Global Ministries Goals - Church #1

VISION

To establish and partner with strategically based national Christian leaders, ministries, and OUR CHURCH sent missionaries to challenge peoples in every continent of the world to respond to the transforming call of Jesus to 'come and follow Me'.

We are going to invest a greater percentage of our time, our lives, our knowledge, and our resources to obey the great commission of Jesus Christ. We are determined to use our influence as a local church to ensure that the gospel is communicated across cultures, to ensure that disciples are made, and to ensure that His worldwide kingdom is advanced for the global glory of God. We are motivated to reach the world because God thinks globally (Colossians 1: 25-29), God acts globally (Romans 15: 7-24), God loves the world globally (John 3:16), God's heart breaks for the hurting, the poor, and the lost globally (Matthew 25: 31-46), and God redeems globally (John 12: 12-33).

GOALS

GOAL #1: In 2006-07, we will explore, evaluate, and potentially support the following areas that will connect us with national Christian leaders and ministries. We will continually explore future connection opportunities through our Church Missionaries, through sending agencies, and through God's people as we seek direction from Him.

a. We will explore the establishment of a biblical training center for nationals in Country A. There are currently nine national pastors serving in their new congregations that will be used as sending centers. (key contact:)
b. We will explore a partnership with Our Denomination in City, Indonesia to resource national pastors and evangelists to reach Muslims. (key contact:)
c. We will explore a partnership with Mission Agency A to help equip and train national evangelists and church leaders in Latin America. (key contact:
d. We will explore a partnership with Mission Agency B to reach strategic locations through European nationals in Central Europe. (key contact:)
e. We will explore a church planting partnership between the people in S and Our Denomination Agency. (key contact:)

GOAL #2: We see an ever-increasing amount of OUR CHURCH attenders serving on strategic short-term teams. Teams for 2006-07 will specifically be used for exploration, relationship building, and knowledge gathering for the above goal.

GOAL #3: We will strongly support, encourage and regularly evaluate our missionaries and national global partners. In 2006-07, we will begin regular communication to the congregation concerning the overall strategic impact of their ministries and how their unique ministries align with our vision.

GOAL #4: We see all OUR CHURCH attenders becoming World Christians; supporting, praying, and reordering their lives around God's global cause over the next five years.

GOAL #5: We see all OUR CHURCH Community Groups adopting a missionary or national global partner. We will provide training and resources to our small group leaders to encourage every group participant to accept personal responsibility for God's global mission.

GOAL #6: We will recruit, equip, confirm, and affirm our most gifted and qualified people to be sent out as cross-cultural missionaries in ever-increasing numbers over the next five years to help implement our vision.

GOAL #7: We will conduct a church-wide Global Summit every year that will include a global project offering. Our first Summit will be held May 4-7, 2006.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1. That the Missions Budget be incorporated into the General Fund giving of the church beginning in the budget year 2006-07. It will begin at the current percentage and increased to maintain an amount of 20% of total giving.
- 2. That the current Missions Policy be completely reviewed and updated by August 2006 to reflect the vision and strategy of Global Ministries.
- 3. That current missionaries and agencies receive a complete review by May 2006.
- 4. That the OUR CHURCH Global Ministries Team be reorganized and reconstituted by February 2006.
- 5. That a full-time staff person for Global Ministries be hired.
- 6. That the "Stateside Organizations and Support Staff" section be removed from the Missions Budget beginning in 2006-07. We recommend that all agencies and organizations be supported by the Benevolence Fund and overseen and evaluated by a separate "Social Concerns Team".