

MINISTRY PHILOSOPHY

Our Mission Statement

We exist as a ministry to glorify God by planting independent indigenous churches, that will be made up of true disciples who demonstrate their Christ-likeness in their personal walk with God, in their family relationships, in their relationships with believers, in their relationships with unbelievers, and who see their responsibility to be involved in reproducing themselves “to the ends of the Earth.”

- Glorify God ...

God’s glory is the first and foremost concern in all that we do. Our thoughts, motives, attitudes and actions must be controlled by what will bring to most glory to our Father. Every choice that we make in how to plant a church, what activities or programs will be used and implemented, etc., must be driven by a passion for God’s glory.

1 Corinthians 10:31 Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God.

- Independent indigenous churches ...

We are keenly aware of the fact that our ability as Americans to effectively plant a church in another culture is limited. Therefore it is our mission to team with nationals who will play an integral role in the establishment of the local church. The goal is to have each church grow to be overseen by a national pastor, independent of foreign funds and any type of external governing body.

- True disciples ...

The above goal can only be accomplished by carrying out the Great Commission, as it has been given to us by Christ Himself. We have been called to personally and corporately disciple the world. This will include evangelizing, immersing, and teach believers “all things.”

Matthew 28:19,20 Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen

This process of disciple making will have a particular need in the area of leadership training. It will be imperative for us to identify faithful men who are willing and able to be trained for positions of spiritual leadership in the local church. This will require more in depth theological and language training, along with opportunities for them to develop their practical ministry skills by “doing ministry.” Ultimately leading to these men filling positions of pastors, deacon, missionaries, etc. in local churches.

II Timothy 2:2 And the things which you have heard from me among many witnesses, commit these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also.

- Demonstrate Christ-likeness ...

The goal of each and every disciple (whether church leader or layperson) is “the fullness of the stature of Christ.” This will demonstrate itself in every area of a believer’s life.

- First and foremost their personal walk with God will be real and intimate as a young child with his loving Father.
 - This will require the regular practice of seeking forgiveness and communication from God to him/her and vice versa.
- Secondly, their family relationships.
 - A believer cannot be an effective servant within the body of Christ if they are not reflecting Christ at home.
- Thirdly, their relationships with other believers.
 - They must demonstrate a teachable, humble spirit with those who they call brother and sister in Christ.
- Fourthly, their relationships with unbelievers.
 - They must be “above reproach” in their business and/or personal relationships with unbelievers.
- Finally, they must see their role in reproducing themselves.
 - This will require personally taking the truth of God’s Word as it has been given them and passing it on to another person.
 - This should start at home, in their local church or community, but might end up anywhere in the world God so chooses to send them.

Ephesians 4:11-16 11 And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ: That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive; But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ: From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love.