

Perimeter Family,

The work of God to establish and expand His kingdom globally is something that is near and dear to my heart, and I pray and hope that it is something that is near and dear to you as well.

As God's grand story of redemption unfolds through the pages of Scripture, we encounter a God whose heart beats for His glory to be known among the nations. From beginning to end, the Bible presents to us an ever-expanding covenant of grace between God and His people. We see Him call a pagan man unto Himself in Abraham and make him a father of many nations. We see Him call Abraham's descendants, the Israelites, to be a light to the nations that they may know the one true God. And then we see the Son of God Himself commission His followers to go and make disciples of all nations.

One of the ways we can develop a heart that beats with God's heart for the nations is to **GO** to the nations. I first went on an international missions project as a college student in the summer of 1999. Until that summer, I would have considered myself a Christian who wanted to see people of all nations know the Lord. However, I wasn't prepared for what God had planned to do in my heart once I was out of my bubble in America and in a foreign land. I began to see the nations in a whole new way through His eyes, and my heart swelled with passion to see His name and His gospel proclaimed among them.

My desire for our church family is that we would be wholly committed to **global missions**. Which means that we would be a people who are increasingly committed to going to the nations to be the light of Christ in word and in deed. We're committed to doing this by:

- Exporting our **Life-on-Life Missional Discipleship** curriculum and training to countries throughout the world.
- Taking the heart of God for His **mercy and justice** to be displayed in countries around the world.
- **Partnering** with churches and ministries around the globe to maximize our missional potential.

For various reasons and circumstances, not all people are able to go on a mission trip. However, there are other key ways to be involved in God's global work. Remember these four words:

Go – Give – Send – Pray

In addition to going, the Lord's global work is equally fueled by those who are committed to give, pray, and send.

Give generously.

Send specifically.

Pray fervently.

Give to our church and other missionary organizations that you know are investing in God's Kingdom flourishing throughout the world.

Send specifically. Prayerfully consider financially sponsoring individual missionaries engaged in global missions.

Pray fervently and specifically for the work of God globally and for laborers to be sent into the harvest.

As your pastor, I am committed to these things, and I have great expectations of all the Lord will do in the years to come to expand His kingdom flourishing around the world through Perimeter Church! I hope you'll join me!

Jeff Norris