

Philosophy of Global Disciple-making

Our goals in Global Disciple-making are:

- *To raise up disciples who embrace the 5 habits of a World Christian* - We strive to raise up disciple-making World Christians who live for the sake of God's glory among all nations no matter their geographical location. Our desire is that each Christ-follower is consistently...
 - ...praying for the nations
 - ...giving to the nations
 - ...mobilizing others for the nations
 - ...reaching internationals for the nations
 - ...going to the nations
- *To strengthen existing churches in contexts which are "reached"* - In those contexts around the world where there is at least some presence of the church our primary concern is to strengthen the existing the church.
- *To establish the church in contexts which are "unreached"* - In those contexts where there is no existing church our primary concern is to establish the church.

Overall, our goal is long-term impact in disciples formed, churches strengthened, and churches planted.

To achieve these goals, our priorities in Global Disciple-making are:

- *Discipleship Community Groups* - We desire that each Discipleship Community lives out the 5 habits of a World Christian. As they gather together they pray, give and mobilize one another for the sake of God's glory among the nations. They also reach internationals and go to the nations by sharing, teaching, showing and multiplying the Word together.
- *Short-term Missions* - In a "reached" context (where there is at least some presence of the church), our primary concern is to strengthen the existing church. We do this by engaging the lost in partnership with the local church and by equipping the church through biblical, theological and practical ministry training. The primary means to achieve the goal of strengthening the church is sending short-term mission teams to serve the church. Once again, particular emphases will be placed on small groups serving together globally.
- *Mid-term Missions* - Often, after participating in short-term missions, individuals or families feel the Lord leading them to serve for longer than a week or two. Our prayer is that we would send out people from our church to serve globally for up to two years.

- *Long-term Church Planting* - In an “unreached” context (where there is no existing church), our primary concern is to establish the church. We seek to do this by engaging the lost in order to establish the church. Then we are ultimately able to equip the church to serve the world by doing the same. The primary means to achieve the goal of establishing the church will be through sending long-term church planting teams to unreached people groups. Particular emphases will be placed on adopting specific unreached people groups for church-wide engagement. We will initiate a process of prayer and investigation through strategic exposure of church leaders to unreached people groups, and then we will identify, equip, and send out long-term church planting teams.