



MISSION STATEMENT: Global Missions Team of Talbot Street Church

Purpose: The Global Missions Team exists to lead the Talbot Street Church community in providing support and meaningful engagement with several key relief and development organizations and in so doing, grow more into the likeness of Christ by demonstrating in word and deed, the message at the heart of Christ's vision for the global Kingdom of God.

Key Philosophies:

- At the heart of Christ's ministry is the proclamation to "preach good news to the poor" (Luke 4:18-19). Therefore, to truly understand the heart of God, we seek to situate ourselves where Christ situated himself – among the poor. In so doing, we broaden our understanding of God's Kingdom.
- Engaging in global missions work provides a place for significant spiritual growth and development. Therefore, we seek to push beyond what may be familiar and comfortable with an attitude of humility and openness, trusting that God will stretch and grow us.
- Global missions work is a symbiotic relationship in which both parties have the ability to give, receive, and learn from one another. Therefore, we seek to avoid paternalistic tendencies by demonstrating a posture of humility and learning.
- Global missions must contain both relief and development efforts, as a lack of development efforts can lead to harmful dependency and paternalism. Therefore, we seek to find a careful balance of both relief and development work that provide short and long-term sustainable solutions to the complex issues surrounding poverty.
- Global missions must be done in the context of building relationships and connections with people. Therefore, we seek to build long-term commitments that will enable relationships to grow and flourish.