

Global Ministry Core Values

Gospel Transformation

Based upon Matt 24, Mark 16, Luke 24, and Acts 1 and Romans 12, Gospel proclamation and transformation lies at the heart of societal change. Beginning with God's rule and reign in the hearts of people, the gospel has the power to transform every aspect of society - neighborhoods, business, recreation, arts, education, commerce, healthcare, governance, family, and the marginalized.

Anchored By the National Local Church

As we study biblical texts that deal with New Testament missions directly (Acts 2, 8, 13, 14 & 15), Gospel proclamation and transformation happens in and through the context of local churches. It is clear from Mat 28 and Acts 1 that making disciples within the context of the local church is the clear priority of our missions program. The missions philosophy we follow is patterned after the examples in the book of Acts where a greater emphasis is placed on Church Planting, and then once planted, to Church Strengthening (chiefly the local national leaders and pastors), and then to ministry that focuses on Physical Needs, and lastly, a provision for those ministries and ministry partners that assist and Support the three categories above.

In an area or people group where there are NO known believers and local churches, the priority will be sending a ministry team to learn, engage, and build an initial body of believers among the nationals. In areas where there ARE believers and churches that align with our theology and mission practices, we desire to work alongside existing Christian nationals who already have the language and cultural advantages to plant and strengthen new churches. Programs and efforts that focus on physical needs, the marginalized and social relief, will be anchored by the national local church, and ideally come out of the local church's vision.

Working within a Team

Team-based ministry is a high value of Cornerstone Church. In order to display God accurately to the world, we believe teams need to be sent, ideally no fewer than 3 household units. An individual cannot display the relational aspect of God to the world, nor can an individual display the "one another's" clearly commanded in the New Testament. We will guide missionaries and church planters to deploy as a team or join an existing team, practice accountability within the team, and support and encourage one another as a team.

Congregational Engagement and Partnership

The Cornerstone church family is a Sending Church. Global ministry partnerships and initiatives should engage the Cornerstone Church family by allowing for mutual support, encouragement, and communication both while on home assignment and on the mission field. We will deploy ministry partners and teams with an established Home Front Team and maintain relationship and accountability with Cornerstone.