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**FALL 2017**



The Lord has given Covenant "The Global Outreach Vision 2020," which is about making disciples of all nations. God has called Covenant, and that includes you, to concentrate on five international focus areas:

- **Dominican Republic**  
partnering with the House of Restoration Church's Community Hope and Transformation (CHAT) program to see local transformation
- **Greece**  
partnering with Hellenic Ministries to see discipleship through sports camps, Bible distribution and supporting church planters
- **Ethiopia**  
church planting among unreached people groups with New Life Faith Ministries that work among Muslims
- **India**  
support of national church planters in unreached areas with India Gospel League who trains Indian barefoot pastors
- **Syria and Syrian refugees**  
support of the persecuted church and refugees by working with the Church of Tyre (Lebanon), which serves Syrian refugees

Some will say, "Wait a minute. What about local outreach? We have many needs here in Greenville! Why are we going across the world?" Good thing you asked that question! We will have a focus on local outreach opportunities coming up in the new year, highlighting local areas to serve. Equally part of the Global Outreach Vision 2020 is that the Lord has called Covenant to engage in three local areas of discipleship outreach:

- **West Greenville**  
supporting local partner ministries: Third Street Community Center, Building Hope, Greenville Community Center, and House 1209 Breakfast Ministry
- **Community Involvement**  
serving and volunteering with local partner ministries and organizations rather than starting our own community ministries at Covenant
- **Open Homes**  
as a starting point to witness to and disciple our neighbors, communities, international students, refugees, immigrants, people from other countries, and foster care/adoption

We serve in some capacity locally and globally at the same time because Jesus called us “to make disciples of all nations” (Matthew 28:19).

This booklet is written to give you some possible next steps related to our international opportunities. The Lord may lead you to respond in a way we haven't thought of, and if that happens, we will celebrate with you! But if you are struggling to know what you can do, we encourage you to look through this information and choose a place to start. Please feel free to contact our office with any questions! We would like to facilitate your taking these steps; please complete the contact sheet inserted in this booklet or complete the online form at [covenant.cc](http://covenant.cc)

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One of the best ways for us to get involved in global outreach is through our prayers. Literally every person in our church can participate in prayer for global outreach. We also know that prayer is incredibly important, arguably the most important way for us to support outreach and the global church.

## DAILY PRAYERS

### For the Nations

*Operation World* is a compilation of information on every country in the world. It is available in a book and in a mobile app and provides a breakdown of religious, ethnic, and language demographics along with barriers to the gospel and prayer requests.

### For Unreached People Groups

*Joshua Project* has a vision to bring definition to the unfinished task of reaching unreached people groups with the gospel of Jesus. There are 16,863 people groups in the world and 6,997 unreached people groups. Download the app, "Unreached of the Day," for a short synopsis of an unreached people group and suggestions on how to pray for them.

### For the Persecuted Church

*Voice of the Martyrs* offers three different ways to get involved.

- The "VOM Pray Today" app gives a daily prayer prompt for a specific country and need
- 🔗 [www.persecution.com](http://www.persecution.com) : provides more information about the Voice of the Martyrs and there is a Global Prayer Map available for download

- 🔗 [www.icommittoprayer.com](http://www.icommittoprayer.com) : provides up-to-date prayer requests along with an opportunity for you to post your prayers publicly for the encouragement of believers around the world

*Open Doors* has compiled a World Watch List that shows the countries around the world experiencing the most severe persecution against Christians. Each entry includes information about the country, where the persecution is coming from, and specific ways to pray. [www.opendoorsusa.org](http://www.opendoorsusa.org)

## REGULAR PRAYERS

### Global Outreach Weekly Prayer Letters

Sign up to receive weekly emails with prompts to pray for missionaries, ministries, and other Covenant Global Outreach events:  
[eepurl.com/bWEjSr](http://eepurl.com/bWEjSr)

### Prayer Concerts

This prayer meeting will take place on a Friday evening every other month starting in February. Join us for a time of food, worship, and prayer to lift our focus areas to the Lord.

### Missionaries

Every month we contact our missionary partners and invite them to share prayer requests and praises with us. We compile what they send us and insert a document into that month's New Covenant. We invite you to pick up a New Covenant and keep the prayer insert with your Bible so that you can pray for the missionaries daily. If you are unable to pick up a hard copy or prefer a digital copy, that can be provided as well.

## **FOCUS AREAS**

Our Global Outreach Vision 2020 is to make disciples who make disciples of all nations. The Lord has called us to concentrate on five international focus areas. You can pray for each of our five international focus areas in general and specific ways.

### **Dominican Republic**

Our ministry partner in the Dominican Republic is the House of Restoration Church and Isidro Mejia. Although they do not send out prayer updates, you can pray for work at the medical clinic and at CHAT, a school offered to local children.

### **Greece**

Our ministry partner in Greece is Hellenic Ministries. To hear more about what they're doing and to subscribe to their Global Prayer link, go to [www.hellenicministries.org](http://www.hellenicministries.org). The link is at the bottom of the page.

### **Ethiopia**

Our ministry partner in Ethiopia is New Life Faith Ministries. Although they do not send out regular prayer updates, you can pray for their work among the Hararghe Oromo and NLFM's efforts to translate scripture into the Oromo language.

### **India**

Our ministry partner in India is the India Gospel League. To hear more about what they're doing and to receive regular field and prayer updates, sign up here: [www.iglworld.org/subscribe/](http://www.iglworld.org/subscribe/)

### **Syria and Syrian Refugees**

We partner with Tyre Church in Lebanon to reach Syrian refugees. Like their page on Facebook to receive updates and know how to pray for them: [facebook.com/Tyre-Church-541702972547112/](https://facebook.com/Tyre-Church-541702972547112/)

# support

## **MISSIONARY CARE TEAM**

The purpose of the missionary care team is to provide relational, spiritual and emotional support to our missionaries so that they are fully empowered to fulfill God's missional calling on their lives. This team is not about helping missionaries raise financial support, but about helping missionaries know that they are relationally connected to and emotionally and spiritually empowered by Covenant Church.

This team focuses on three things for missionaries. First, we think strategically about how more people at Covenant can be involved in missionary care. Second, we are relationally supportive of our missionaries. We intentionally plan ways to stay in touch with missionaries through texting, skyping, calling or other social media means. Last, we are advocating for missionaries. We will 'go to bat' so to speak for the missionary by promoting them in our small groups and getting others connected to and praying for them. We have 17 missionaries supported at Covenant, so we have lots of advocating to do!

## **HOSPITALITY TEAM**

The purpose of the hospitality team is to provide a hospitable welcome to missionaries, special speakers, and instructors. People on this team will host these speakers and missionaries in their homes, for a few days or even a week. The team is willing to assist missionaries with housing when they come home on furlough. The team also puts together a gift bag for each Covenant supported missionary and their family when they visit Covenant. The team members assist with coordinating meals for missionaries, and they will also help organize meet and greets for the people of Covenant to meet with missionaries.

## **SUPPORT A CHURCH PLANTER**

### **India**

With every \$2,400 given to India Gospel League, you can support one church planter for two years, helping him to plant (at least) two churches and then becoming self-sufficient through the support of the churches he has planted.

### **Ethiopia**

With every \$1,000 gift to New Life Faith Ministries, you can support one evangelist/disciple-maker to start a small business that will help him to become self-sufficient and would not need any support to minister within his own community to start faith communities among Muslims. The goal is also to generate enough income to pay back the \$1,000 to NLFM within two years.

## **GLOBAL OUTREACH VOLUNTEER ADMIN**

### **Prayer Coordinator**

The prayer coordinator is someone who will assist and promote prayer for the nations. This person would be in monthly contact with our missionaries to collect current prayer requests from them and communicate them in the New Covenant magazine. They would connect with small groups at Covenant to promote global prayer requests. The person would also organize concerts of prayer, times of fasting, and weekly prayer times. They can also lead one or more prayer groups that focus on global issues needing prayer.

## mobilize

### **STRATEGIC VISION TEAMS**

The purpose of these teams is to assist the GO Team in formulating strategies regarding the different focus areas and to mobilize our Church to be involved in the areas. The teams will not determine the ministry of our partners, but rather strategize how Covenant Church will be involved in the different countries and how we will support and encourage our partners. They will then also plan programs, projects and events to promote the different focus areas as well as volunteer teams local and international. The most important part of these teams' responsibility will be to gather prayer requests from the different areas, and communicate it to our congregation to pray for our partners, missionaries and volunteer teams.

If you want to get more involved in our local or international outreach, then this is a place for you. These teams will meet every 2-3 months for strategic planning, be involved with an annual prayer event for the focus area and be the mobilizers par excellence!

## communicate

### **NEW COVENANT**

The New Covenant is our monthly outreach magazine. We are moving toward being image-driven with gospel-centered content that is easy to apply.

#### **Love to write?**

We need voices! People from all walks of life, to write for us. Topics will be assigned but there are opportunities for recurrent pieces as well as one-time interest pieces.

#### **Got an eye for errors?**

Submissions for the New Covenant must be proofread before they can be formatted by our graphic designer. We'd love your help editing submissions to prepare them for the magazine!

#### **Passion for photography?**

As we move toward an image-driven magazine, we need good quality photos taken at our events, trainings, and outreaches.

#### **Social Media**

Join our social media team! Share, like, and comment on our posts so that more people see them!



God has chosen to do the work of missions through the financial support of faithful saints. If you feel God is asking you to support His work taking place around the world, ask him where. We have some international options to join in where Covenant is already partnering financially, but we encourage you to follow where God is leading you to give.

## MISSIONARIES

### **Justin and Evangelia Macris**

Serving in Greece with Hellenic Ministries through media and Zontas, a ministry to bring gospel messages directly into people's homes through local television.

### **Stephan and Mary Calhoun**

Serving in Greece with Hellenic Ministries through Church Planting and Operation Joshua.

### **Caroline Douglas**

Serving through SIM, sharing Christ as a Math teacher in Ethiopia.

### **Richard and Amanda Coleman**

Serving in Ethiopia, training and mobilizing the Church to live out its faith.

### **Selina Yamout**

Serving among her own people in Lebanon, Selina seeks to sow the seeds of the Gospel through discipleship and teaching, mainly to women and children.

### **G & S**

Serving in an undisclosed location, through the discipleship of leaders already in the region.

### **J & J**

Serving through Business as Missions in an undisclosed location.

### **Bishop Okorafor**

Local Nigerian pastor, equipping, training and encouraging pastors within his charge.

## MINISTRY PARTNERS

### **Operation Joshua (Greece)**

Most of the Greek population does not have access to the Bible in Modern Greek. Operation Joshua seeks to meet this urgent need by sowing the Word of God across Greece, through Bible Distribution.

### **Bibles (India)**

Partnering with India Gospel League to put God's Word in the hands of new believers.

### **Gospel Children's Club (India)**

Partnering with India Gospel League to provide a year-long discipleship program for children across the region.

### **CHAT (Dominican Republic)**

Children of Hope and Transformation (CHAT) allows students the opportunity to experience a Kingdom education, focusing on bringing the home, church and school into partnership for the purpose of training the next generation.



## **PERSPECTIVES COURSE**

### **Kinston and Greenville**

Perspectives is a 15-week discipleship course that looks at God's mission through four vantage points or "perspectives" – Biblical, Historical, Cultural and Strategic. Each one highlights different aspects of God's global purpose. The course is taught by 15 different instructors, spanning from foreign missionaries to theological professors. Each week there are readings and assignments, as well as a discussion and lecture time in class. By taking the course, you'll determine how God is using His people to bless all the peoples of the earth with the Good News of Jesus Christ!

## **SECRET CHURCH**

Secret Church is a version of "house church" where people meet for an intense time of Bible study—lasting 6+ hours—including a time of prayer for our brothers and sisters across the globe who are facing persecution and for those who have not heard the gospel. There is a great need to pray and come alongside our brothers and sisters who live in places around the world where there is little to no gospel witness or where the gospel is met with resistance.

## **REACHING OUT TO MUSLIMS**

We offer training at Covenant from time to time about reaching Muslims in our own neighborhoods and in our workplaces. You'll learn about the history of Islam, what Muslims believe and how to start a conversation and be in a friendship with a Muslim.

## **OPERATION WORLD**

### **The Definitive Prayer Guide to Every Nation**

Operation World is a book that will inform, inspire and ignite you to pray for people and nations around the globe. The book lists every country in the world with accurate information on peoples, languages, religions, denominations, spiritual trends and prayer requests. Every nation has: challenges for prayer, updates on church growth, charts and maps revealing religious and demographic trends and explanations of current trends in politics, economic and social developments.

## **CROSS CULTURAL DISCIPLESHIP**

[www.launchglobal.org/](http://www.launchglobal.org/)

Launch Global exists to awaken young adults to discover God's will, develop as multiplying disciples,

and deploy to strategic opportunities impacting unreached peoples.

## **REACHING THE NATIONS CONFERENCE**

**Oct 27-28 // [www.reachingthenations.net/](http://www.reachingthenations.net/)**

This conference includes speakers, breakout sessions and peer learning all directed toward the task of reaching the nations in North America. Sessions cover mission methods, creative strategies for local churches and even more. It will be held at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, NC.



## **BUSINESS AS MISSIONS/ BUSINESS FOR TRANSFORMATION**

Business as Mission (BAM) is for-profit business endeavors deliberately focused on God's transformation of people, groups and nations. People engaging in BAM can enter restricted nations as a business person while also being a witness for God. BAM takes many forms: micro-financing, job creation, tent making, wealth creation, information technology development and capital investments. As these dynamic forms of business operate they also focus on transformation through church planting, discipleship, social development, witness, and social change in communities.

## **OUTREACH LIBRARY**

We have a small library in Building B outside the Student Center that focus on missions, evangelism, discipleship and reaching the nations. Feel free to check out any resource!

## **SHORT-TERM OUTREACHES**

**STOs** are strategically part of our Global Outreach Vision 2020 in multiple ways: 1) it strengthens our relationship with our international ministry partners in our five focus areas as they minister to the communities they are called to, 2) it gives an opportunity for Covenant people to learn, experience and participate in what God is doing through His Church and people in different parts of the world while also expanding our worldview, 3) it allows us to grow as disciples as well as disciple others while we are proclaiming the Gospel through word, deed and presence, equip and train national workers and tends to the needs of the community, and 4) it is part of our worship to glorify the Living God through obedience.

We plan to send different teams to all five focus areas in 2018, and below is a list of our spring and summer outreaches. For more info about these outreaches, please go to [www.covenant.cc/go](http://www.covenant.cc/go), the October issue of the New Covenant, or contact the GO Team office for more information. To apply for any of these outreaches, please go to [www.covenant.cc/go/sto](http://www.covenant.cc/go/sto) and follow the instructions. We would like to invite you to pray and consider applying for one of these teams as an individual, a couple or a family. If your small group or a group of friends want to go to one of our focus areas as a Free Market group, please contact our Global Outreach office at 252.355.0123 x5004 or Robin Davis at [robind@covenant.cc](mailto:robind@covenant.cc) for more information.

## 2018 STOs

### March India Teaching Team

- 📅 March 6-18
- 💰 \$2,300 (dependent on airfare)
- 📄 app due: Oct 13, including \$250 deposit

Open to all believing adults, especially for those with gifts of encouragement and teaching.

### April Hellenic Ministries Family Conference Service Team

- 📅 March 29-April 9
- 💰 \$2,500 (dependent on airfare)
- 📄 app due: Oct 13, including \$250 deposit

Ideal for families, but also open for any believer 16 years and older (under 16 must be accompanied by a parent).

### April Ethiopia Business as Transformation Team

- 📅 April 12-23
- 💰 \$2,300 (dependent on airfare)
- 📄 app due: Oct 13, including \$250 deposit

Open to all believing adults, especially for those with business background or interested in Business as Transformation.

### May Lebanon Medical Team

- 📅 May 2/3-13
- 💰 \$2,000 (dependent on airfare)
- 📄 app due: Dec 15, including \$250 deposit

Open to all believing adults, both medical professionals and non-medical persons.

### July Greece Operation Joshua 18

- 📅 June 29 - July 13
- 💰 \$2,500 (dependent on airfare)
- 📄 app due: Dec 15, including \$250 deposit

Ideal for families, but also open for any believer 16 years and older (under 16 must be accompanied by a parent).

### July Lebanon Refugee Children's Camps

- 📅 July 12-28
- 💰 \$2,000 (dependent on airfare)
- 📄 app due: Dec 15, including \$250 deposit

Ideal for families, but also open for any believer 16 years and older (under 16 must be accompanied by a parent).

### July India Youth Team

- 📅 July 18-26
- 💰 \$2,500 (dependent on airfare)
- 📄 app due: Dec 15, including \$250 deposit

This outreach is by invitation only for graduating high school students and Covenant Students co-ministers.

### July Ethiopia Sports Friends Team

- 📅 July 19-30
- 💰 \$2,700 (dependent on airfare)
- 📄 app due: Dec 15, including \$250 deposit

Ideal for families, but also open for any believer 16 years and older (under 16 must be accompanied by a parent and approved by Sports Friends).

### August DR Transformation Team

- 📅 Aug 4-12
- 💰 \$1,300 (dependent on airfare)
- 📄 app due Dec 15, including \$250 deposit

Ideal for families, but also open for any high school student (middle school and younger must be accompanied by a parent).

*We know that not everyone has the \$250 deposit for an upfront payment. If you cannot pay the \$250 deposit at the time of application, you will be able to complete a form to have \$50 withdrawn from your banking account over 5 months following application to cover the deposit.*

As you can see, the application dates are fairly far in advance of the teams. The reasons for that are:

- It is important for us to know that all teams actually function as teams and are duly equipped for the outreaches. The more time the team spends together before the outreach, the better equipped they are and the more time they have to blend as a team.
- Especially for our summer teams, it is not always easy to get good airfare (not only reasonably priced but also good connections) if we do not book at least five months ahead of time.
- Earlier applications also mean more time for fundraising or working to cover the costs of the outreach.

## TAKE A SIP! SUMMER INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

[covenant.cc/takeasip](http://covenant.cc/takeasip)

In 2018, we will only send teams to Greece working with Hellenic Ministries for SIP. Depending on the number of applications, we plan to send teams to work with a church planting team in Chania (serving in a coffee shop and teaching ESL), doing camp ministry at their campsite, Porto Astro, and refugee ministry in Athens (teaching ESL to women and children, Love Meals for families and Bible Studies to men).

- 📅 Intensive in-house training: June 26-28
- On-field ministry: June 29-August 11
- Intensive debriefing in USA: August 13-15
- Continued debriefing: August-December
- 💰 \$4000
- 📅 app due: December 15, including \$250 deposit

Requirements: High school seniors and above. Committed to attend all the training sessions starting in early February, the full program over the Summer (including the in-house training and intensive debriefing), as well as the continued debriefings.

## MEDICAL TEAMS/OPPS

Covenant Church has sent medical teams to the Dominican Republic and Lebanon for the last 8 years. While we continue to support the medical clinics in both these countries through monthly financial support, we also have received requests from our other ministry partners in our 5 focus countries to send medical teams. Each country has specific needs and challenges, and would need different medical specialties. If you are a medical professional, your skills, experience and expertise can be used not only to serve those in need, but also to train the national workers. We usually include non-medical persons on the team as well; they are truly needed to assist the medical staff, the hosts as well as to serve those waiting to be assessed, especially the children.

## LONGER THAN JUST AN OUTREACH

### Internships (medium term)

Apart from the SIP opportunity in Greece, we have invitations to send adults to do summer internships and medium-term work (2 months to 2 years) in Lebanon and Dominican Republic with our ministry partners, as well as various other options with Hellenic Ministries in Greece, or various other medium-term work with several other mission organizations world-wide.

### Long term

We would like to see more people at Covenant answer to the calling of long-term (full-time) international cross-cultural ministries. There are options to work full-time with our ministry partners in Ethiopia (SIM and New Life Faith Ministries), Lebanon (Baptist Church of Tyre and Horizons International), Dominican Republic (Church of Restoration Methodist Church) and Greece (Hellenic Ministries). If you feel that you have a different calling than working in one of these ministries, the GO Team will help you navigate through your

calling, ministry opportunities in different countries, training requirements, cultural and language acquisition and support raising.

## **CHURCH-BASED TEAM TO UNREACHED/UNENGAGED MUSLIM PEOPLE GROUP**

One of our GO Vision 2020 goals was to send a Church-Based Team (CBT) from Covenant Church to an unreached Muslim people group in Ethiopia in partnership with Frontiers. Since we started the relationship with Frontiers, we have discovered that there is not a dire need for pioneering work among Muslims in Ethiopia, but there is definitely a greater need in one of their regional focus areas, including Indonesia, the Gulf States and the Caucasus region where there are hundreds of unreached and unengaged groups left to be reached with the Gospel.

We are praying for individuals, couples and families to join this team for at least a four-year commitment, but preferably for a long-term commitment. The team leader, in prayerful discernment and consultation from Frontiers, will decide where the team will go. The team will do their planning and training together, and use the gifts, skills, experience and education to develop a strategy to reach the unreached.

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## **INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS**

In 2015/2016, over one million students from other countries (1,043,839, to be exact) studied at universities in the U.S., 69,000 more than the year before. Many international students (some say 70-80%) never set foot in an American home. You can change this statistic. We have a vision to build a team of people who have a passion for reaching out to International Students to coordinate airport pick-ups, holiday meals, and long-term relationships building with these students.

## **WELCOME REFUGEE TEAM/ INTERNATIONAL WELCOME TEAM**

For the past year, our church has cared for refugees who've been displaced from their homes due to very difficult circumstances through the Welcome Refugee Team. The team is expanding its focus to welcome internationals. The team assists with simple but necessary things like finding a place to live, a job, and registering kids for school.

## **UNREACHED PEOPLES IN NC**

Did you know that there are people who belong to unreached people groups right here in North Carolina? Typically, they have moved to the U.S. as immigrants, refugees, or international students and there are practical ways that we can reach out to them. Through ESL classes, meal-sharing programs, or opening your home, you can be part of reaching people with the gospel with the prayer that their home communities will be changed as well.

## so now what?



### **RESPOND ONLINE**

[covenantcc.wufoo.com/forms/go-international-opp](https://covenantcc.wufoo.com/forms/go-international-opp)s

— OR —

### **RESPOND ON PAPER**

Fill out the enclosed response card and return to:

- the Connections area at any campus
- the church office:  
4005 Corey Rd, Winterville NC 28590



[covenant.cc/go](https://covenant.cc/go)