

## **Missions at Mission Road Bible Church**

Our desire is to take part in the Lord's work to reach the world with the gospel of Jesus Christ by executing a biblical strategy for fulfilling the Great Commission as given by the Lord Jesus Christ in Matthew 28:19-20:

*"Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."*

### **Missions Strategy**

We believe it is necessary to be actively involved in every part of the missionary effort including but not limited to, identifying, confirming, training, and supporting individuals desiring to serve the Lord in missions. All efforts should be clearly in line with our philosophy of ministry, as outlined in the MRBC Mission Statement:

*We exist to magnify God and spread a passion for His glory by making disciples and shepherding them to value Jesus Christ above all else, in every dimension of life, as regulated by the Word of God.*

MRBC will be involved in the accountability, financial backing, counseling, and shepherding of our missionaries. While this does not eliminate any role for traditional missionary sending agencies, it certainly elevates the relationship that our missionaries should have with us as a sending and/or supporting church.

The New Testament model for missions is the spreading of the gospel in a way that results in healthy churches being established under biblically qualified leadership. The focus of New Testament missions is the establishment of sound churches that take up the mandate to reach their own people. Therefore, Mission Road Bible Church believes the primary work of missions to be:

1. Evangelism
2. Church planting
3. Ministries that train pastors and leaders
4. Auxiliary missions work (evaluated individually)

\*Short-term missions opportunities for MRBC members will be pursued to provide mutual encouragement for both missionaries and members.