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## INTRODUCTION

*This is good, and pleases God our Savior, who wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth. (1 Timothy 2:3-4)*

If we each took a moment to remember the time in which God first called us to be a part of His family, most of us would begin to reflect on those memories with fondness and with a sentiment of the miraculous intersecting with the mundane. It is not hard to take the simple details of our conversion and tell our stories with excitement and a conviction that God moved in a very powerful and deeply spiritual way. With every act of outreach the mundane does in fact become the miraculous: a knock on the door becomes the calling of the Spirit; a random invitation at a mall makes that place holy; a simple act of hospitality saves a marriage and changes the course of someone's eternity. It is this perspective of purpose and mission that we want to invigorate and renew in great measure across our global fellowship.

This report, on behalf of the Global Missions Strategy Team, is a labor of deep conviction and love that collectively reveals the current missions efforts going on across our fellowship of churches. It is our goal in presenting this information that together we might examine, pray, and plan for greater unity, organization, and effort in the direction of fulfilling the Great Commission.

We invite you to participate in examining the contents within this report. When we frame this information in the context of the Great Commission and then decide to engage in increasing measure in spreading the word, we will see with greater clarity the impact God wants us to have.

Since the late 1970s, our fellowship of churches has seen great victories sustained by ongoing, significant sacrifice. From a handful of churches in one country, we are now more than 665 congregations in 150 nations of the world. And from a few hundred meeting on a Sunday to nearly 130,000 gathering in our churches every week, we have seen God move very powerfully for decades now.

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We have paid a great price to be where we are today. Thousands have been raised up and sent out, and more than \$250 million has been given and spent on the missions effort. We have faced and overcome significant adversity and challenge along the way, and a great vision was cast, embraced, and pursued with zeal. We accept that future costs will not be less, but rather more. More people need to be raised up, more people need to go out, and more financial resources need to be given and allocated to this great effort. Simply put, at this hour we are being called higher.

Starting now, and in increasing measure, we ask for your help in reinvigorating this passionate belief in the heart of each disciple—that the answer to the darkness of the world is not found in politics; it is not found in adapting to cultural norms; it is not found in withdrawing; and it is certainly not found in complacency. The ultimate answer to the world's challenges is only found in the message of Jesus—proclaimed and propelled by His disciples.

So with our hearts moved with the desire that all people be saved, and with our hearts fixed on the mission Jesus gives us to go into all nations, we submit this report. Our prayer is that it brings us to a deeper unity, a more well-organized plan, and a renewed, clearer vision, so that in our lifetime and for future generations there would be the hope given from a hope that has been received. To God be the glory.

With great respect and love -

**The Global Missions Strategy Team**

