



MISSION LINK'S NEWSLETTER

The Goal of Missions



While many people know that famous question from “A Charlie Brown’s Christmas,” where Charlie Brown found himself frustrated from not knowing the real meaning of the holiday. Then, Linus clearly explained that it was all about Christ coming into this world as he quoted from the Gospel of Luke 2:8-14. Since assuming the role of Mission Link’s CEO, I have learned many things that has led me to a greater understanding of why this article needs to be written. Sadly, there are many churches led by pastors today that do not have a clear understanding of the church’s mission. I’m not merely speaking about having a biblical sounding mission statement for the church to understand their doctrinal positions. Hopefully the mission of the church would be included in such a document. As a pastor friend of mine that has a huge heart for missions often says, “The pastor’s main role is to beat the drum for missions to the church.”

The Lord Jesus made it very clear of why He came into this world, “For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.” (John 3:17) “For the Son of Man has come to save that which was lost.” (Mat. 18:11) The Apostle Paul also continued with this theme by sharing in his letter to the Romans, “But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.” (Rom. 5:8) After pastoring for 18 years and looking back I can honestly say there were times I plainly messed up and got off track. It doesn’t happen all at once, but gradually pastors begin to focus on “Us Four and No More” by tending to the flock and their comfort. After all, doing so usually increases the pastor’s comfort as well. Nevertheless, we should be reminded of how the Lord spoke through the Prophets of the Old Testament, warning against the Shepherds that not only neglected the flock but also took advantage and oppressed the vulnerable (Jer. 23; Ezek. 34). Our Lord’s heaviest rebuke was directed towards the scribes and Pharisees for continuing this evil practice (Matt. 23). There is nothing wrong with taking care of church members and their families. However, this should never become the central focus of a church’s existence or else there will come a day when everyone questions why the church appears to be empty.

The church’s main objective today should remain the same as Christ and the Apostles. We are to “not be ashamed” in sharing the “Gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek.” (Rom. 1:16) We are commanded by the resurrected LORD Himself to continue in His work. “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” (Matt. 28:18-20) (Emphasis in Bold) While America has its problems and sinfulness that continues to increase, many within our churches try to excuse overseas missions by believing we should take care of our people first. This reasoning is a concept that comes from the same mindset as those hypocrite Pharisees. Many excuses are simply smoke screens from people not wanting to feel convicted for not being obedient to what is plainly commanded for every follower of Christ. The Lord’s words, as recorded by Luke, even spells out how our work of sharing the gospel was never meant to remain only within 10, 20, or 100 miles from where we erected a place of worship. “But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.” (Acts 1:8) These commands apply to all Born-Again, Spirit-filled, Children of the Most High God and not only to those who have been to seminary or bible college. Yes, not all people are called to become pastors, evangelists, or missionaries. However, every believer has been called to share the gospel. Simply sharing your testimony of how the Lord Jesus saved you and changed you is a great way to shine the light for Christ (2 Cor. 5:17). Work in your Jerusalem and then branch out to another area or town.

Personally, I can testify that my passion for evangelism never hit Full Speed until I got involved in mission work outside of the USA. As a former pastor, preaching the Word of GOD with power and seeing the Holy Spirit work in bringing souls to salvation in Jesus is the greatest experience the Lord shared with this earthen vessel. However, after visiting Uganda in 2012 I knew my course was changing after seeing hundreds of new souls being drawn to Jesus **daily**. The Lord made it clear on that first trip what Missions was all about. Lost souls are hungry for spiritual truth and there is no greater truth we could ever give to them other than the One who is TRUTH (John 14:6). The picture above from 2014 reveals the raised hands of those coming forward to proclaim Jesus as LORD for salvation after Pastor Jackie shared the gospel message. This is the **Goal of Missions**. If you are a Born-Again follower of Jesus, you are invited to join us On Mission.

Missions is not about giving out food, medicines, housing, clothing, etc. Humanitarian endeavors without the gospel leaves people more desperate once the gift is finished. Let us give out the Living Water of Jesus that never leaves one thirsty (John 4:14).

Todd Childers, CEO



ATTENTION: CHURCHES, PASTORS, YOUTH GROUPS

EXPERIENCE MISSION work in Africa, and benefit from Mission Link's 20+ years of success. *Contact our office* to begin planning a **SPECIAL TRIP** for your church or group. Invite one of our Mission Link directors to come share with your church or group about missions in Africa.



ADOPT A WIDOW

Just Thirty (\$30) a month brings hope & blessings to a widow in need.

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Personal: 62 yrs old with one grandchild.
Testimony: Thanks God for salvation and His provisions through MLI since husband passed in 1986.
Challenges: Difficult raising school fees for grandchild.

Learn about other widows to sponsor at:
www.missionlink.org/widows

HALLELUJAH CORNER - MINISTRY UPDATES



Pastor Anthony's House has a roof. Goal met but weather caused problems. See details below. Thank You Donors!



One of our MLI churches shared 7 New Believers being baptized in Lake Victoria. Praise the Lord who saved these souls!



In Memory of Doc Sam Choli He served his fellow Ugandans for many years with Mission Link. He was able to meet his Lord Jesus on May 6, 2024.

MISSION TRIPS - Get Onboard

KENYA: June 6-18, 2024
Pray for our team to make much of Jesus and for souls to be eternally saved through Him.
UGANDA: Feb. 7-20, 2025
Sign-Ups are OPEN online. Email Todd if you plan on joining or have questions about this trip.
Stay up-to-date on our website:
www.missionlink.org/mission-trips

MISSION ANNOUNCEMENTS - PRAYER REQUESTS



Pray for our Kenya Team to make much of Jesus as Lord for others to be drawn to him. Pic above is Pr. Euticauls loving on a hungry child.



Pray for donations toward our **Mission Trip Fund** so we can help those lacking funds that want to answer the call to GO!



MLI widows were blessed at beginning of May with soap, food, and support from their USA sponsors. Bless You!

BUDGET NEEDS AND CURRENT PROJECTS

UGANDA

MLU CHRISTIAN STUDY CENTERS: Our **#1 objective** is to make disciples that make disciples. Donations help us to continue this work. We now have **5 schools** with students enrolled at different locations across Uganda for the purpose of training new pastors/church leaders to help multiply the Kingdom of God in their villages, nation, and world.

MEDICAL FUND: Gifts to this fund helps us care for the sick that lack the means to seek medical attention.

MISSION TRIP FUND: Donations to this Fund HELPS us to provide scholarships for those who are willing to GO on Mission. This also helps with any unexpected needs that arise while teams are in the field.

DEAF SCHOOL: Administrative expenses, supplies, feeding the students, etc. This school enables deaf students to learn skills that gives them purpose as "Children of God." ❤️

GENERAL FUND APPRECIATES GIFTS of ANY SIZE, which helps us meet the many needs of ministry work in East Africa. For example, MLI helps numerous churches, pastors, missionaries in Uganda, Kenya, and Tanzania to "SHINE" the Light of Christ in their communities through acts of love.

KENYA

SOUTHVILLE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL: This Primary school located in Eldoret has just over 100 children to educate with a biblical worldview. This school needs monthly support for teaching staff and to help with feeding 100+ children.

PASTOR ANTHONY HOME: Our Goal of raising \$12,000 has been met, Praise Jesus! Yet, cost of materials increased and heavy rains caused a costly delay. Knowing Anthony will not ask, I am asking for **\$750** more to complete plumbing, electrical, & windows now that the roof is complete. **Any amount** you can give will surely impact the kingdom of God in Kenya.

PASTOR EUTICAULS WAMBUA: Pastor Euticauls in Nairobi manages 3 schools and pastors Baptist Chapel church. Great flooding has caused much damage to crops. Please give to help **provide food and education** to many in Kenya. Bless all those who gave to help our team distribute Food while we are there June 7-18th.

To DONATE scan the image to the right using your smartphone. Select the purpose of your gift as led by the Holy Spirit.

