

# GLOBAL OUTREACH STRATEGY



*The Church of the Open Door exists to ignite a passion for knowing God in all people that through Christ, they may pursue Him with all their being. (Mk 12:28-31, Mt 28:18-20)*

*Our Global Outreach Strategy is to help make disciples of all nations. We are for the world. We impact the world through (1) evangelism, (2) discipleship, and (3) local church involvement, with an intentional focus on those nations and cultures that currently have limited access to the Gospel through a variety of platforms. We will engage with all segments of our church to this end – children, youth, families and adults.*

<p><b>We stimulate a culture of global outreach through:</b></p>	<p><b>What we will do:</b></p>
<p><b>Education &amp; Promotion.</b> We regularly remind COD of the challenges and struggles facing the global church in its efforts to fulfill the great commission and the specific ministries and needs of our Global Outreach Partners.</p>	<p>Our global outreach will be <b>informed</b>. We will gather and disseminate global outreach information through preaching, spotlights, festivals, newsletters, bulletins and other tools that are appropriate for the campuses, ministries and activities of the church.</p>
<p><b>Challenge &amp; Engagement.</b> We encourage the church to recognize the responsibility we have, individually and corporately, to be involved in reaching the world and to consider the specific ways God would ask us to respond.</p>	<p>Our global outreach will be <b>active</b>. At least 65% of COD will be committed to pray for at least one of our Global Outreach Partners and will follow their ministry through regular updates; each Global Outreach Partners sent by COD will have a Partner-In-Ministry Team to more deeply care for them and their needs; and at least 5% of COD will serve on a seasonal ministry trip each year, which trips will focus on support for our Global Outreach Partners as and when possible and practical.</p>
<p><b>Identification &amp; Development.</b> We acknowledge the church’s role in recognizing those God has set apart for full-time global outreach, helping to guide and prepare them, and releasing them into those ministries.</p>	<p>Our global outreach will be <b>organic</b>. We will identify those from within COD whom we believe God has set apart for international ministry, and we will provide them with guidance, tools, resources and opportunities as we seek to encourage them and prepare them to be a part of our international outreach vision. We will have a majority of our Global Outreach Partners sent from COD.</p>
<p><b>Partnership &amp; Support.</b> We establish strategic partnerships with those who are engaged in full time global outreach and provide care and resources to help them succeed in those ministries.</p>	<p>Our global outreach will be <b>targeted</b>. We will provide significant financial and prayer support and care to each of our Global Outreach Partners, with increased support to individuals and agencies aligned with our global outreach vision.</p>
<p><b>Awareness &amp; Response.</b> We maintain an awareness of global crisis events and provide appropriate assistance as God would direct.</p>	<p>Our global outreach will be <b>dynamic</b>. We will engage each year in global initiatives where immediate need exists and provide focused financial and practical support to meet those needs in a way the promotes wholistic ministry of the Gospel.</p>