



## MISSIONS POLICY

Redeemer's is committed to fearlessly following Jesus and to making disciples of all nations, as commanded by Jesus in Matthew 28:18-20, "*And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."*

Redeemer's missions strategy is to model our approach on the Holy Spirit's partnership with the early church as described in Acts 1:8. "*But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."*

Redeemer's arenas of outreach include local outreach missions in the Roseburg area; global and cross-cultural missions around the globe; short-term mission trips; and church planting.

Redeemer's Elder Team has the final authority in oversight, sending, supporting, and recalling Redeemer's missionaries.

### **Missions Financial Support**

Redeemer's provides financial support to both individual missionaries and mission agencies that are reaching people for Christ. These contributions primarily come from the church's general fund and are not intended to cover the total cost of releasing the missionary to the field or the total cost of undergirding a mission agency's entire budget. Rather, our assistance is intended to be only a portion of a wider financial support base derived from multiple sources. Each individual missionary or agency needs to demonstrate the ability to develop a diversified financial support base that helps to ensure continuity of field work, should some support be lost to attrition.

Redeemer's Elders prayerfully review, consider and approve all missions financial support for: current and new missionaries, current and new agencies, special projects, and personal needs.

### **Criteria for Receiving Missions Support**

Redeemer's requires individuals interested in receiving mission support to complete an application form which is available in the church office. Applicants must meet the

requirements outlined in the **Redeemer's Missions Guide**, available on our website (redeemers.org) or at the church office.

### **Prayer and Financial Support Development**

Redeemer's missionaries are responsible to build and maintain their support team within Redeemer's community. Therefore, Redeemer's missionaries are encouraged to forge relationships with Redeemer's people and ask for prayer and financial support as those relationships deepen.

Redeemer's missionaries are also encouraged to reach out to other churches and seek permission to tell their story, forge relationships, and ask for prayer and financial support as those relationships grow.

Redeemer's staff does not assist missionaries with these types of duties.

### **Communication and Care**

Redeemer's recognizes that it is vital to the welfare of our partnerships that missionaries on assignment communicate effectively with Redeemer's leadership and their support teams. To that end we require all financially supported missionaries to communicate with us at least four times per year, but we encourage more frequent contact. We ask that these communications (newsletters, pdf's, group emails, etc.) contain the two following components: Gospel Impact Updates and Personal Updates.

### **Outreach Care Team**

Redeemer's maintains an Outreach Care Team, a group of volunteers, tasked with caring for and communicating with the missionaries we support.

### **Redeemer's Missions Guide**

*Redeemer's Missions Guide* supplements this Policy with additional information on each of the areas covered. The **Redeemer's Missions Guide** and the Policy are both available on our website.