

## **MISSIONS STRATEGY**

### **I. Becoming a missions minded Church.**

**A. Because God has demonstrated a heart for the nations so also should we as a Church body. Isaiah 45:22; Malachi 1:10-11; Matthew 28:18-20; Acts 1:8**

#### **B. Mission priorities.**

- 1. The need to seek to plant doctrinally sound and reproductive churches among people groups who have not had access to the Word of God. Romans 15:18-21**
- 2. Unreached language groups should have a high degree of priority in our thinking.**

#### **C. Our Church needs to be a sending Church Matthew 9:38; Acts 13:1-3**

- 1. Qualified members of our Church who believe that God has called them to full time vocational ministry are to be examined and encouraged to follow God's call.**
- 2. As a Church we should prioritize supporting qualified members in their endeavor.**

#### **D. Our responsibilities to our missionaries.**

- 1. We need to hold them accountable to make sure that they are staying true to the doctrines of the Word of God. II Timothy 3:16-4:5; Jude 1-23; Acts 20:25-32**
- 2. As a Church we are responsible before God to be holding our missionaries up in prayer. Ephesians 6:18-20**
- 3. Periodically we need to review all of the missionaries we support periodically, because people change and mission organizations can change over time, to determine if they still fit within our theology of missions. Acts 14:24-28**

#### **E. Short term missions projects.**

- 1. Every short term missions project should have a long term result in view.**
- 2. By careful planning and prayer we will endeavour to make sure that every minute on the field is meaningful for all future efforts. II Timothy 4:5**
- 3. We need to remember that wherever we are we are to be "missionaries" as God opens doors. Acts 1:8**

### **II. Achieving the goal of becoming a missions minded Church.**

**A. Establish a group of members to help the Church develop a missions mind set and help us to support our missionaries in a manner worthy of God. III John 5-8**

- B. This group will focus on keeping in regular communication with our missionaries to encourage, pray and support them as needed.**
- C. With the approval of the Pastor and Elder Board, organize events and activities to help us focus on God's heart for missions.**

**III. Priorities in selecting future missionaries to support.**

- A. Type of ministries we will support.**
  - 1. Must be one that is actively involved in gospel ministry with people, not solely administrative duties, or humanitarian aid.**
  - 2. Main thrust would be evangelism and the spiritual growth of new converts.**
- B. All missionaries must demonstrate spiritual maturity. Men according to the standard of elders and women according to the standard for deacons wives according to I Timothy 3.**
- C. Missionaries we support must have a reputation for faithful vocational work as well as having faithfully served in ministry in a local biblical Church.**
- D. Any missionaries we support must demonstrate an ability to accurately handle the Word of God. II Timothy 2:15**