

# mission<sub>s</sub> update

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Below is a synthesis of the work and growing agreements among Management Team as we've spent the past six months re-designing our mission<sub>s</sub> initiatives. We've had a rich time working on this 2010 Big Rock together and are as passionate as ever about pointing our arrows out. Much of what you'll read below is a recommitment of previous values while some are new.

*note:* be sure to watch the companion webcast on Mission<sub>s</sub> as well. It will help flesh out these bullet points in detail.

**biblical agreements:** (e.g. Isaiah 53, 58, 59, Matt 28:16-20, 25:31-46, Galatians 2:10)<sup>i</sup>

- specific things break God's heart on both the spiritual and physical level (e.g. spiritual separation, injustice, poverty, widow, orphans, foreigners)
- a New Testament church is His primary rescue plan
- individual participation is a vital component of discipleship
- a clear understanding of heaven shapes the purpose, value, and urgency of our work
- Christology → missiology → ecclesiology

**developing definition:** heartland mission<sub>s</sub> is pointing our arrows out in 4 ways:

1. locally and internationally
2. church planting (e.g. The Gathering)
3. church partnership (e.g. WITC)
4. emergency response

**developing values:**

- full ownership at the highest level of hcc leadership is mandatory
- narrowed focus, deepened impact
- "gamechanger" – strike at the root, not the branch of injustice
- focus must be a reflection of our church
  - of our mission: "church for the unchurched"
  - of the resources, core competencies & unique passions in our body
  - "what can we do well?"
- mission<sub>s</sub> is vital to living the gospel we preach at 12175
  - provokes more radical devotion to Jesus
  - good work → good will → good news
  - helps us reach our next door neighbor (e.g. perspective, upside-down life, etc)
- mission<sub>s</sub> is not a division of the church, it is the church
  - streamlined into all core ministries

- significant part of our grow strategies (i.e. discipleship)
- significant part of our go strategies (i.e. leadership dev)
- The word “No” can be more impacting than “Yes”

**strategies:**

- partnership model (vs. development model or supporting missionaries)
- work with nationals - those already "doing it"
- indigenous leadership (e.g. find a "man of peace")
- outsource whatever can be done better (cost effectively)
- multiple pathways for involvement

**HCC Mission<sub>s</sub> Team** (June 2010 thru April 2011)

Since we're not in a financial position to hire a new missions director at the moment, we have assembled a team of passionate leaders to help us continue our immediate advance.

- Team:
  - leader: dan deeble
  - co-lead: Harold Eastman
  - Reaching Out: Ryan Fagan & Brian Wright
  - Angel Tree & Family Ministries – Liz Sears
  - The Hope Center: Steve Fisher
  - Emergency Response: Steve Fisher
  - Mission Adelante: pending
  - City Union Mission - pending
  - Russia – Ken Westphal
  - Costa Rica – (Harold)
  - Lagos, Nigeria – Dan
- goal: to keep pointing our arrows out within each of these partnerships

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<sup>i</sup> There are approximately 2,000 verses in the Scriptures that reflect this heart.