



Calvary Bible Church Global Missions Policy

Our Mission Statement

Building a Christ-centered community of people, fully devoted to loving God and loving others *globally*.

Our Missions Policy

The Global Missions Policy establishes the vision and direction for Calvary's mission efforts, clarifying the activities that are responsibilities of the Missions Team and establishing priorities for our global missions efforts.

Our Definition of Missions

The sending forth of authorized persons beyond the borders of Calvary Bible Church and our immediate gospel influence, to proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ in gospel destitute areas, to win converts from other faiths or non-faiths to Jesus Christ, to establish functioning, multiplying congregations who will bear the fruit of Christianity in in that community and to that country and to the entire unreached world.

[2 Corinthians 5:20; Matthew 28:18-20; Romans 10:13-15; Acts 1:8]

Our Working Definition of Mission Ministries

Mission ministries that fall under the purview of the Missions Team are defined by the following three criteria:

1. Ministry beyond the ongoing involvement and impact of Calvary's local community ministries.
2. Ministry in a cultural environment that is different than the predominant North American culture represented in the local Calvary community.
3. Ministry in areas where Christ is underrepresented.

Priorities in Missions

We focus on three priorities in Global Missions.

1. Church Planting
2. Community Development
3. Crisis Response

Clarifying Definitions:

By *Church Planting*, we refer to ministries that establish self-sufficient, growing and reproducing bodies of believers that have the vision to minister not only to their own communities, but also to the world. Calvary prefers partnering with church planting efforts that are indigenous and self-sustaining with a strong leadership development focus.

By *Community Development*, we refer to ministries that contribute to the on-going well being of all residents in a community. In particular, Calvary prefers to partner with existing community organizations to work on sustainable, ongoing projects within a community with the goal of doing good works to create good will, which provides the foundation for sharing the good news of Jesus Christ.

By *Crisis Response*, we refer to ministries that provide immediate assistance; both physical and spiritual, to people that are in the midst of crises that are natural and/or man-made. Calvary prefers partnering with local organizations in order to efficiently provide the greatest assistance at the most opportune time.

Missions Team Structure

The Missions Team shall be comprised of at least one elder, one staff person and four Calvary congregational members (minimum team size of 6). The chairperson shall be appointed by the Elder Board and primarily responsible for recruiting Team members and executing the Global Missions Policy. All participants shall serve for a minimum of one year. Potential Team members may be recommended to the chairperson by anyone in the congregation.

Missions Team Functions

The Missions Team will be responsible for the following four functions:

1. Evaluating Global Partnership Opportunities –

The Missions Team will determine a process for evaluating every global partnership opportunity while considering: Calvary's priorities, the qualifications of the prospective mission personnel, the fit between the partner organization and Calvary, and the characteristics of the proposed project.

Personal Qualifications

- 1) Adherence to the Calvary Bible Church Statement of Faith.
- 2) Evidence of personal faith in Christ and proven ministry effectiveness.
- 3) Evidence of a call from God to ministry.
- 4) Evident gifting, with leadership and evangelism abilities.
- 5) Other qualifications as determined by the Mission Team.

Sending Organization Qualifications

- 1) Alignment with the Calvary Bible Church Statement of Faith.
- 2) Proven record and reputation as an organization.
- 3) Comprehensive plan for oversight of missionary personnel.
- 4) Mutual accountability between the sending organization and Calvary Bible Church.

Specific Project Qualifications

- 1) Correspond with at least one of our Global Mission Priorities.
- 2) Sustainable through leadership development and discipleship of nationals.
- 3) Provides opportunity for Calvary's local congregational involvement.
- 4) Measurable in terms of effectiveness.

2. Communication and Encouragement -

The Missions Team will be the primary channel for communications to missionaries and partner organizations. The Team will foster opportunities for communication between our missionary personnel and our Calvary members and for organizing consistent prayer for the needs of missionaries.

3. Ministry Financial Oversight -

The Missions Team will be responsible for identifying which missions ministry opportunities will be financially supported by Calvary and for developing the annual missions budget.

4. Education and Advocacy -

The Missions Team will be responsible to provide ongoing education to the congregation with regard to what God is doing in the world, with regard to specific global mission opportunities and to advocate for the cause of missions at Calvary.