

CREATING A MISSIONS FOCUS

Where Have We Been?

Missions Foundation

- The Chapel has a vibrant history of obedience to Jesus' command to make disciples
- Hired a full-time Missions Pastor (who spent a decade on the field in missions)

The Challenge

- The number of missions is beyond our ability to effectively manage, to maintain the depth of partnership desired, and to communicate missionary updates to the congregation
- Inconsistencies have developed in the processes of selecting & funding our missions

The Charge

- Chapel leadership charged the Missions Leadership Team (MLT) to reduce the number of missionaries to a more manageable level
- Chapel leadership charged the MLT to develop a process/policy to guide us in maintaining healthy & consistent relationships with our partners

The Response

- Conducted 1-2 hour interviews with "Missions Stakeholders" to better understand where the Lord is leading the Chapel's Mission Program
- Began reviewing and restating the Missions Program Vision and Purpose
- Defined criteria of most importance in evaluating a mission partner which was approved by Chapel Leadership
- Developed and sent each supported missionary a form to collect data needed to evaluate
- The Missions Leadership Team (consisting of the Missions Pastor and Missions Deacons) systematically reviewed and apply weighted criteria for each mission partner (hundreds of hours)

Where are we now?

- Recommendations submitted to Staff Leadership Team (Lead Pastor & Team Leaders) for their input
- Presented revised recommendations to the Elder's Ministry Committee
- Ministry Committee has presented to and approved by the Elders
- Initial communication to church body at February 19 Chapel Family Update

MISSION	Type Location
V...	GlobalTurkey
Karbangira	GlobalCongo
Hobson	GlobalPhilippines
Olson	GlobalBelgium
Holcomb	GlobalVarious
J/H...	GlobalTurkey
ICM	GlobalVarious
Heart for Orphans	GlobalUkraine
OrphaNETWORK	GlobalNicaragua
Boor (Child Evangelism Fellowship)	Local
Ammons (CRU)	Local
Purks (Intervarsity)	Local
Havasy (Young Life)	Local
Lackey Clinic	Local
Community of Faith Mission	Local
Grove Christian Outreach	Local
CareNet	Local
H.E.A.R.T.	Local

- All other currently supported missions will enter a transitional phase. Specific details developed for each mission per known circumstances.
- Specifically, we will clearly communicate to those entering this transitional phase that “this is not question your call but our call. God’s call on you is between you and him and He can provide.”

Where are we going?

Deeper Relationships

- Invest more deeply in our partners, not only financially, but physically, strategically and spiritually
- Present our missions partners to our congregation through visits and updates
- Present our congregation to our missions’ partners by sending teams twice yearly to each long term strategic partner

Strategic Locations

- Be obedient to where the Spirit will lead us in long-term mission strategies
- Special consideration given to areas where we have multiple existing mission partners
- Special attention given to locations of less than 2% reached (these areas less likely to be reached without international missionary support)

Church Planting

- Begin shifting our focus toward church planting locally, nationally and globally