

# GLOBAL OUTREACH PRIORITIES

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**PURPOSE** The following priorities have been established by the Elders of GBC to maximize the effectiveness of our church's effort to fulfill the Great Commission (Matt 28:18-20). This document is to serve as an ongoing priority structure to assist and guide the Elders and Global Outreach Committee in the work of (1) evaluating existing and potential candidates and projects that request ongoing financial support, prayer, and guidance and (2) actively recruiting key personnel to achieve strategic priorities.

**PRIORITIES** (*given in no particular order*)

1. **Missions Work Aimed to Plant or Strengthen Churches**, including:
  - a. Gospel Proclamation
  - b. Church Planting
  - c. Pastoral Training
  - d. Essential support ministries for the above (including Bible Translation<sup>1</sup>).
2. **OP's with a Significant Relationships with GBC.**
  - a. Workers who are both known and trusted by both the GBC board and the congregation.
  - b. Workers willing to maintain relationships with the body of GBC that are characterized by ongoing communication, mutual ministry investment, shared counsel within the ministerial decision-making process, etc.
    - i. Exceptions may be made for supported indigenous workers.
3. **Theologically and Methodologically Sound Endeavors.**
  - a. Workers who maintain a thriving relationship with the Lord.
  - b. Workers who are excellent in both their theology (agreeing with GBC Constitution) and their ministry practice.
    - i. This includes workers who understand, embrace, and apply the principles that come from a biblical understanding of progressive sanctification and the sufficiency of Scripture (Biblical Counseling) in their disciple-making efforts.
  - c. Workers who are competent and effective in their area of ministry.
  - d. Working with a GBC Approved Missions Organization.
    - i. Organizations must be willing to report to and receive input from GBC.
4. **OP's Working within GBC's Selected Strategic Locations.** These locations are strategic because of one or more of the following reasons: existing OP's in the area/ministry, the need of theological training, the existence of unreached peoples,

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1. The current state of Bible Translation is in crisis. GBC would not be in support of much of the work that is currently being done in the world. Support of this work will be considered cautiously.

and the limitations of GBC resources and people (a single church cannot effectively minister everywhere).

- a. For the above reasons, our current geographic focus is
  - i. Ethiopia
  - ii. Tanzania
  - iii. Turkey/Iraq
- b. Unreached People Groups
- c. International Students Outreach at MSU through GBC.
- d. Other future ministries (locations and opportunities) that meet priorities 1, 2, & 3 above. (The Elders/GOC welcome such locations/opportunities!)