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From Pastor Bryan Savage, Senior Pastor

Missions matters. It is the very core of what it means to be Christian.

As followers of Jesus Christ, we should always be in the process of becoming more and more like Christ. And, simply put, if we're not engaged in missions, we're not becoming more like Jesus. Every follower of Christ should be involved in missions.

The question we should ask isn't, "Is God calling me into missions?" but rather, "Where is God sending me to be

a part of building his kingdom?"

Many Christians fail to recognize the missional aspect

of some of the Bible's most profound and important passages. One of my favorites is John 1:14: "The Word became flesh and lived among us." The Father sent Jesus Christ into the world to build the kingdom of God here on earth. The essence of Jesus' earthly life was missions.

And once you begin to read the Bible through the lens of missions, you begin to realize that missions is everywhere in Scripture. Abraham is sent away from his home for the sake of mission, Jonah is sent to Ninevah, Jesus sends the demoniac on mission back to his own people, the Samaritan woman is sent to her village, and Paul is sent all over the known world - and these are just a few examples!

So when we ask the question, "Is God calling me into missions?" it's like asking, "Does God really want me to be like Jesus?" And the answer is a resounding yes!

If Christians are called to participate in missions, we need to start asking "Where?" and "How?"

The following booklet will give you numerous options for answering the "Where?" and "How?" questions, but more importantly, it will help you be on mission with the Great Commission!



From Pastor Carolyn O'Connor, Missions Pastor

As a young girl, I found myself engrossed in Bible stories and tales of missionaries who dedicated their lives to serving the Lord in places like Africa, Asia, and South America. These stories spoke of lives transformed by the power of God, and how these transformed people brought others to Jesus through their own examples of living out their faith.

This fascination with serving others continued into my adult years, and I have been fortunate enough to serve and minister alongside organizations and individuals who are making a significant difference

in communities. Unsurprisingly, I accepted God's call to be a vocational pastor and serve as Heritage's Missions Pastor, living out my passion for serving the Lord and helping others.

Heritage Church has a rich history of sending missionaries worldwide to spread the Gospel and address the needs of people in their communities. Looking forward, I am expectant for how God will use us in the year ahead as we seek to make Him known in the Quad Cities, the United States, and beyond. I also believe that God is calling members of our church to share Christ with the 4 in 10 people who have not yet heard the Good News.

Please feel free to call or email if you would like to talk or have ideas for outreach and/or missions at Heritage. I look forward to connecting with you over the coming year as we make Christ known and be the hands and feet of Jesus wherever we go and serve.

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Commission is the vision.

"Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age." [Matthew 28: 19-20 NLT]

PRINCIPLE 2

A good deed is the seed.

"How can you show me your faith if you don't have good deeds? I will show you my faith by my good deeds. Just as the body is dead without breath, so also faith is dead without good works." [James 2: 18, 26 NLT]

INCIPLE 3

Compassion is the action.

"Then a despised Samaritan came along, and when he saw the man, he felt compassion for him. Going over to him, the Samaritan soothed his wounds with olive oil and wine and bandaged them. Then he put the man on his own donkey and took him to an inn, where he took care of him. [Luke 10:33-34 NLT)

PRINCIPLE 4

Salvation is the motivation.

"For the Lord gave us this command when he said, '/ have made you a light to the Gentiles, to bring salvation to the farthest corners of the earth." [Acts 13:47 NLT]

PRINCIPLE 5

Multiplication is the application.

I planted the seed in your hearts, and Apollos watered it, but it was God who made it grow. It's not important who does the planting, or who does the watering. What's important is that God makes the seed grow. The one who plants and the one who waters work together with the same purpose. And both will be rewarded for their own hard work. For we are both God's workers. And you are God's field. You are God's building. [1 Corinthians 3:6-9 NLT]



International

The Bible Society of Israel

biblesocietyinisrael.com



MISSION STATEMENT: Engaging the Israeli society with the life-changing message of the Word of God through direct evangelization, producing and sharing Bible study and outreach resources to people of all backgrounds of our society.

SUMMARY: The Bible Society of the State of Israel as we know it today was founded in 1949 after the establishment of the State. Even before that, however, the Bible Society worked in the land of Israel as a local agency of the British and Foreign Bible Society (BFBS). The BFBS was founded in 1804, following Thomas Charles' meeting with Mary Jones in 1800. In contrast to other national Bible societies, the BFBS saw the world as its mission field from the very beginning, and the land of Israel ("Turkish Palestine" at the time) was no exception. Many other organizations were born with a similar vision during this time, and the work of the Bible Society in the land of Israel started by giving or selling Bibles to missionaries going to different parts of the Levant. The Bible Society started as a foreign mission to Israel, but today it is maintained and led by local Messianic Jewish believers. It is a joy for us to keep up this ancient heritage, and we are grateful to our foreign predecessors who introduced the word of God to our nation. We intend to keep up the good work, no longer as a foreign entity, but as a local Israeli Bible Society serving the local Messianic congregations while still maintaining our international cooperation and brotherhood with other Bible Societies worldwide. With this ancient heritage behind us, we look to the future. Our vision is that the lifechanging message of the Bible will shape the community of Israel and that the people of Israel will learn to know the Messiah of Israel.

Our financial support will go to continue the mission and vision of BSoI in the coming year.

International



Lester and AmandaMissionaries with the Fotizo People/ Turkic-Arabic Area

globalpartnersonline.com

MISSION STATEMENT: More than 4 in 10 people live without access to the gospel. As Global Partners, we exist to reach them.

SUMMARY: Lester and Amanda have lived among the Fotizo people along with their three sons since 2006. Previously they pioneered Global Partners' ministry among the Fotizo People and served as the Mission Director there from 2006-2019. Lester has been serving as the Turkic/Arabic Area Director for Global Partners since 2019 and facilitates vision, strategic focus, and leadership coaching to each of the area church planting and disciple multiplication ministries. Before serving as a missionary, Lester was a Student Ministry Pastor for nine years where he discipled and developed young leaders. He enjoys basketball, running, skiing, outdoors, and carpentry. Amanda shares in ministry in a variety of capacities through administrative giftings and hospitality. She was an elementary teacher before becoming a missionary and partners well with Lester in building up leaders. She enjoys crafts, beaches, and caring for people who get hurt while playing basketball, running, and skiing. Together, they are passionate about building up leaders among the unreached and spending time with family and inviting people into their home.

"Fotizo" Explanation -- Fotizo is a pseudonym that we use for security reasons. It means "to enlighten" and comes from Ephesians 1:18 where Paul prayed that the eyes of the Ephesians' hearts would be "enlightened". It has been our prayer and passion to see people in the darkness of Islam come to into the light and salvation of Jesus Christ.





Jason and Kerensa McFrederick GP Missionaries in Czech Republic and Europe

globalpartnersonline.org

MISSION STATEMENT: More than 4 in 10 people live without access to the gospel. As Global Partners, we exist to reach them.

SUMMARY: Jason and Kerensa have been serving in the Czech Republic since 2005. Jason gives leadership locally to our GP missionaries, church leaders and the Maják community center, while Kerensa serves as Europe Area Director for Global Partners. She leads GP missionaries and national workers across 10 countries where ministries range from pioneering fields to established churches.

Many are surprised to learn that Europe has millions of unreached people who have never met a Christ follower or heard the Gospel. The Czech Republic remains the 2nd most atheistic country in the world. The McFredericks invest to see more people changed by the saving grace of Jesus and the church

across Europe strengthened and flourishing to reach their communities, countries and beyond!





OneEighty

oneeighty.org



MISSION STATEMENT: One Eighty equips people facing crisis, poverty and addiction to invest in healthy relationships, overcome barriers to freedom, and encounter a life of hope in Christ.

SUMMARY: One Eighty helps adults with a past mired in addiction, violence, abuse and incarceration so they can break free from these destructive patterns. Our 14-month residential recovery program includes job training, lifeskills classes, mentoring, biblical discipleship and healthy Christian community so the people we serve can learn about, experience and pursue Christ and the abundant life He offers. One Eighty also prevents kids from repeating cycles of trauma and destructive choices in their lives by giving them opportunities to develop relationships with healthy adults and experience the love of Jesus. This happens through our free baseball and basketball leagues, Quest for Christ clubs meeting in public schools, tutoring, enrichment activities, and other initiatives that support marginalized kids and families.

Financial support goes to housing 100 men, women and children each month,

staff support for residents' journeys toward freedom, and operation of our youth prevent initiatives.







Shiloh Christian Children's Ranch

Saving Children's Lives in Christian Homes shilohranch.org

MISSION STATEMENT: Our mission is to provide Christian homes for abused, neglected, and at-risk children and to meet the spiritual, emotional, educational, social, and physical needs of each child.

SUMMARY: Shiloh Christian Children's Ranch exists for children who are abused, neglected, or have dysfunctional life situations or at-risk behaviors. Shiloh has probably the most complete and unique program of its kind. Shiloh offers a Christian home with a wonderful atmosphere for children. Loving married Christian couples known as "homeparents", care for the children in a Christ-centered family model. They attend church and live life together.

In this family setting, the children learn accountability, a strong work ethic, and responsibility. They work with their family on home chores, gardening, working with animals, vocational training, and recreational activities.

Shiloh provides education for our children. Shiloh's youth attend public schools, the area Christian school, or attend our on-site Shiloh Christian School. Shiloh's children graduate and attend college, vocational school,

armed forces, or go directly to work.

Shiloh is blessed with Christian counselors who discuss issues with our children on a regular basis.



International



South America Mission

southamericamission.org

MISSION STATEMENT: South America Mission exists to see dynamic churches multiplied across Latin America who transform local communities by embodying the Kingdom of God. We seek to live as redeemed children of God, reproduce authentic disciples, multiply churches, train godly leaders and enable transformational initiatives.

SUMMARY: Since 1914, SAM has served in South America, offering the hope of the gospel through discipleship, theological training, holistic ministry, education, medical services, aviation, and church planting. In all things, we desire to see the communities of South America beautifully redeemed through the local church and South Americans equipped for ministry.

Joel and Angel Ballew, South America missionaries, have created a church planting, evangelism, and discipleship ministry approach to engage the business community of Barranquilla, Colombia. Their



focus is on utilizing a multi-use facility (Co.Labor) that serves as a catalyst to help accelerate the launch of several church plants each year via the Church Planters Accelerator. The Accelerator is a comprehensive year-long program that equips and empowers 6-8 church planters, providing them with the tools they need to succeed. In addition, the facility is used for community outreach efforts where classes on marriage, parenting, personal finance, and English are provided as an additional disciple-making tool. The overarching gospel ambition of the Ballews is to create a collaborative environment that is a catalyst for the local church. Financial support will be going to the church planting, discipleship and evangelism work at Co.Labor.





Story Church Colorado

storychurch.co

MISSION STATEMENT: To empower all people to tell a great story with their lives by helping them live into the hope, value, and purpose they hav win Jesus.

SUMMARY: We are engaging our community with the Gospel in 4 specific areas, gang violence interruption, substance recovery initiatives, mental health outcomes, and working to alleviate homelessnebetter accommodate our service needs, but also to better utilize physical space to meet the needs of those 4 areas of focus.





INITIATIVE ttionline.org

TIMThe Timothy Initiative (TTI)

MISSION STATEMENT: TTI's mission is to advance Christ's Kingdom by multiplying disciples and disciple making churches aroundthe world.

SUMMARY: The Timothy Initiative (TTI) is an international disciple making and church planting movement. TTI was established with the purpose to train and multiply disciple makers and church planters around the world. TTI partners with local leaders primarily in areas with limited access to the Gospel to train disciple-makers and church planters. The training process focuses on obedience-based discipleship and spiritual multiplication. TTI is able to train leaders and plant a church for around \$400 per church on average.

During 2024-2025, Heritage Church will be supporting church planting/ disciple-making work in Asia.







Wellsprings of Freedom International

wellspringsoffreedom.com

MISSION STATEMENT: Our two-fold purpose is to help people find freedom in Christ and to equip others to help people find freedom in Christ. It is our passion to see more people in more places experience freedom in Christ so that individuals, churches, and communities are transformed by the love of Jesus.

SUMMARY: Wellsprings of Freedom International (WFI) is an inner-healing and spiritual warfare ministry that exists to help children of God find deeper levels of freedom and healing in Christ. Through gentle, loving prayer times that we call "freedom sessions," people experience long-term freedom from spiritual oppression, painful wounds, and debilitating lies. This allows them to love God, love others, and love themselves as intended.







MISSION STATEMENT: YouthHope's mission is to bring at-risk children and teens from low-income areas into a life-changing relationship withChrist through encouraging, equipping, and empowering them at our Youth Centers, Camp Summit, and CommunityOutreach Programs.

SUMMARY: YouthHope has been serving the Quad Cities since 1936 as a local, faith-based non-profit committed to serving low-income families and sharing HOPE in Christ. YouthHope provides services to empower students to be all God has createdthem to be! YouthHope's Moline and Rock Island Youth Centers are located in close proximity to low-income housing,public schools, and the Metro Bus line making us a familiar partner and trusted resource. YouthHope's Development andEnrichment Programs are offered to students grades K-12, Monday-Saturday during in-school, after-school, and eveninghours. All Youth Programs include a meal for every student, transportation to and from programs, and provided at no costto low-income families. YouthHope's Food Pantry is available for anyone in need of food assistance and open Mondayand Friday mornings. YouthHope helps meet the physical, emotional, and educational needs alongside spiritual teaching, discipleship and development. Together, we bring youth HOPE!





ZOE Empowers

zoeempowers.org



MISSION STATEMENT: We empower orphaned children and vulnerable youth to overcome life threatening poverty, move beyond charity and experience meaningful lives.

SUMMARY: Zoe is a global network of local organizations equipping orphaned children and vulnerable youth to overcome life threatening poverty and experience the fullness of life. We disrupt cycles of poverty among vulnerable youth through a family-based and peer-led program in which participants help one another become safe and healthy, skilled for long-term success, and able to lead meaningful lives within a supportive community.

We focus on self-sufficiency from the start by organizing youth into mutual support groups who receive modest inputs and training from the Zoe network and local community leaders. Over the course of our three-year program, these young people take responsibility for their individual and collective growth, achieving sustainable success across every area of life and empowering others to do the same. Zoe is a Christian organization; however, participation is not dependent on any belief or faith and no attempt is ever made to coerce belief in a certain way. Zoe staff share God's love in words and actions in ways that are gentle and inviting, allowing participants to decide for themselves.

In 2022, Heritage Church began supporting Peace Gandhi Nagar Empowerment Group in Chennai, India, which will graduate in December 2025. This group is made up of 26 households of 71 children.





Esperanza Legal Assistance Center

esperanzaqc.com

SUMMARY: Esperanza Legal Assistance Center is an

immigration legal ministry within Heritage Church's missions department. Its name means "hope" in Spanish, and it has served as a place of hope and love for individuals and families since it opened in 2017. Legal staff and volunteers seek to demonstrate the love of Christ by providing low-cost legal assistance to individuals and families in the Quad Cities region and beyond who are journeying through the US Immigration System. It is recognized and accredited by the US Department of Justice Recognition and Accreditation Program. Since its founding, it has served over 1400 individuals with over 1600 matters focused on family-based immigration, citizenship and documentation renewal. It also provides legal support services to students and families in the area school district upon request as well as training seminars for the public and community support organizations.





Jefferson Elementary School

Davenport, Iowa | davenportschools.org/jefferson

SUMMARY: Jefferson Elementary School in Davenport provide an opportunity for every student to master grade-level skills regardless of previous academic performance, family background, socioeconomic status, race or gender. It is

our purpose to educate all students to high levels of academic performance, while fostering positive growth in social/emotional behaviors and attitudes. Heritage Church partners with administration, teachers, and staff to support the work they do with students and families. Projects involve food resources, events, and more as requested or identified as a need.



Kewanee Life Skills ReEntry Center

Kewanee, Illinois | idoc.illinois.gov/

SUMMARY: The main objective of the Kewanee Life Skills Re-Entry Center is to build valuable life skills and prepare individuals in custody for reentry into society while maintaining safety and security. The center will focus on individuals in custody who are ready to make needed changes in order to

successfully reintegrate into their community. The facility will offer educational, job readiness and cognitive behavior therapy courses to individuals in custody who have one to four years left on their sentence and qualify for placement at the center. Heritage Church assisted in establishing weekly services and resources for the men to worship and study the Word weekly since 2017, building relationships with the men and supporting family reunification efforts (like Day with Dad, Christmas events, and more.) We are currently transitioning our relationship to more of a support role as a local church in Kewanee takes the lead.



Pregnancy Resources Resources Illinois/Iowa | georgeness

SUMMARY: The mission of Pregnancy Resources

is to provide holistic life-affirming biblically-based resources and education that promotes informed decisions regarding pregnancy, parenting, and biblical sexual integrity. We minister to women and their partners. We are here to help people make an informed decision so that they will, hopefully, choose an alternative to abortion. We realize the mother is the only one who can nourish and care for her unborn child. To help a child, we must help that child's mother and father. We focus on the woman and her needs by offering her acceptance, compassion, accurate information and assistance in bringing her baby to term. Services include pregnancy testing, parenting classes, clothing for mother and baby, after abortion care, and connection to community resources.



Thurgood Marshall Learning Center

Rock Island, Illinois | rimsd41.org/apps/pages/TMLC **SUMMARY:** Thurgood Marshall Learning Center (TMLC), home of the Titans, is the referral school for the Rock Island Milan School district. It

serves approximately 100 students in grades 7 - 12 in an alternative school setting. To best meet the needs of our students and ensure their success, the Thurgood Marshall staff employs a variety of initiatives and techniques to provide a safe and supportive environment for all students. Heritage Church supports the work of administration, teachers and staff as they work with students and families in need of stabilization, including food resources, classroom supplies, activities, and more by request or identified need.



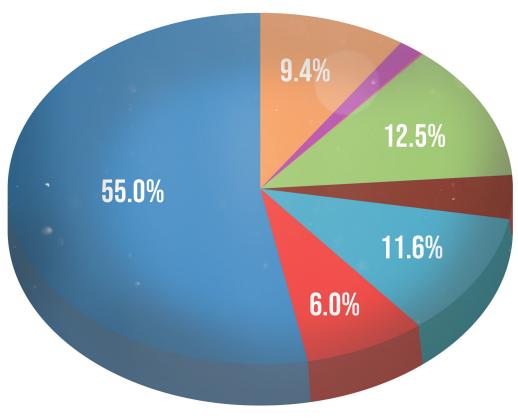
Moice Center Women's Choice Center

Bettendorf, lowa | womenschoicecenter.org

SUMMARY: Women's Choice Center supports women facing unexpected or unsupported pregnancies in the Quad Cities. We provide free pregnancy testing, pregnancy confirmation via ultrasound, and options consultations, including medical abortion information. We also provide education and support services such as pregnancy support, sexual health education, abortion recovery, community referrals, and more. All our services are confidential and are provided at no cost.

2024-2025 FAITH PROMISE GOAL:

\$160,000



- LOCAL
- NATIONAL
- INTERNATIONAL
- **EVANGLISM**
- COMMUNITY CARE
- MISSION TRIPS
- OTHER (INCLUDING TV, BENEVOLENCE, ADMINISTRATION, ETC.)



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