

*What we do needs to come from who we are. We reach out and are involved in missions because, in light of our identity in a missional God, we are missional.*



As new creations in Christ, our whole being is focused on three aspects of our identity in Christ that Paul refers to in multiple passages: faith, love, and hope. We can translate these aspects of our Christ-identity into actions: faith > witness; love > compassion; hope > care.



» As the first engagement or entry point into a relationship with Christ.

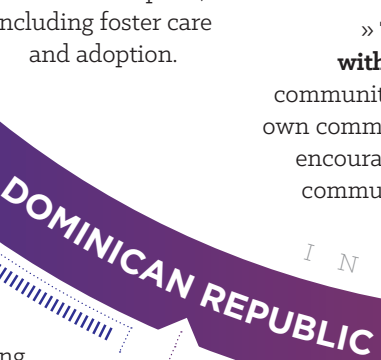
» To **'strangers,'** such as foreign students, refugees, immigrants, and people from other ethnic groups.

» For a **longer period of time** allows us to care and nurture those who are helpless, including foster care and adoption.

» A continuing involvement through **supporting local partner ministries**, such as Third Street Community Center, Building Hope, Greenville Community Center, and House 1209.

» To be **strategic in incarnational ministries** by members of Covenant Church moving into West Greenville with a focused strategy.

» Through **serving and volunteering with local partner ministries** and other community organizations, rather than starting our own community ministries at Covenant Church, we encourage members to be light and salt in the communities they serve, while bringing hope through compassion and care.



» Support of the **persecuted church** and refugees.

» Focus on **emergency relief** as well as **longer-term strategies** with regards to education and medical.

» Partnering with one church or organization for focused attention, as well as helping refugees integrate locally into our society (Interfaith Refugee Ministry).

» Especially to be involved in **community transformation** through the House of Restoration Church's CHAT (Community Hope and Transformation) program.

» **Church planting among unreached people groups** through Church Based Teams for a longer vision (SIM or Frontiers), and shorter vision through sports camps (Sports Friends) and medical missions (SIM).

» A focus on **orphan care and prevention.**

» Partnering with Hellenic Ministries experiencing **discipleship** through sports camps (ECU campus), **Bible distribution** and supporting **church planters** through internships at Covenant.

» Being involved in **mercy ministries** through reaching out to refugees.

» Support of **national church planters** in unreached areas. Partnering with India Gospel League in the Khunti Region of Jharkland.