

OUR APPROACH TO GLOBAL OUTREACH

MISSION

At McLean Bible Church (MBC), we glorify God by making disciples and multiplying churches among all nations, beginning in greater Washington, DC.

In Global Outreach, we serve MBC by equipping and mobilizing church members to make disciples of Jesus Christ and multiply churches among all nations. We are uniquely placed in the Washington, DC area, and take our responsibility to effectively steward our resources for God's kingdom seriously.

STRATEGY

To accomplish our mission, we prepare MBC members for effective Christ-proclaiming opportunities around the world, especially among unreached people and places. We do this in the following ways:

- **Pray. We prayerfully depend on God.**

"The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest." (Matthew 9:37-38)

Prayer is the foundational work of mission because God is the author of salvation and the head of the church. Through prayer, the church participates in God's work to advance the gospel to the ends of the earth.

"The history of missions is the history of answered prayer." -Samuel Zwemer

- **Train & Equip. We train and equip MBC members for global disciple-making.**

*We strive “...to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ.”
(Ephesians 4:12)*

The church is responsible to train its members to be missionaries and every Christ-follower should be equipped to make disciples and multiply churches. Using simple yet thorough training methods, we provide the knowledge, tools, and resources MBC members need for effective disciple-making. Being an active member of a healthy local church is the best missionary training a Christian can receive.

“Church-centered mission is fueled by Christians who understand that the Christian life is a church-centered life.”

- **Mobilize. We mobilize MBC members to actively engage in the spread of God’s Word worldwide.**

“So the word of the Lord continued to increase and prevail mightily.” (Acts 19:20)

We encourage and provide opportunities for MBC members to respond to spiritual needs around the world. Each ministry, discipleship group, family, and individual has a role to play in making disciples and multiplying churches among all nations. Everyone can pray, give, go, or send others. We help MBC members discern and increase their participation in those four activities so that the gospel advances. We champion mission education and awareness, provide resources to facilitate serving, and motivate MBC members to wrestle with their plans for personal involvement in global disciple-making. We also encourage church members to make disciples of Christ among the diverse people represented here locally.

“I’m not afraid of failure; I’m afraid of succeeding at things that don’t matter.” -William Carey

- **Send. We send MBC members to make disciples and multiply churches in cross-cultural contexts.**

“How are they to preach unless they are sent?” (Romans 10:15)

The local church is the center of sending God’s people to serve internationally. Therefore, we prioritize sending out members from our church family. We connect MBC missionaries to vetted opportunities, among unreached people, in regions where there is little to no access to the gospel of Jesus Christ.

“He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep to gain what he cannot lose.” -Jim Elliot

- **Partner. We partner with organizations and individuals who are biblically faithful and practically effective in advancing the gospel where it is most needed.**

“I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.” (Philippians 1:3-6)

The gospel is advancing around the world! While there are many good Christian ministries, we evaluate partnership opportunities in order to support those that result in long-term access to the gospel. The crown jewel of gospel work is an organized, healthy church of national believers; so, we humbly support local churches to become the center and face of ministry in their communities.

“If you want to go fast, go alone; if you want to go far, go together.” -African Proverb

- **Focus On the Unreached. We focus our global outreach where there is little to no access to the gospel.**

“May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us, that your way may be known on earth, your saving power among all nations. Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you!” (Psalm 67:1-3)

Forty percent of the world’s population of 7.7 billion people live where there is little to no access to the gospel. We call these people the “unreached.” Only 5% of the world’s Christians and churches exist among them. They will likely be born, live their lives, and then die without ever hearing about our great Savior. Sadly, Western Christians and churches send 95% of their missions funding and worse, 97% of their missionaries, to work among people who already have access to extensive gospel resources. In light of this, we prioritize effective, faithful work that advances the gospel of Jesus Christ, among the unreached, primarily through the establishment and support of healthy local churches.

“If there be anything about which we cannot tolerate lukewarmness, it is in the matter of sending the gospel to a dying world.” -Charles Spurgeon