



Make Him Known

Global Ministries at First Baptist Church Arlington

THE STRATEGY



Make Him Known Through Discipleship

The Goal: Develop a holistic strategy for our global missions investments. This strategy must be Christ-centered, Biblically-guided, ecclesiological-based and missiologically-sound.

The Strategy: *Be disciples who make disciples, as they are led by the Holy Spirit to Make Him Known.*

Our Strategy Broken Down:

Be disciples who make disciples (God's Calling - Matthew 28:16-20)

The calling to make disciples is for the whole church, regardless of where one lives. Discipleship means taking someone who doesn't know Christ, leading them to salvation, baptism and then equipping to make disciples themselves.

Led by the Holy Spirit (God's Power - Acts 1:4,8)

In the book of Acts, Jesus' first instructions are to wait on the Holy Spirit. The church's posture will remain the same in that before we send, we must wait on the Holy Spirit to confirm God's calling.

To Make Him Known (Our Response - Acts 1:8)

Our key focus is to Make Him Known in Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria and the Ends of the Earth. We believe discipleship is a comprehensive calling for the Church to pursue in all settings.

Jerusalem

Judea

Samaria

Ends of the Earth

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Mission Sending at FBCA four key questions

Determined by Strategic Global Mission Oversight Committee

Who?	What?	Where?	How?
<p>We send TEAMS. In addition to a Biblical knowledge of discipleship and a sense of calling, a candidate must be sent as part of a team. We believe this fulfills a Biblical directive in addition to fostering a healthy dynamic for all involved. While we are hoping for teams to form and develop at FBCA, they are not limited to our specific church. They must be more than a place for fellowship and logistical support but must be comprised of key ministry partners in the sending effort.</p>	<p>The heart of all of our sending efforts is discipleship. That said, we want to ensure key principles are incorporated. This is determined by asking each candidate to complete the sending Matrix developed by the Strategic Oversight Committee. This document helps identify the principles essential for building a healthy church as well as a healthy ministry focus for the sent worker. The document helps form a particular strategy and serves as a guideline and checkpoint for the worker throughout their term of service.</p>	<p>After a season of intentional prayer and fasting, our Church has agreed to adopt three core regions related to our sending efforts. These regions are West Africa, East Asia and South Asia. We believe FBCA is uniquely positioned to impact these areas of the world and is called specifically to them at this point in our church's life. We will continue to send workers who want to serve in other areas but our primary focus will be on these core regions.</p>	<p>There are three different categories in which FBCA can support workers serving overseas. The relationship between the worker and the church can fall in one of the following three categories:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Sending Church 2. Home Church 3. Partner Church <p>These relationships are further defined later in this document. This relationship determines the various levels of support for each worker that includes oversight, preparation, financial assistance and strategic development.</p>

WHO? MORE TEAMS

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WHERE WE ARE TODAY and where we want to be

Historical & Current Commitments

Throughout our history as a sending church, FBCA has commissioned and sent at least 10 different units around the world. 5 of those units have completed their terms and are now back home. This leaves 5 active units on the field today in Sierra Leone, China, Japan and Indonesia. We also have up to 8 different home church families and partner church families serving in West Africa and South Asia. Additionally we have roughly 8 additional units preparing to be sent.

Our Forecast for the Future

Our goal is to have at least 12 active units serving around the world at any given time. We also want to always be ready & willing to send "one more team." A team would be a minimum of 2 units going to the same location. This would help us establish a core foundation of teams in each core region. It is our hope that as these key areas are further established we will begin proactively sending more teams in a way that fosters outreach at home as well as continues the ministry abroad.

WHAT? THE MATRIX

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Developing a Strategy the key principles

The Matrix is a document developed by the Strategic Oversight Committee that helps develop a worker's strategy that is focused on discipleship. The areas listed below reflect the key principles discussed in the matrix.

Core Values

Sense of Calling -- Biblical Understanding of Discipleship --
Development of Team

Focus Area

Unreached People Groups -- Indigenous Relationships -- Congregational
Involvement -- Risk

Work Strategy

Gospel Presentation -- Cultural Acclimation -- Time for Discipleship --
Sustainability -- Multicultural Perspective -- Partnership -- Diaspora --
Legitimate Presence -- Financing

WHERE? CORE REGIONS

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Three Core Regions why have core regions?

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The Philosophy Behind Core Regions

- **Strategic Focus** - prayerful consideration led to a conclusion that to be more intentional and strategic as a church body we would need to have regions of higher focus. Specifically, a focus that was high on ecclesiology and missiology.
- **The Church** - This gives the church a voice and fosters a sense of community and corporate vision.
- **“Regional” By Design** - a “regional” focus is necessary to be strategic when *sending* workers. It is not “people group” focused by design though significant relationships with particular people groups are expected. Regions help capture focus while maintaining flexibility.
- **Maintains Flexibility** - core regions will impact most areas of FBCA's missional touch points but is primarily implemented in the world of “sending.” Flexibility is maintained in the areas of volunteer missions and local outreach. We want to be focused but maintain an explorative spirit as well.

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Three Core Regions Where is God Leading Us?

On May 25th, 2014, First Baptist Arlington officially adopted three core regions to be the focus of its sending efforts.



HOW? MORE DETAILS

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Relationship to FBCA defined three main categories

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Sending Church	Home Church	Partner Church
<p>This relationship is attributed to any candidate that completes the commissioning process outlined by the Direct Mission Sending Council and is a member of FBCA. This may result in various levels of funding that range from core region or project funding but in all scenarios, FBCA is considered the sending church. This relationship is defined by missiological, strategic and spiritual supervision by the DMSC and advocacy from the larger church body.</p>	<p>This relationship applies to any individual that is a member of FBCA and wants to serve overseas in some capacity. However, the church does not play a role in supervision and has more limited means of financial support. Nonetheless, we want to remain a critical identity of support through advocacy, prayer and other areas of assistance.</p>	<p>This relationship is attributed to any worker that is affiliated or connected to FBCA but is not a member nor are they commissioned by our church body. That said, they are integral to our work in various parts of the world and are affiliated to our church in some personal way. This may apply to units that were sent by other agencies, such as the IMB. We are partners and visit with them when they are on stateside assignment but there is not a direct connection in strategy and implementation.</p>

HOW? SHARED FUNDING

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Fundraising Details why choose this approach?

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The Philosophy Behind Fundraising

- **Sustainability** - churches have limited resources. shared funding enables more workers to be sent with an equitable distribution of support.
- **Faith Journey** - this allows both the church and the candidate(s) into an important dynamic of trusting in God's vision.
- **Mobilizes** - it mobilizes the whole church to engage in sending in a more intimate and personal way.
- **Prepares** - developing support helps prepare candidate(s) to have direct conversations, ask for decisions and trust God to move. Helps with sharing the gospel.
- **Advocacy** - "partnership development" creates an invested base of advocacy support that goes well beyond financial contributions.

HOW? THE "SUPPORT"

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Defining "Support" tangible examples of support

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Core Region	Non-Core Region
<p>Advocacy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Pastoral Support - Sunday School Sponsorship - Sending Council - Member Care/Advocacy Team 	<p>Advocacy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Pastoral Support - Sunday School Sponsorship - Sending Council - Member Care/Advocacy Team
<p>Financial</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Project Funding - Grant Funding/Core Region Support - Volunteer Mission Funding - Fundraising Training - Fundraising Infrastructure 	<p>Financial</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Project Funding - Volunteer Mission Funding - Fundraising Training - Fundraising Infrastructure
<p>Logistical</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Crisis Management with FSA - Accounting, Wire Transfers - Independent Contract 	<p>Logistical</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Crisis Management with FSA - Accounting, Wire Transfers - Independent Contract
<p>Strategic</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Overall supervision & Support 	<p>Strategic</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Overall supervision & Support