

HEARTBEAT



for Missions

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What are we doing here?

“The Church exists for nothing else but to draw men into Christ, to make them little Christs. If they are not doing that, all the cathedrals, clergy, missions, sermons, even the Bible itself, are simply a waste of time. God became man for no other purpose.”



- C.S. LEWIS



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"Give, Grow, Go!"



God on Mission



Jesus was sent on Mission



Father sent the Son...

For God so loved the world that **He gave His one and only Son,** that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.



JOHN 3:16 NIV

Jesus had clarity of identity

And He said to them, "Why is it that you were looking for me? Did you not know that I had to be in my Father's house?"



LUKE 2:49 NASB

Jesus had clarity of His assignment

“The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. **He has sent me** to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free, to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”



LUKE 4:18-21 NIV

Jesus had clarity of His assignment

Then he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant and sat down. The eyes of everyone in the synagogue were fastened on him. He began by saying to them, "Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing."



LUKE 4:20-21 NASB

Jesus had clarity of method

Jesus gave them this answer: "Very truly I tell you, the Son can do nothing by himself; he **can do only what he sees his Father doing**, because whatever the Father does the Son also does.



JOHN 5:19 NIV

Jesus sent His followers



Jesus sent the 72

After this the Lord **appointed** seventy-two others **and sent them** two by two ahead of him to every town and place where he was about to go. He told them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.



LUKE 10:1-2 NIV

Jesus sent the pre-ascension apostles

Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! **As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.**"



JOHN 20:21 NIV

Jesus still sends His followers



The Church

Then Jesus came to them and said, **“All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations,** baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.



MATTHEW 28:18-20 NIV

We're assigned to the ministry of reconciliation

Therefore, if anyone *is* in Christ, *he is* a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new. Now all things *are* of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, ***and has given us the ministry of reconciliation...***



2 COR 5:17-18 NKJV

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Now then, *we are ambassadors for Christ*, as though God were pleading through us: *we implore you on Christ's behalf, be reconciled to God*. For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.



2 COR 5:20-21 NKJV

**What if we expect God to lead us into missional
adventure every day?**



The steps of a *good* man are ordered by the Lord,
And He delights in his way.



PSALM 37:23 NKJV

How to Engage



Our Inheritance

Nations and Neighbors



HOW TO ENGAGE

Who?

Priesthood of all believers
Disciples raising disciples



HOW TO ENGAGE

How?

Deliberate acts of kindness
Intentional conversations



HOW TO ENGAGE

Driven by **obedience**



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HOW TO ENGAGE

Focus on missional communities



Why missional community?

Sharing the gospel, and especially making disciples, is most effective in relationship.



Where has God planted you?

.com , .org , .gov (or 7 mountains)

What season are you in?



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Be Creative!

We are in a season of "Yes!"



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