

Global Outreach Community Newsletter

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"The church is not meant to call men and women out of the world into a safe religious enclave, but to call them out in order to send them back as agents of God's kingship."
—Leslie Newbigin

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Pastoral Insights by Pastor Barry



My interest and learning about Muslims has increased tenfold. Learning more has been the key for me. It ignites me to pray and it energizes my concern for their eternal destiny. It is clear that the

Lord loves Muslims and doesn't want any to perish. 2 Peter 3:9 comes to mind, "The Lord is not slow in keeping his promises, as some understand slowness. Instead, he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance."

There are approximately 2 billion Muslims in the world and of those 1.3 billion have little to no witness of Jesus Christ. Of the 7000 unreached people groups, Muslims represent 2,821 of those. But I am happy to report that Jesus is visiting Muslims in dreams and visions more and more. There are many obstacles for Muslims to receive Jesus as their Savior but there are also new opportunities with satellite ministries and outreach increasing around the world.

Pray that the spiritual emptiness they often feel will cause them to wonder about a loving God of grace. Pray for callous Christians who are insensitive to the spiritual needs of Muslims and stir up in them a genuine concern for the salvation of Muslims in the world. Pray, not only for supernatural visitations, but for Christians in or near Muslim communities that they may be bold and fruitful in reaching out.

Repatriating Missions to the Local Church

Joel Hollins, Executive Director of MissioSERVE Alliance

Biblical Basis of Missions

Global missions needs to be repatriated to the local church.

This provocative claim is hard to accept unless we begin with the biblical conviction that **God has primarily entrusted the work of the Great Commission to locally gathered congregations.** In Ephesians 3, the Apostle Paul declares that God has entrusted to him a stewardship, a plan for the administration of the gospel and the people of the gospel. The local church is the city on the hill, God's temple, where he dwells on earth this side of eternity. The gospel gathers people from all nations and unites them into one diverse body. The place that God designed to display this precious treasure is the building that has living stones, the local church.

We indeed have brothers and sisters in Christ as ministry partners all over the world. Still, the local church is where we can best find lifelong discipleship, submit to spiritual authority, and fully obey all of the 'one-another' commands in Scripture. Matthew 28 has the local church written all over it. Central to that concept of discipleship is the church as the only context where we can obey all that Jesus commands us, beginning with baptism. And with this in mind, the local church is at the center of the 'going' too.

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Amani Fellowship

Greetings everyone,

October Update...

Exciting news!!!

We have hired our first employee! I have always been so pleased with all the volunteers that have made Amani Fellowship what it is today. However, we have grown to the extent that we need professional books and accounting of all our programs in Kenya. They will keep detailed, accurate records not only of the funds, but also of each child, their performance and achievements. Winnie Anindo is a professional accountant and has stepped up to the call. She has volunteered with us in the past with our worship events and she is a beautiful worship leader as well as an accountant! I am so excited to partner with her, and this will make my accounting work on this end so much easier. Praise God and thanks to all those who have worked tirelessly, volunteering for years, keeping all these records.

The students are just starting their long holiday break (of course they do still have a string of final exams) until start of Term 1 2026 in January. I find it a joy to just soak in the reality that we have brought so many orphans through another year of school, providing spiritual support, meeting material necessities, mentoring encouragement and various celebrations. Let us not forget the incredible crops the widows sowed with the seeds we provided this year as well. God is so good to His people, and He gives us the pleasure to be a part of His wonderful ways and blessings!

A quick note on Hope Flow Children's Center. This is the orphanage that started as an inspiration from Amani Fellowship years ago. We always set aside a day to have an outreach with these orphans when we visit Kenya, and it is a joy unspeakable. They live in the slum areas of Nairobi and were victims of the horrific flooding almost 2 years ago in Kenya. They have been in temporary housing until just this August. So, we rejoice with them that they now have all the children under one roof with classrooms and night-time staff to remain with them full-time. Let us pray continued blessings on these little ones!

November Update...

Greetings to my beautiful brothers and sisters in the Lord!

Amani Fellowship continues to press forward even in the midst of unfortunate news that we lost almost all our pigs in our pig project this month. We were able to sell the few remaining healthy pigs and consulted with Bukura Agricultural Technical Institute for a way forward. They suggested a large white pig breed which is economical in terms of number of piglets per litter, fast maturer, disease resistant, and low-feed consumers. Further the pig structure is unstable requiring major repairs. So, the project has begun, and we have purchased a large white pig and 6 piglets to begin our farm again. Slowly, we will add to the stock and the structure as we grow. David Parson's is chomping at the bit as he would love to pitch in and help rebuild this structure; unfortunately, the distance is too far but **prayer has no boundaries**. We need to all join in prayer that the previous earnings from the pig farm is sufficient to restore and re-establish another breed of pigs for this project.

Currently, all the students are on break until January 5, 2026. However, depending on the class of the student, there are big exams to be done which started on October 27 and will end on November 21st. The graduating class students (12th grade) must pass exams which last 3 weeks in duration. It is a big deal! So let us support them all in prayer. Currently, we have 2 graduates at university level and another one which I am clarifying the status and needs. At this point, our graduate students succeed so well in exams that they receive a greater governmental subsidy/loan and our costs are minimal in support (average of \$100 per semester).

Continue to praise God for the lovingkindness He is showering on His children. Just give Him the glory and thank Him that we are a part of this grand adventure that makes an impact on these children and the Kingdom of God! Amen.

Blessings,

Phyllis Featherstone

Exciting news from Brazil!

Since my return on September 19th, I've been working on arrangements to renovate the home of the family in need that I shared about in the recent Global Outreach meeting.



We now have most of the materials needed for the roof and floor and Joice has found an apartment to rent while the renovations are being done. We will begin with moving her family to the new apartment on October 31st and then dive

into the project soon after. I'm still working with a local pastor here to arrange the people who can do the labor. At this point we are hoping for volunteers, but if needed we will hire workers as well.

I'm working to help supplement Joice during this time since she is renting an apartment. Rent is about \$140 US dollars per month, but that is a lot extra for her to cover. I'm giving monthly food baskets to lighten the financial burden there and hope to help towards the rent also.

I'm also working on acquiring new furniture and appliances. Her fridge doesn't function well, especially the freezer and most of the furniture is damaged because of the leaky roof. This is a picture of one of the rooms that is unused during the rainy season because it leaks a lot.

Accessing houses in this community can be difficult. This is a picture of part of the route to the house we will be renovating.



Prayer Requests from Central Asia



From our representative...

- ◆ Please pray for Bear to use his CPAP machine and get the sleep that he needs. **(Not yet answered)**
- ◆ Please pray for Bear to begin eating normally so that his strength will return. **(Answered)**
- ◆ Please pray for Bear to get back his zest for life and that his dark clouds will pass. **(Answered somewhat)**
- ◆ God will give us wisdom in how to love him, parent him and help him get regulated. **(Answered somewhat)**
- ◆ Please pray that all the water issues with the camp neighbors can be solved.
- ◆ Please pray for the planning, organization and preparation for the February Bible Conference.
- ◆ Please pray that God will raise up the remaining funds needed for the Retreat and Conference Center.
- ◆ Please pray for Abel the two year old daughter of one of our staff families from the states. She was just diagnosed with Leukemia and has been med-evacuated from the country to undergo surgery and treatment :(

News from Brazil (Continued)...

All the building materials need to be carried down several flights of precarious stairs and all the old material will need to be packed out this same route. This aspect makes the renovations a bit more labor intensive, but not impossible.

Some prayer points for this project:

- ◇ Timing and execution of the renovations. We're hoping to finish in two months.
- ◇ Connections for all the right people to do the project.
- ◇ Spiritual and mental transformation for Joice. We hope to see lasting change and health in her life through the blessing of this project and continued discipleship.

Prayer Requests

Keep Praying for...

Indonesia

West Java—Home of the Sunda



Team Naphtali -

Prays for Mr. A* who has believed and continues to be followed up so that Mr. A* can become a true disciple.

PARI Prayer Request -

Barnabas Team - Pray for the groups that are not active, to be reactivated, So that the groups grow and want to reach out to their friends and family.

Cornelius Team - Prays for the training process of disciples at the L* Network to run as expected. Pray for 3 people from social media services to be found. Pray for U* who will give birth around the 2nd week of November.

Abraham Team - Pray after the training of Network Leaders we plan to plant new area ministry target of 21 places of service.

Outreach for the Lay Community - Pray for the loyal volunteers to reach out and help the ministry of the Lay Team so that they continue to have a missionary heart.

Isaiah team - Prays for 4 people who have believed in the Lord Jesus to obey God's Word and want to be baptized.

Joshua's team - Prays for the plan to plant the New House Churches in 5 areas.

Peter Team - Prays for the planting of 1 new House Church.

Judah Team - Pray for the existing 6 House Churches to be healthy and the planting of new House Church so that they can be achieved in 4 places.

Jehosaphat Team - Grateful that Mr. D*, who has participated in the Network Leader Training who had disappeared is now reunited, praying that Mr. D* will remain enthusiastic to reach his friends and family.

Gideon's Team - Prays for the House Churches in the R* and L* that there is more longing to worship Isa Al-Masih.

Paul Team - Pray for the family. A* was given the courage to witness Isa Al-Masih to her brother and the surrounding environment.

Ezekiel's Team - Pray for additional new staff personnel.

Jakarta For Christ (JFC) - Pray for the evangelism training held by JFC to the church so that the congregation will be blessed through this training.

Enoch Team - Prays for T* who is participating in health cadre training, may God continue to help as a platform in his outreach.

House Churches - Pray that by the end of 2025 the House Churches program will be achieved with 400 new House churches.

Noah Team - Pray for the enthusiasm of the children at the KP reading post. P* S* to participate in smart pursuit activities and listen and understand directions about good character values.



PRAISE GOD for a media ministry reaching the Sunda people through culturally relevant programs (music videos, talk shows, testimonies, movies). Their YouTube channel has over 14,000 subscribers.

PRAY for

- ◇ God's provision, protection, wisdom, and boldness for the ministry teams
- ◇ A good response to a movie that will be released soon; may it spark interest in the Shepherd leader (Jesus)
- ◇ The script writing, funding, and production of a new movie that aims to inspire believers to exercise their Christ-given authority to defeat the powers of darkness, and teach pre-believers that victory over evil is only possible in Jesus
- ◇ Jesus to reveal Himself to the very popular governor of West Java whose views are strongly influenced by Sundanese culture

When Missions Drift Off Course

As many parachurch organizations recognize, ***churches have for many years neglected their responsibility to raise up missionaries from their midst and to send and shepherd them well while in the field.*** In the wake of that failure, many organizations have stepped in to fill the gap with promises of greater effectiveness and efficiency. However, a subtle, sometimes imperceptible, shift occurs when ownership is transferred. Without a connection to a local church, mission creep easily takes over. As Spitters and Ellison argue, global missions loses its meaning when everything is missions. ***Missions must have the church as its root and its fruit.*** Ministries that have been disconnected from the local congregation are like plants that have been severed from their roots; mission creep kills the mission. The mission comes from God and is found in his word. And he has commissioned local churches to spread across the earth and establish more local churches.

Church Centered Missions

The local church is the beginning and end of missions.

- ◇ It starts with a congregation of believers discipling its people to gain a vision

for God's glory spread all over the earth, reaching into the darkest recesses where the gospel is not currently being preached.

- ◇ Those churches then equip congregants who desire to go with the theology and practices of their church so that they can reproduce healthy churches elsewhere.
- ◇ The result is a local church in another culture, united in the one faith that all believers everywhere share. The gospel is the power of God for creating cross-cultural bodies of believers.

Thankfully, ***in recent years, there has been a growing awareness that local churches are the proper owners of global missions.*** 'Church-centered missions' is becoming a catchphrase. But it begs the question: What does church-centered missions mean? Any term we use needs to be clearly defined. I would humbly submit for your consideration three propositions that keep the local church in the driver's seat of missions, with parachurch organizations in their rightful place as servants to the church, navigating from the passenger seat. These three propositions for church-centered missions could be called the beginning, middle, and end of missions.

1. God intends for the local church to be the primary mobilizer of missions. This

is the beginning of missions. College campuses and missions conferences are unhealthy substitutes for identifying prospective missionary candidates. The unintended consequence of plucking an eager young person from these venues to send into the world is that the local church no longer views this as a necessary function. How much better would it be if our churches that preach God's heart for the nations from childhood to old age were the places where missionaries are recruited? The biblical pattern shows churches tasked with sending (Acts 13:1-3; 1 Cor 16:11; 3 John 5-8).

2. God intends for the local church to own the strategic responsibility in missions. This is what I call the middle of missions. This is where the local church currently has the greatest disconnect. Missions is a complicated endeavor; therefore, we should never despise the help of agencies coming alongside the church. But as with any organization, missions requires authority, accountability, strategy, and support. These functions are inherent in the design of the local church.

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Before commissioning the disciples, Jesus declared that all authority in heaven and on earth had been given to him. He exercises this authority as head of the church, which is now manifested through congregations that can discipline erring members (Matt 16:18-19; 18:15-20). The gates of hell will not prevail against the church that gathers and sends out in Jesus' name.

3. God intends for the local church to be the goal of all mission endeavors. This is the end of missions. **Whatever work we do, we must have a singular aim of seeing new bodies of disciples gathered as a congregation to worship God among every culture.** Humanitarian work is not an end in itself; it plays an essential supporting role. However, when we cross cultural boundaries to minister to people, we do not stay there long-term. **The people who live there must take up the baton of the mission from us and carry it forward.** For the work to continue long after we arrive, a local church must be established. This follows the pattern of the first missionary journeys (Acts 14:23).

Reclaiming What Belongs to the Church

The precious treasure of global missions belongs in the local church. Repatriation requires a concerted effort. **First**, it means that churches must step up and take ownership of what is rightfully theirs. **Second**, and just as important, missions agencies need to commit themselves to a vision and mission that humbly positions them as servants to the church.

For more help in understanding the biblical basis for church-centered missions and how to implement this philosophy in your church or missions agency, check out 'Missions on Point' by David Meade.

We pray that you and your church can discern the role that God is calling you to play in furthering the spread of the gospel to the ends of the earth.

'To him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.' (Eph 3:21)

End Notes

In this article, we make a distinction between "missions" and "mission". "Mission" is an ambiguous term used for a variety of outreach ministries and good works of Christians who going into all the world. "Missions" or "global missions" is narrowly defined as cross-cultural church planting. For a biblical apologetic for the centrality of the church in missions, see the book, Missions on Point, by David C. Meade.

Denny Spitters and Matthew Ellison, When Everything Is Missions, Bottomline Media, October 1, 2017.

David C. Meade Missions on Point, Send Forward, June 25, 2024.

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Mission Forum

Meeting

Thursday,

November 13th - 6 pm

Special Emphasis:

Kenya & Brazil

See you there!