

MISSION & OUTREACH MISSION STATEMENT 2023

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The Mission & Outreach Committee will promote the Great Commission of Christ Globally and Locally. How?

1. Evangelize seekers and disciple believers
2. Support an EPC Missionary and/or Mission Project through EPC's World Outreach
3. Devise and implement plans to spread the Gospel and serve unbelievers/seekers in the Providence Community
4. Sponsor an individual member/group of members of Providence or members of a local EPC church as short-term missionaries

WHAT DO WE SUPPORT BOTH FINANCIALLY AND/OR AS VOLUNTEERS FOR GLOBAL/USA MISSIONS

1. Samaritan's Purse International Relief – Donations provided for natural disaster relief.
2. Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child – Assemble OCC shoeboxes for donation to the effort to reach children in all nations and provide them with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.
3. Samaritan's Purse US Disaster Relief – Donations are made for domestic disaster relief.
4. EPC's World Outreach
5. Dolls On Mission (Financially and Volunteer) – Led by a DOM representative, a group of PPC volunteers meet each month to create, assembly-line style, soft dolls that can fit in the Operation Christmas Child boxes. Dolls On Mission is an organization of volunteers who come together and hand make dolls for children and hurting hearts around the globe. The purpose of these Dolls is to bring Love, Joy, and Peace to children and adults in impoverished nations, shut-ins, the homeless and people around the world who are suffering either from poverty, natural disaster, and various catastrophic circumstances.
6. Other opportunities as identified.

WHAT DO WE SUPPORT FINANCIALLY AND/OR AS VOLUNTEERS FOR LOCAL OUTREACH MISSIONS

1. MMIA Military Missions In Action (Volunteer Only) – FILL THE FOOTLOCKER PROJECT which provides support to active-duty service members and military working dogs serving in combat zones along with North Carolina homeless Veterans with health and hygiene items, clothing, shoes, and blankets during their Fall drive.
2. Backpack Buddies (Volunteer Only) – Members of the congregation donate food items to Lighthouse Baptist Church. LBC assembles food bags for children in need. Providence volunteers help deliver these bags throughout the school year to three participating local schools. The food bags are provided to children who might not otherwise have food over the weekend.
3. Toys for Tots (Volunteer Only) – Toy donations are provided to the local Marine Corps sponsored annual campaign, to ensure children in need are not forgotten at Christmas time.

4. Angier Chamber of Commerce (Financial member) – allows PPC to promote activities that allow evangelism and/or service. Also allows PPC to keep abreast of those activities in the community that offer the opportunity to share the Gospel.
5. Additional projects as identified that proclaim the message of Jesus Christ and provide assistance.

DEFINITIONS

- A. Mission** – means “to send” – proclamation of the Gospel and service globally and locally.
- B. Outreach** – usually associated with service/action/deeds within the PPC community in order to connect with them and to share the love of Jesus Christ. Hopefully, **unbelievers/seekers** will respond allowing an opportunity to evangelize. The goal is to have, when possible, outreach projects and evangelism work together.
- C. Service** – actions or deeds that serve 1) physical needs 2) spiritual needs 3) emotional needs 4) social needs
- D. Evangelism** – proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ to **unbelievers/seekers**. Hopefully, through Outreach, **unbelievers/seekers** will respond allowing an opportunity to evangelize. EPC’s constitution states that the first duty of the Church is “to evangelize by extending the gospel both home and abroad, leading others to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.”
- E. Ministry** – service in the name of Jesus Christ. Examples of ministry are: Christian Education, Fellowship, Worship.
- F. Discipleship** – The next step, following Evangelism, when the **unbeliever/seeker** accepts Jesus as their Lord and Savior. It is the process of nurturing and growing mature Christians. Through the work of the Holy Spirit, this spiritual growth takes place when other believers come alongside to witness, to pray, to study the Bible and fellowship.

Number of Committee Members: Session Elder (chairperson) plus all who want to serve

Meeting Frequency: 4th Monday of each month at 7 PM

RELATIONSHIPS AND ACCOUNTABILITY: The committee is accountable to the Session. It will present a written report to the Session following each committee meeting. The Pastor (and Family Life Pastor when position is filled) offer guidance.

MAIN CRITERIA USED TO SUPPORT OUTREACH MISSIONS FINANCIALLY: Ability to 1) Evangelize verbally and/or with church literature, 2) Provide service, and 3) Reach potential new PPC members. Ideally, all three criteria would apply. If not, then 1) and 2).

MAIN CRITERIA USED TO SUPPORT GLOBAL/USA MISSIONS FINANCIALLY: 1) Missionary or representative who ideally can visit PPC at least once every 2-3 years, 2) Be a good communicator that sends PPC directly or via an EPC representative written updates at least every 6 months, preferably every 3 months, 3) Be a part of EPC World Outreach and/or one of the approved EPC partners, and 4) Limit support to one missionary – no more than two – in order to have a financial impact.