

What Guides Christ Community Mission?

Our Vision

God has called his Church to reach the entire world with the good news. CCC, likewise, has been called to reach those without Christ both here in Charlottesville, as well as those who have never heard of Christ around the world. We will carry out the Matthew 28:18-20 by partnering with churches in other nations, missions organizations and Charlottesville local ministries formed to reach those who do not know Christ.

To accomplish our vision we will:

- Pray for and financially support our mission partners.
- Continue to develop strategic partnerships with other church-planting groups.
- Build up cohesive and competent short-term missions teams (for local and global missions).
- Educate CCC about the importance of foreign and domestic missions outreach.
- Empower servant/leaders who will develop strategies that fulfill this mission on both the foreign and domestic fronts.
- Plant churches in our region that focus on reaching the lost/un-churched.

Our Governing Philosophy

Four Criteria for mission groups we will support:

Church Planting

Because CCC is committed to church-planting as a New Testament principle, we believe that we are to connect with and support those ministries who share that vision. Whereas we will support local para-church ministries, we believe that the overseas missions we are to partner with must have a church-planting vision and practice.

- A. We are dedicated to assisting indigenous church-planting efforts God has already established abroad. To maximize our effectiveness, we will direct our attention and resources to areas where the gospel is rapidly advancing and/or where the indigenous churches lack the resources and training to effectively “reap the harvest” on their own.
- B. We want to under gird the training and equipping of church leaders in other cultures by offering whatever resources they deem helpful to support local church leaders.

Similar vision to CCC

- A. To create mutually beneficial relationships by adopting already established, like-minded churches in other parts of the world. Our desire is to offer both resources and co-laborers from our own congregation to assist these ministries in spreading the gospel, discipling believers, or through practical means like sending medical and construction teams.
- B. We want to partner with churches and support ministries who have a heart for the lost, equipping the believers and church planting.

Personal Connection

- A. We must have a personal relationship with the ministry with which we partner. We are not interested in mere financial support without the opportunity for personal involvement.
- B. By “personal involvement” we mean a connection that has been established over years of contact. The mission/church or CCC can initiate this relationship. However, this relationship should not be seen as the “pet project” of one individual leader in the church or the Missions Team.

Unreached People Groups

Because God desires to bless all people groups (Gen. 12:3) and because we long for the return of our King (Mat. 24:14), we support new church planting efforts in people groups who lack a culturally relevant church (and with it access to the Gospel). For “how will they believe in Him whom they have not heard? And how will they hear without a preacher?” (Rom. 10:15). We know that God does not need our help (Job 42:1-2, Ps. 33:9, Rev. 5:9), but rather the greatest privilege offered to man is to be adopted by the King (Rom. 8:15-17, Phil. 3:7-9) and to participate in the building of His Kingdom (Eph. 3:8). Therefore, we take up this task with great joy and seek to build wisely, supporting work in people groups where Christ is not yet worshiped (Rom. 15:20, Mt. 9:35-38, Mt. 28:18-20). Though we are imperfect, we solemnly affirm that “God blesses us, that all the ends of the earth may fear Him” (Ps. 67:7). And we remember that God, who is faithful, has promised “They who had no news of Him shall see, and they who have not heard shall understand” (Rom. 15:21, Is. 52:15). May His glory be complete.