain ill-prepared because no one mentored them. We seek to insure good stewardship of GBC's mission investment.

Acts 1:8 Focus of GBC Missions: Gospel for All Peoples
(True Worship, Spiritual Maturity, Gospel Access, Mission Sending)

Much more than a geographic demarcation of the places we should go on a mission trip, Acts 1:8 is a mandate to communicate the Gospel to All Peoples regardless of their:

- Proximity to True Worship within a Healthy Church
- Spiritual Maturity vs. Spiritual Confusion, and
- Access to Gospel Proclamation and Mission Activity.

From the Perspective of the Gospel for All Peoples here is how we live out Acts 1:8.

Jerusalem

- Gospel Centers -*Godly Worship and Mission Sending* - Discipleship and training for witness are needed. Effective ministry is needed in order to clearly communicate Christ to the lost.

Memphis, South Korea, Jackson, South Africa, Brazil, Colorado

Judea & Samaria

- True Worship - Weak Witness - Places where the Gospel is available, Worship occurs, but the Gospel is poorly understood, inadequately communicated and the church is weak.

Seattle, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, New York City, Toronto, Montana, Romania

Ends of the Earth

- Gospel Starved - Centers of the Powers of Darkness -

- Scripture is unavailable -The Church is Persecuted
- Gospel Witness is Opposed -Cults and Other World Religions Reign
- Centers of Communism, Materialism, Animism, and Idolatry
- Missionaries and Freedom of Religion are Outlawed

Afghanistan, China, New Delhi, Baima, Kashmiri, Gujjurs, Ladakhi