

Engaging with Grace: Reaching our Campus, Community and World

When it comes to the Great Commission, we are Ambassadors of Christ. But we need to have a plan, as individuals and as a church body, if we hope to reach our campus, community, and world.

Goals for Today

- Today is a day for **celebrating** the past
- Today is a day of **challenge** for the future
- Today is a day to put forth some goals for engaging our campus, our community and our world

Celebrating the Past

- As a church we are financially supporting more than 70 singles/families on the field
- While some serve at Texas A&M to help us reach our campus, we are having an impact in every major geographic region on the planet
- But in my opinion, we are just scratching the surface of what we can do as a church to be engaged in helping to reach the world for Christ...
- Do you really believe that?

Challenge for the Future

- With more than 2,000 college students involved, our potential for sending is enormous
- But let's not forget the other 2,000...
- Our biggest challenge is to create strategic opportunities that allow our singles and families participate in what God is doing among the nations – both domestically and abroad

Starting with Vision

- The goal of Grace Bible Church is to... Engage every person on our campus, in our community, and in our world with the transforming grace of God

Lessons from 2 Corinthians 5

- This is not our home – we have an eternal dwelling place (vs. 1)
- We walk by faith, not sight (vs. 7)
- We make it our aim to please Him (vs. 9)
- We are compelled to persuade others (vs. 11, 14)
- We are given the ministry of reconciliation (vs. 19)

Ambassadors for Christ

Therefore, we are **ambassadors** for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. (2 Corinthians 5:20-21)

Communicating Our Responsibility

- Geographic and Demographic Locations
- Expanding Locations
 - Local (Jerusalem)

- Glocal (Judea and Samaria)
- Global (Ends of the Earth)
- Anderson Geography
 - Describes those that live within physical distance to our facilities
 - Ex.: TAMU Students, Anderson Apartments (Mainland Chinese), International Students
 - Strategies: College Ministry, Mandarin Church, Furniture Giveaway
- Southwood Geography
 - Describes those that live within physical distance to our facilities
 - Ex.: College Students, State Streets, CSISD
 - Strategies: College Ministry, Youth Impact, Head Start Registration
- Anderson Demography
 - Describes the areas of where our current congregants live, and the people with whom they connect
 - Ex.: Southside, East Gate, South Bryan, Sports Teams, Dance Classes
 - Strategies: Backyard Bible Clubs, Home Groups, Block Parties, Dinner Strategies
- Southwood Demography
 - Describes the areas of where our current congregants live
 - Ex.: South CS Families, TAMU Students, Special Needs Groups
 - Strategies: Backyard Bible Clubs, Home Groups, Deaf Church, Faithful to the Fatherless
- Local, *Glocal*, and Global
- GOAL: To provide a structure that allows continuity between all the ways that we are Engaging with Grace.

Example of Continuity

Local

- Mandarin Speaking Church

Glocal

- Furniture Giveaway, Language Partners, Meals

Global

- Strategic Missions Involvement in Mandarin Speaking Countries

Local

- Respite Care for Foster Families

Glocal

- Int'l Child Sponsorship Program

Global

- Int'l Trip to Serve at Orphanage

Local

- Personal Ministry
- Partnership Organizations
- Respite Care and Fostering
- The Big Five – Our Five Biggest Outreach Events

Grace's Big Five

- The Furniture Giveaway
- **Country Fair – October 29th**
- Christmas Co-op
- Easter Parties
- Backyard Bible Clubs

Glocal

- Current Ethnic Churches and Fellowship
 - Mandarin Church
 - South Asian Fellowship
- Future Ethnic Churches and Fellowships
 - Spanish, Persian, Arabic
- All that we do with International Students
 - Furniture Giveaway, Meals in American Home

Global

- Continued Support of Current Missionaries (adding as finances allow)
- Continued Strategies of College Key Initiatives
- Creating a Path of Opportunities for Church Families to be involved together in the Great Commission

Anderson Summer Mission

- S.H.I.P – El Salvador – Orphanage/Construction
- Led by Brad Evans
- Dates: July 4-11

Southwood Summer Mission

- BMDMI – Honduras
- Led by – Chris McGuffey/Dr. Kory Gill
- Dates: July 18-25

College Summer Missions

- Greece
- East Asia
- Tradewinds
- South Asia
- Next week there will be informational pizza lunches after the 11a service...

Youth Summer Missions

- 7th-12th Houston 1:8 (Houston Project)
 - Cross-cultural and Multi-ethnic opportunity
- 11th-12th Germany YL
 - Camping and Relational Evangelism

All Grace South Asia

- Asia Christian Academy
- Led by Joel Mathai
- Dates: Approximately July 3-21
- Mixed opportunities to minister in an orphanage and participate in church planting activities

Interest in Global Outreach

- Starting Grace Groups centered around to topic of Missions
- Grace is hosting Perspectives on the World Christian Movement (Spring 2015)
- Wednesday night Missions Fair @ 6pm
- globaloutreach@grace-bible.org

Interest in Community Outreach

- Start by engaging in our next Big Five: **Country Fair – Oct. 29 at Southwood**
- Volunteer with one of our community outreach partnerships (see website)
- communityoutreach@grace-bible.org