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*This ministry overview was written as a challenge to all Christians everywhere. It was written to Christian individuals, and to all Christian businesses. It was written to every Christian leader, and to every faith-based church irrespective of denomination. It was written to each of you here in the United States, and to all of our other brothers and sisters in Christ abroad. It was written to the entire Family of God.*

*In this document, we define the vision and strategies that we believe God has given the Great Commission Coalition to help an army of committed Christians implement various plans to spread the Good News of the Gospel around the world through Saturation Evangelism and Church Planting. Our desire is to begin to combine the resources of His people to accomplish these saturation efforts by helping them to work together in harmony and unity, with a sense of single-minded purpose, and in a spirit of total cooperation. Such a massive undertaking has never been accomplished before, but it can be done. God desires His people to be united in this way. Together, we can reach the world as God works through us. Together, we will be a valuable and effective tool in the hands of God helping to fulfill the Great Commission task.*

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## INTRODUCTION

**T**he Great Commission Coalition is a group of passionate, committed Christians who have banded together with a zeal to help fulfill the Great Commission using a Saturation Evangelism and Church Planting methodology. The organization consists of individuals, businesses, leaders, and churches from all around the world that desperately want to see the Family of God united in cause, working together, and combining the resources that He has provided to accomplish this task. We believe that this is God's will concerning us.

***“Behold, how good and pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity.” (Psalm 133:1)***

We have several fundamental beliefs upon which we have based the structure of this ministry. As evidenced by Scripture, we believe, first and foremost, that God desires His people to be united. The psalmist, David, wrote the scripture verse above about family solidarity long ago. The principal stills holds true today, however, concerning the entire Family of God. We are to work together in harmony as one body.

Many among us have prayed for revival and for renewed unity between God's people for several years. Today, the Holy Spirit is actively breaking down the barriers between His people. You do not have to look very hard to find evidence that suggests the old walls between various churches and denominations are being rapidly removed. Ultimately, we believe that revival like the world has never seen before will happen when His people are united in purpose and love for Christ.

***“In My Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and***

***receive you unto Myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.” (John 14:2-3)***

Our second belief is that Jesus will return soon for His people. He may return tomorrow. He may yet wait several more years. No one knows the exact date He will return, but in terms of His eternal plan, we do know with certainty that it will be soon! Therefore, as a corporate body, the Family of God simply cannot afford to continue to be negligent in its duties concerning the Great Commission.

***“And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto Me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of world. Amen.” (Matthew 28:18-20)***

The Great Commission task was given to every Christian. We know that we all have a job to do individually. As a united people, however, we must also work with one another cooperatively and efficiently to spread the Good News of the Gospel to every living creature.

One-on-one, relational witnessing is a must. We must all continue to tell everyone we know about Jesus, including our friends, family, neighbors, co-workers, and everyone else that we are personally given an opportunity to meet. This will not change. Our time on earth is growing short, though, so there is also a need to expand Saturation Evangelism and Church Planting works now like never before.

Every moment we delay and neglect our responsibilities, whether individually or corporately, hundreds if not thousands of people are dying without a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ. Without Him, they face an eternity in Hell, forever separated from God. That is why our own prayer is, *“God forgive us for our complacency. Forgive us for having waited so long to do the most important job you have ever given us. Help us Lord, in this new effort, for we know that with the leadership of the Holy Spirit, the world can be saturated soon with the Good News of a risen Savior and King.”*

## HISTORY AND VISION

**T**he Great Commission Coalition was born out of prayer. Please realize that that statement is not made lightly. We first prayed long and hard about whether or not this ministry organization should be created, and about what its primary focus should be. Then we joined in prayer with many other believers, prayer warriors and intercessors, and ministry leaders that we knew all around the world. Together we prayed fervently about it for a season. Only in the end, and after much prayer, did we finally come to the conclusion that God was leading us to move forward with our plans.

The idea for The Great Commission Coalition (GCC) is a lofty one, and as a global effort, its task today is without a doubt God-sized. Through the GCC, we desire to help facilitate literally thousands of saturation evangelism and church planting projects around the world. We use the word 'facilitate' because, first of all, we are humbly trying to acknowledge that this is God's work, not our own. Secondly, we use the word 'facilitate' because we consider the GCC to be primarily a 'transparent' support organization.

As a support organization, our intent is to help provide financial and personnel support to other ministries and projects that have a heart and a burden to reach the world for Christ through Saturation Evangelism and Church Planting. The organizational structure of the GCC has been specifically designed to help accomplish this objective in a manner that will not unduly infringe on the autonomy of the projects or organizations we support. Within this framework, we believe that we are assuming a role that has desperately needed to be filled for a long time. *(NOTE: The GCC is not primarily a sending agent. As such, it should be noted that we are not 'competing' with others, but are rather working to complement their efforts!)*

The GCC was created to help supply an army of Christians across all faith-based denominations with the resources needed to implement various Saturation Evangelism and Church Planting projects. Our goal is simple...to help, and eventually see all of the peoples of the world reached for Christ's sake. We are working worldwide now to

begin to combine and effectively distribute a portion of the resources of His people, both in terms of labor and finances, to this end. By helping the individuals, businesses, leaders, and churches participating with us to work together in harmony and unity, with a single-minded purpose, and in total cooperation, we believe that literally hundreds of millions of lives can be touched, and that their souls will be saved through the spread of the Gospel.

***“Jesus said to him, If you canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth.” (Mark 9:23)***

Many leaders among us comment that such a work, particularly in terms of building great unity, has never been successfully attempted before. We are undeterred, however, because we know that we are following God’s instruction. Today, our faith remains strong because He is our anchor.

Having been previously involved in other ministry works, we have witnessed firsthand the kinds of problems typically associated with ministry efforts similar to that of the GCC. We have seen how difficult it has been in the past to build unity among the various churches and denominations around the world. We have also seen how hard it is to maintain a sense of forward momentum in those few instances where a degree of cooperation is finally achieved. It is our firm belief, however, that God is currently working on the hearts and minds of His people. He is softening their hearts and changing their attitudes. Furthermore, we believe that they are responding in earnest.

The Holy Spirit is at work. Individually, the very Family of God is being called to unity and prepared to work together. Admittedly, for reasons that include fear of change and loss of control, some of our leaders are not yet listening and responding corporately. That is the reason why we addressed this document to every Christian individually, because we are building from a grass-roots level. That may seem to be an old cliché by now; however, it is very appropriate in this instance.

We desire for every faith-based organization, agency, denomination, and church to join us in this effort. We welcome their involvement. In

turn, we sincerely want to help support their outreach efforts in any way possible. However, it should be noted that we are not taking a trickle-down approach to recruitment in the Great Commission Coalition. Instead, we are building from the ground up, individually, person by person. This is the model that Jesus gave nearly two thousand years ago for building the Church. This method is still relevant to the Church today, and we believe that we have been led to apply this same principle to the GCC effort as well. Ultimately, once our leaders see God's people stirred-up and on fire, burning to spread the Gospel cooperatively and in this manner, we believe they too will be moved to action.

Fire always attracts a lot of attention. Perhaps you will be the tiny spark that it takes to start one of those fires! There is a role and a responsibility for every willing Christian to fulfill in the GCC! The wonderful thing about this effort is that we can all be involved in a meaningful way. Rest assured that great results will be seen. Yet, the only one who will get any glory through our efforts is the Lord Jesus Christ!

## RESOURCES

**S**preeding the Gospel through a Saturation Evangelism or Church Planting project can be a tremendous undertaking. Whether local, national, or international in scope, considerable resources are often required given the very nature and scale that is typical of these type efforts. This is true both in terms of manpower (*or time*) as well as finances. Unfortunately, these are often the two most important ingredients to a successful evangelism outreach project. Historically, these two precious commodities almost always seem to be in short supply. The sad fact, however, is that there is no reason for this situation to exist.

We believe that God is the One Who places burdens on His people's hearts to accomplish these seemingly daunting tasks. Therefore, we also believe that He surely makes sufficient provision of resources. Without hesitation, we estimate that several tens of billions of dollars, and hundreds of thousands of volunteers are still needed to saturate the globe with the Gospel. Individually, we can do little. On the other hand, with God's help, we can do anything cooperatively! Herein lies part of the need for unity among the Family of God.

According to research by David Barrett, a well-known and respected statistical missiologist, approximately one-third of the world's population is Christian. What most of us fail to recognize, though, is that we have been blessed with nearly two-thirds of the world's wealth. We are NOT an impoverished people, nor are we a small minority! It is time for us to stop begging God for resources that He has already provided!

Instead, as the Family of God, we should stand up for what we know is right. We must quit spending 97% or more of what we earn on ourselves. And finally, we must all somehow get personally involved in missions and outreach. God requires nothing less from all His people in fulfillment of the Great Commission.

Right now, only about 3% of what we earn as a whole, do we give to the Church. Of that amount, only approximately 5% is used to

support world missions. Of our time, and ourselves we give even less. We absolutely must reexamine our priorities! In terms of reaching the world with the Gospel, this level of commitment is simply not getting the job done.

The GCC is working to help address this problem. By reaching out to committed Christians worldwide, we are building a “Great Commission Coalition.” Together, we will pool our resources, both time and money. Together, we will help support Saturation Evangelism and Church Planting projects in every nation. Together, we will help accomplish that which we cannot do individually. Together, we will help reach the world for Christ.

***Please think about this...***

*The earth and all that is in it belongs to the Lord. There can be no question about how much of what we have been given that we must relinquish to His Authority. The question that we must ask ourselves is, “How much of what belongs to the Lord do we get to keep for our own use?” He has entrusted us with His many resources, and from these He desires for us to live an abundant life. One day soon, however, we still have to stand in front of Him and give an accounting of our overall stewardship.*

## MISSIONS THEOLOGY

**F**or many years now, evangelism and church planting efforts have all too often been undertaken with only one primary focus in mind. With a degree of tunnel vision, the Church has frequently and mistakenly concerned itself with only the spiritual aspects of rescuing lost souls through missions. All too often, the rest of the needs of those we desire to see saved are neglected. We believe that this is yet another direct result of our perceived lack of resources.

As we noted in the preceding section, we as Christians control nearly two-thirds of the world's wealth. We have been greatly blessed, for very many of the peoples of the world are not only lost, but are also facing severe physical and economic needs. Now it is not our desire to invoke the images of thousands of starving babies and dying people simply to get your involvement. Rather, we are simply suggesting that as part of our theology of missions, we must also try to address the physical needs of the people whom we work to evangelize.

***“A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love another. By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.” (John 13:34-35 NKJV)***

***“But I say to you, love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you, that you may be sons of your Father in heaven; for He makes His sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and the unjust.” (Matthew 5:44-45 NKJV)***

“Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself.” These words must be made part of the guiding force of our actions. Whether our neighbor comes to us, or we go to him through involvement in the GCC or otherwise, we must come to our neighbor's aid when he needs us.

To long for and do what is advantageous for your neighbor as well yourself is what it means to “love your neighbor as yourself.” By pooling our resources through the GCC, we can accomplish the Great Commission task. We can also show the love that is demanded of us towards our neighbors by ministering as best we can to their physical needs. Together, we have great ability to do so.

We have been charged to be on mission with God. We must ALWAYS do all that we have been tasked to do.

We must NEVER leave a problem that we can minister to for someone else to deal with.

## THE PROCESS

**W**e believe that one of the most powerful motivators by far is a clear vision. With the help of the Lord, we trust that you will grasp the vision that is being laid out for you in this document. **Our casting, and your catching of the GCC vision is the first step in this process.** We fully expect that your heart should be leaping with joy and gladness to hear all Christians everywhere being encouraged to join together to help spread the Good News of Jesus Christ!

It is God's heart and desire for all men to know Him, to have a personal saving relationship with Him, and to worship Him. Together, we must give every single person in the world an opportunity to respond to the Gospel. We can best accomplish this by working together in a spirit of total cooperation and harmony.

**The second step is for you to get involved personally.** We suggest to you that worldwide evangelism has never been hindered by a lack of adequate resources. If the spread of the Gospel has been hindered by anything at all, it has been by the lack of unity among the Family of God, and our own lack of compassion for the lost. You can us help overcome these problems now by agreeing to join us in this effort in whatever way the Lord leads you. Together we can do anything.

Because we want to reach out to all Christians everywhere, **the third step in the process is for you to help us inform and enlist the participation of others.** You can easily do that by giving a copy of this same document to other Christians that you know personally. That is all; you need not do anything else. In fact, we specifically request that you do not ask others to do anything more than carefully read this ministry overview. We have complete faith that the Holy Spirit will take care of everything else. God will deal with their hearts individually, just as we believe He is doing now with you.

We encourage you to respond to this invitation to take part in the Great Commission Coalition. As we have already mentioned, there are a number of ways for you to be actively involved. In the

paragraphs and sections that follow, we describe more fully the manner in which the GCC has been structured, the procedures that we are utilizing to administer this ministry, and specific opportunities for you to participate.

Please realize that what you are about to read is very important. Before you go any further, we ask you to please stop and pray for just a few moments.

*...may we suggest that you first of all thank God for having saved you. None of us deserve the mercy and grace that He has so freely given us. For your salvation, you should be abundantly thankful.*

*...pray that God will open your spiritual eyes now as you continue to read on. Ask Him for clarity of thought, and ask Him to help you to understand not only what the GCC is doing, but in what way He desires for you to be involved as we work together in unity to spread the Gospel to others all around the world.*

*...we also ask you to plead for God to draw the lost souls of mankind unto Himself. Perhaps you have never done this before. Perhaps you simply need to do so again. It is important. He alone is the seeker of the lost. Finally, ask the Lord to burden your heart for lost people as well, and ask Him to help you as you work and try to fulfill the Great Commission task.*

Remember, prayer is a two-way communication. If you will pray an earnest prayer similar to this, humbly and with a clean heart, you just might be amazed at what God has to say to you in return. Be sure to listen as He speaks back to you in whatever way He makes His voice known to you.

## MINISTRY STRUCTURE

**A**s we described it earlier, the GCC was designed to be primarily a ‘transparent’ support organization. This means that the Saturation Evangelism and Church Planting efforts that we support are not known as GCC projects, nor are they administered by the GCC.

### *Purpose:*

The GCC’s participation in various Saturation Evangelism and Church Planting efforts generally involves the following. First, we offer significant financial support to help underwrite the outreach project’s costs. Second, we help with the recruitment, coordination, and management of volunteers and/or the provision of paid staff as needed. Only in situations where there is not another ministry organization or church available or willing to lead such a project, does the GCC head up the effort.

- *The GCC did not need to create a framework for global missions through Saturation Evangelism and Church Planting. It already exists through other established ministries and mission minded churches.*
- *The GCC is a service organization. We pledge to serve our God and all other Christians to the best of our ability.*
- *We will not dictate, but rather let others take the initiative. The GCC will only intervene if necessary to try to keep a particular project that we are supporting from failing.*
- *The GCC does not want to be in competition with any other Church or ministry organization. Our primary objective is to help get others into the mainstream of what God is doing.*

### *Local GCC Chapters:*

The GCC is working to establish an extensive network of local chapters throughout the nations of the world (for example: The Tennessee Great Commission Coalition; The Great Commission Coalition of Guatemala; The Great Commission Coalition of Japan, The Sydney Great Commission Coalition, etc.). These chapters will

have local staff to network with the individuals, businesses, leaders, and churches in their respective geographic area. This networking will be undertaken specifically to help build unity. Information about various opportunities to be involved in Saturation Evangelism and Church Planting projects will be presented continually. The end goal is to build a support base for GCC sponsored projects from the local level, both in terms of financing and volunteers, through this networking and dissemination of information. GCC headquarters will help all local chapters to coordinate these activities.

- *The GCC desires to help others fulfill their missions calling around the world.*
- *The GCC will help provide a support network to those already involved in, or that desire to become involved in Saturation Evangelism and Church Planting projects. The support network will assist both in terms of fund raising and the provision of personnel through volunteers and paid staff.*
- *The GCC was designed to help fill in the missing pieces of an outreach project. If staff for a project is available but funds are needed, the GCC will assist with funding. If funds are available but staff is needed, then the GCC will help provide volunteers and/or 'loan' the project additional staff as necessary. If partial funding and partial staffing are available, the GCC will supplement both as necessary to round out the project's requirements.*

### *Service:*

Financial and volunteer resources that are made available to the GCC are delivered as appropriate to the numerous outreach projects we support around the world. We consider our position to be one of responsibility, not of pride. Therefore, we do not ask to be involved in the management and operations of those projects. We ask only for an opportunity to help supply these resources to deserving saturation outreach efforts. The only public awareness that we need is from local Christian individuals, businesses, leaders, and churches like you. We need your commitment to unity, and your pledge to join us in support of these great endeavors.

### *Financial Integrity:*

Great care has been taken to ensure absolute financial integrity within the operations of the GCC. To preserve the basis of this financial integrity, we respectfully ask all prospective contributors NOT to redirect any of their tithes to the GCC. We believe that all tithe monies, according to the Lord's instruction, are to be given in support of the local assembly or church (*Malachi 3:10*). The GCC understands that it may operate in a scriptural manner only out of the abundant generosity of the Lord's people through their offerings and other giving, which is over and above the Lord's tithe requirement.

The GCC commends all Christians for their faithfulness in giving. Through their tithes, the Church is able to minister to, and answer the many calls that it receives. We encourage all who are not diligent in these matters to seek God's direction, that they might more fully enjoy His blessings through their obedience. We ask only those Christians who stand faithful with respect to their tithes, to further exercise their faith by contributing to the efforts of the GCC through their offerings and other giving. We pray that the Holy Spirit will guide you in these decisions.

### *Sources and Uses:*

All donated monies collected by the GCC are used in one of three ways:

- to help pay for the project expenses and personnel costs of GCC supported Saturation Evangelism and Church Planting efforts
- to help minister to the physical, and spiritual needs of the people that are otherwise evangelized through GCC supported outreach projects
- to help pay the operating costs of the GCC ministry network

The GCC is funded by donations and contributions support from the following Christian sources around the globe:

- Christian Individuals
- Mission-Minded Churches

- Other Christian Ministries
- Christian Businesses
- Christian Foundations

To help raise additional funds for programs that minister to the physical or spiritual needs of those we evangelize, the GCC also contracts with private, professional fundraising groups to solicit philanthropic donations through various businesses, corporations and high-net worth individuals worldwide. In particular, these groups solicit contributions from those that do not profess a Christian faith. We do this because all of the resources on this earth belong to the Lord. We believe that just because certain resources are not initially found to be in the hands of His redeemed, that does not limit the Lord from using them to further His Kingdom.

#### *GCC Scholarships:*

One way in particular that the GCC helps to provide volunteers and staff to an outreach project is through the use of scholarships. Through our local chapters, we work to identify individuals who desire to work as a missionary on a short-term basis, whether for a week or perhaps for six-months or more in a GCC sponsored Saturation Evangelism or Church Planting project. From time to time, we find that students and other adults have the time and willingness to serve as a short-term missionary, but do not always have sufficient financial means to do so. The GCC provides scholarships to support these mission-minded volunteers. Volunteers receiving GCC scholarships typically enter the mission field through their own denomination, church, or other missionary sending agency. This generally increases each individual volunteer's level of personal accountability and oversight while on the mission field.

#### *Designated Funds:*

The GCC recognizes that some prospective contributors may have a special burden to see specific geographic areas and/or people groups evangelized, however, we do not accept designated or restricted funds except for existing projects already approved for GCC support. The GCC's Board of Directors ultimately takes full responsibility to direct the placement of all funds and other resources according to

God's leading. We ask that prospective donors and contributors respect this structure. The GCC's Board of Directors are Godly men who spend much time in prayer seeking God's direction for the use of GCC resources. We find that, because God rarely reveals His plans fully to man in advance, we must operate in this way in order to function as good stewards as we strive to work within His perfect will. This is the only way that we are able to ensure the resources that are entrusted to us are utilized as efficiently and effectively as possible for Christ's sake. Though we do not accept designated funds except for existing projects already approved for GCC support, we very willingly accept and prayerfully consider all Godly counsel and wisdom we receive through our donors, contributors, and other advisors.

#### *Custodial Care:*

All funds entrusted to the GCC, both through local chapters and GCC headquarters, are deposited in specially established custodial trust accounts at various top banks located around the world. Through these accounts, funds from around the world are pooled together and made ready for use to support the various outreach projects sponsored by the GCC. The movement of all funds is handled with regular banking procedures through these special accounts. This provides a practical way for the GCC to track, manage, and provide accountability for all funds as they are invested in various outreach efforts.

#### *Reports and Auditing:*

Detailed reports relative to GCC operations around the world are prepared regularly and made available on our internet website. These reports include GCC financial statements as well project activity reports. Independently audited financial statements are also prepared and made available annually.

#### *Accountability:*

It should be noted that the GCC was established to manage funds at a level that exceeds that of most, if not all, other Christian parachurch ministries and non-profit organizations. Therefore, we routinely audit not only the operations of our own organization, but also the projects that we support. Doing this helps us guarantee that all funds are properly used and accounted for via daily operating

procedures and methodology. Though not intended to infringe on the autonomy of the organizations that we work with, this direct oversight helps us assure that all donations are being utilized as they were intended.

### *Governance, Staff, and Office Location:*

A ten-member Board of Directors oversees all GCC activities. The organization's executive officers, which include the President, Administrative Director, and Finance Director, fill three positions on the Board of Directors. The GCC was initially organized by these three persons who each reside in the United States of America. The GCC's work, however, is global in scope. Therefore, the remaining members of the GCC's Board of Directors are from areas outside of the USA. Each member is personally dedicated solely to the service of the GCC ministry during his or her tenure on the Board of Directors.

Day-to-day operations of the GCC are managed by the ministry's executive officers and administrative staff. Administrative staff positions include the Chapter Coordinator, Technology Coordinator, Logistics Coordinator, Outreach Coordinator, Public Relations Coordinator, and Project Analyst. Each of these persons lead a team of one or more other persons to effectively carry out the enormous task of running a global organization like the GCC.

The GCC's headquarters are located in Nashville, Tennessee, USA, where it shares space with the Tennessee Great Commission Coalition local chapter office.

At the local chapter level, typical staff positions include an Operations Director, Local Prayer Coordinator, Church Coordinator, Fundraising Coordinator, and Communications Director.

### *Project Selection:*

The Lord has raised up tens of thousands of leaders among us. Through them, literally thousands of outreach projects of every conceivable description are being undertaken. Still, many more efforts are needed to reach the whole world for Christ. The GCC finds that its sole purpose, as God gave it to us, is to support many of these new projects. In particular, the GCC works to support

Saturation Evangelism and Church Planting projects that have been designed to touch 10,000 lives or more at a time. Projects must also meet the following project selection criteria:

- the project must be a faith-based initiative
- proselytizing or promotion of a particular denomination, non-denomination, etc. is not allowed (*we are spreading the gospel to see souls saved, not building any particular denomination, non-denomination, etc.*)
- the project must be well organized and prepared
- the project must provide a means for the follow-up and discipleship of new believers
- the project must try to address the physical and/or economic needs of the people who are being evangelized to the maximum extent possible.

Project selection initially begins with an application process. Because God is continually at work, we have no set deadline for submission of an application. The application is only used to formally request project assistance, and to show that the project design has been thoughtfully and thoroughly considered from start to finish. GCC staff review all applications to determine whether or not GCC support appears to be necessary and appropriate.

Projects that receive preliminary approval are subsequently assigned to a project specialist for processing. The project specialist typically meets onsite and/or in the field with the applicant. During the course of this extensive interview, additional details are gathered to help the GCC Board determine what extent of assistance is needed to successfully implement the outreach project. Ultimately, the project specialist prepares his/her report with specific recommendations for how to assist the project and submits it for prayer and consideration by the Board of Directors.

Following the leading of the Lord, the Board of Directors will either approve or delay GCC support for the project. It takes a unanimous vote from the Board of Directors to approve all projects. If the vote is

not unanimous, GCC support is delayed until further prayer and preparation result in a unanimous vote to proceed.

*Implementation:*

GCC supported outreach projects are implemented and managed by the group that initiated and/or developed it. The GCC generally does not take an active role in the implementation and management of a project unless intervention becomes necessary to keep the project from failing.

From time to time, the GCC may develop and implement an outreach project in a particular area or for a particular people group if the Lord burdens our hearts to do so. It is GCC policy, however, to try to identify another ministry organization or church that God has raised up that is willing to lead the project before moving forward to implement the project on its own.

## NETWORKING

**T**ogether, we as Christians around the world, have massive, virtually untapped resources that can be channeled to Saturation Evangelism and Church Planting efforts. Together, we can enable every church, denomination, and individual that is fully willing to take up the missions challenge of Saturation Evangelism and Church Planting. God has richly blessed us with the resources to do so, both money and people. We need only to work together to identify, collect, and use these resources to accomplish the Great Commission task.

Though the concept is simple, coordinating this process is an enormous job that the GCC cannot accomplish on its own. We need your help. Why? Because every individual working with and helping the GCC is vitally important. Just as a local church body, our strength is derived from the unified efforts of many individuals working together as one.

Personal networking is the primary way that we are reaching out to all Christians everywhere. No matter whether you pray, give, or go, everyone is capable of contributing to this effort in some way. Also, everyone can help us to inform other Christians in order to enlist their involvement as well. We all have a job to do. Won't you please help? We need your support.

Ask the Lord today, what He would have you to do. Pray? Give? Go? We humbly ask you to do no more, and no less. We also ask you to give a copy of this document to other Christians that you know personally.

## PARTNERSHIPS

**T**he GCC is working to foster a great many working partnerships. We invite all Christian individuals, businesses, leaders and churches to be partners with us. Our sole desire is to see the world evangelized. We will partner with any faith-based church, ministry, national convention, church union, Christian business, or individual to accomplish this task. As Christians, we believe that we can all be more thorough, more consistent, have more joy, and be more effective by working together to accomplish the Great Commission.

We are working daily to develop partnerships through our local chapter office personnel and the efforts of our staff at GCC headquarters. The GCC works with experienced individuals, churches, and organizations with a proven track record. We also work with those that are inexperienced with Saturation Evangelism and Church Planting projects. Because we are a support organization, experience is not the determining factor for GCC involvement. What is of utmost importance to us is God's calling on an individual, church, or organization to be involved in a Saturation Evangelism and Church Planting outreach project. If God calls for their involvement, then as a support organization, we believe it is the GCC's duty to do all we can to help them succeed.

Developing these partnership relationships is very important to the GCC. Through these partnerships, a great many Saturation Evangelism and Church Planting projects will be accomplished. God called the GCC to be a support organization for these projects. Others have been called to implement and manage these outreach efforts. Working together in harmony and unity as partners for Christ's sake, we will help reach the world with the good news of the Gospel.

If God is calling you to be involved in missions through Saturation Evangelism or Church Planting, please pray about and consider a partnership with the GCC today. We want to help in any way we can.

## THE FUTURE

Where there is no room for Christ, there is no room for man. We trust that you have a close and personal love relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ. If so, then without a doubt, you have a burden on your heart to see others come to a saving knowledge of Christ. You cannot truly, deeply love Christ without also having a love for the lost souls of mankind that are so precious to Him. Oh, if only more Christians would have had a true love relationship with Christ during the past few years. There probably would be no need for the GCC or the Saturation Evangelism and Church Planting work that we now so desperately need to support. The world would already have been completely saturated with the Gospel.

What opportunities the past may have held for us as Christians to fully evangelize the world may have been missed. The Lord still has hope for us however. He has not removed our obligation to fulfill the Great Commission. There will be more opportunity. Let us not fail Him further. God has called us to unity. We must join together, support one another, and work together to finish this task. Yes, we must all continue to evangelize individually. However, those of us who have also been called to work through Saturation Evangelism and Church Planting projects must also take up that challenge.

Saturation Evangelism and Church Planting projects are not easy. They are resource intensive, requiring significant funding and time from staff and volunteers. The Lord has provided, however. He has made the resources available to His people all around the world. We simply need to pool these resources and work together in unity to accomplish these tremendous evangelism outreach efforts.

We have been called to unity. In unity, we can help fulfill the Great Commission. We need everyone's participation. Won't you please help the GCC today? Examine your relationship with Christ. If you truly love Him, you will have a burden for lost souls. Heaven or Hell; that is the future. Ask God today how He would have you be involved with the GCC to reach out and love the lost peoples of the world, and show them the way home to a loving Savior.

## CURRENT STATUS

**S**ome people like to say that time is money. We like to say that time is souls. Now is the time for you to get involved with the GCC. Every moment that we delay, souls are being eternally lost.

We have described to you a God-sized vision, not a man-sized goal. The challenge has been given, and our task is clear. Together, with God's help, we can support Saturation Evangelism and Church Planting projects around the world. Together we can help accomplish the Great Commission.

There are four major projects that the GCC is currently working to support. Two are international projects that blanket five countries in South Africa and all of Central America. Two are located in the United States. One of these reaches out to teeming masses numbering between ten thousand to more than one hundred thousand at each Nascar race event all across the USA. The second covers the entire State of Tennessee where there are still more than 2.5 million lost souls.

The GCC's work has only just begun, and already the requirements are enormous. The stakes are huge with tens of millions of lost people being reached out to for Christ. Won't you help us support these valiant efforts? All you have to do is pray, give, or go.

Dozens of other Saturation Evangelism and Church Planting projects are also being readied. There will be many more after that. Why? Because Christ commanded us to spread the Gospel to the entire world. That is a tremendous task that will take literally hundreds if not thousands of outreach efforts to complete. Yes, that is a daunting thought. We have to try, however, and we must succeed. There is no room for failure. Jesus paid the ultimate price for us. He commanded us to go. Now we owe Him all that we have, all that we are, and all that we can do in return. We must obey Him and work to complete the Great Commission.

The rewards will be great. Now is the time to act.

## WHAT CAN I DO?

**Y**ou can do much! You can lift the GCC up, and under gird us in daily prayer! Commit your finances to this Kingdom work! Serve together with us on the mission field! Tell others about this Great Commission work!

Those are all vitally important jobs! Everyone can do something! We need YOU to be involved!

First, please give of yourself by taking time to pray for us. By this we mean significant prayer. Pray in the morning, and pray in the evening. Pray continually for this ministry, and even more importantly, pray for God to save the vast number of lost souls that we are working to see evangelized. The GCC was birthed through the prayers of hundreds. Its work will be completed through the power of prayer of millions. God is listening. He will answer our prayers.

Second, please give of your finances. We need millions of Christian individuals to support this work regularly. If you can personally give Millions of Dollars a month, we need you. If you can give Ten Dollars a month, we need you just as badly. Every donation, regardless of the amount, is important! Give what you can, and give as often as possible. In other words, give what the Lord provides! However, please never divert your tithe money from the local Church. We are only asking for offerings and other financial gifts, which are given over and above the biblical tithe requirement. Remember that God delights in a cheerful giver! Give in this manner, and He will bless you for your steadfast faithfulness and good stewardship!

Third, please consider giving of yourself even further by helping us on the mission field. The fields really are ripe unto harvest. However, the laborers are still few, and time is now growing short. Perhaps you can spend a week of your vacation time serving God in this way. Perhaps you can serve for an extended time of six weeks or longer. The amount of time you can spend does not matter so much as your attitude of service. Just go as He directs! God has told us to go into

all the nations, and absolutely nothing is more gratifying than serving Him in a manner that will help bring new brothers and sisters to Christ.

Finally, please tell others about the Great Commission Coalition. Share with them the same materials that you were given. Direct them to our internet website. Do whatever it takes to help us inform all Christians everywhere about this massive, concerted effort to help spread the gospel to every person throughout the world. We need their prayers, support, and involvement just as desperately as we need yours.

Remember, we need YOU! No matter what role you fill, it is important. Just agree to help us in whatever way the Lord leads you, and He will take care of the rest. The task is great, but together, with many hands and the help of God Almighty, we will be able to shoulder the burden successfully.

## WHAT CAN MY BUSINESS DO?

**A**s we prayed about and developed plans for implementing the GCC's work, we felt especially impressed of God to ask for significant financial support from Christian based businesses all around the globe. In Luke 12:48, the bible says, **"...for unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall be much required..."**. That is God's word to us. We know that it is true, and we know that it is pertinent to our lives individually. However, this principal is also applicable to Christian businesses. He has given many of us great opportunity, and He has richly blessed our business efforts. We are merely stewards of His resources, though, not permanent storehouses. Now is the time to give back to the Lord that which is, and always has been, rightfully His.

Earlier in this document we stated that several tens of billions of dollars are still needed to eventually complete the Great Commission. As such, the support of Christian businesses (*in addition to the support of individual Christians*) is of critical importance. While it is true that God does not need any of us to accomplish His work, He can and does work through us. Today, we believe that many Christian businesses have been raised up as tools for a greater purpose. In His hands, these businesses can be a conduit for the many blessings and resources still needed to accomplish the Great Commission. We are confident that He has prepared many Christian businesses for such a time as this, to help accomplish Saturation Evangelism and Church Planting projects in partnership with the GCC.

So, what can your business do? You can support the GCC effort financially! This can be accomplished in a myriad of ways. Below are some specific examples:

- Give a lump sum contribution.
- Pledge regular, ongoing monthly contributions.

- Dedicate a percentage of all revenues you collect to the GCC (just as you would budget for any other expense against gross revenues.)
- Help the GCC acquire and manage other profitable businesses whose revenues may be dedicated solely to the spread of the Gospel.
- Help us raise funds through the philanthropic efforts of other, non-Christian business for both outreach and humanitarian and/or economic aid to the people we help evangelize.

The first two examples noted above are typical enough. The last three examples, however, may be considered **bold** and *audacious* suggestions by most. Good! We absolutely need businesses that are willing to step out in faith to accomplish something for Christ's sake that is bold and audacious. We serve a BIG God. It's time we stopped limiting Him. He can and will help us do something grand for the Kingdom if we will only be obedient to Him and His Word.

The GCC has personnel and other resources available to assist in arranging these matters. Call or contact the Great Commission Coalition, Inc. today to discuss how your Christian business can help the GCC effort. *(NOTE: All personal and business information is kept strictly confidential.)*

God has blessed us greatly. He has made us stewards over vast financial resources. He will continue to bless those who are faithful. Now, is the time to be of service by giving back to the Lord that which He has entrusted us with.

## WHAT CAN MY CHURCH DO?

**T**here are several factors contributing to the success of the GCC. They include the power of prayer; the authority and power of God's word; effective organization, administration, and promotion; and unity and teamwork. The role of local churches in these matters is of utmost importance to us. Through Christ, anything is possible, so large or small, we need your church's cooperation and support.

We believe that God is calling on church leaders around the world to lead His people in fulfillment of their Great Commission duties. He is giving many a renewed vision for local, national, and international outreach. We must do all we can to fulfill our duties. One can only imagine what impact we can have today as a unified body, mobilized to fulfill the Great Commission task. Its time we finally got excited about world evangelism, and its way past time that we should work together to try to get the job done.

There is great diversity among churches. That is a good thing. God made all flavors of individuals. There are churches for each. What must not be allowed is strife and competition between the various faith-based churches and denominations around the world. That is a basic tenant of the GCC's philosophy. After all, are we not all God's children?

As a church body, there are at least four important things you can do to help us and others serving in missions and doing Great Commission work:

- First and foremost, we need you to pray. Nothing is more important to us than being continually covered by the effective, fervent prayers of God's people.
- Second, we need you, no matter whether you are a pastor or a layman, to keep spreading God's Word. Stir the hearts of those around you. Rally them to God and to love for one another.

- Third, we need you to unite with us and others serving around the world to accomplish the task before us! We believe every Christian desires to be personally involved in missions in some way. We cannot help feeling so (*though we often cover up or disguise those feelings through our own free will actions*). God gives us a desire to see others saved that is inherent with our new Christian nature. So, challenge your youth, your young adults, as well as your mature and senior adults to get involved in any way possible. Train them up, and send them out! Remember, it does not matter whether the people in your church desire to serve locally, nationally, or internationally so long as they are willing to serve! God will place each of us right where He wants us to be!
- Finally, we ask that your church prayerfully consider increasing its overall financial support for missions. As we mentioned earlier in this document, the current level of commitment for missions support by churches worldwide is simply not enough to get the job done. Step out in faith and commit to give like you have never given before.

The work that the GCC is supporting will probably take many years to accomplish. Time is short, however, so we need all the help your church and every other church can give. Be a leading, missions-minded church! Help us today with this Great Commission work. Millions of souls around the world are hanging in the balance, and your church's involvement will make a difference.

As we mentioned earlier in this document, the GCC is working to open local chapter offices throughout the world. We are doing so to help you as we work to support and implement this Great Commission work. Please commit to help us and to work with us, as we serve our Lord and Savior by serving you.

## MEASURING SUCCESS

**S**tart a new ministry, and two of the first, and often hardest, questions that you will be asked are:

*“Do you know for sure that God wants you to do this?”*

*“How will you know if you are being successful?”*

In this instance, those are two questions for which there are relatively easy answers.

Do we have to wonder if doing Great Commission work is God’s will? NO! Fulfilling the Great Commission has always been our task. That much is abundantly clear from God’s Word in the Holy Scriptures. Do we (*you and I*) have to ask God if we are the ones to do this particular work? YES. That is why we placed such a great emphasis on prayer while this plan was being developed. The GCC has been completely saturated and bathed in prayer from day one. Do we know for sure that God wants us (*you and I*) to do this? YES!!! Short of a booming voice from Heaven telling us to move forward, there is no question that we have been called to undertake this effort. The question has now become, “How will we (*you and I*) respond to God’s call?”

As far as the process of measuring results is concerned, just know that God has given us (*you and I*) a job to do. If we will only do as He has instructed, He will provide the results! The GCC is God’s work. It is bigger than anything we can accomplish on our own. Therefore, any results that He brings about through the GCC will be counted as great success!

The GCC dreams of the day that worldwide evangelism will be completed. However, we are not setting a specific timeframe or goal to reach this objective. That mark will only be reached in God’s time, irrespective of our own goals. Our job according to the Great Commission is to simply to work towards this conclusion to the best of our ability by supporting Saturation Evangelism and Church Planting projects worldwide. God has provided all the necessary resources we need to do so. We do not know when the task will be completed, only that it can be. We must act accordingly.

## UNITY & PURPOSE

**G**od is clearly up to something big! More people are coming to know Christ now than ever before! That is why the GCC's work to support Saturation Evangelism and Church Planting projects around the world is so important. If we, as the global Christian community, will simply work together in unity, we can help spread the Gospel throughout the uttermost ends of the earth. In other words, you might say that if we will heed His voice and obey, God is calling us all to participate in what is surely going to be the greatest soul harvest in all of the history of Christianity!

Unity is the key to our purpose. People have a great capacity to love others when they open their lives to God. Through His love and His power, we are able to love one another and to do His work together, in unity. Again, unity is the key to our purpose. When there is unity, there can be no sense of self, but only love and concern for others. That is why fostering unity among God's people is also one of the GCC's primary ministry objectives. We must have one mind...one body...and one purpose. Why? Because only in unity can we reach the world for Christ like never before!

***“If you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his Love, if any fellowship with the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and purpose.” (Phillipians 2:1,2)***

Together, we can make the Lord's joy complete. Without you, however, we are incomplete. To achieve unity, we need your involvement. So, we humbly ask you to please commit to do your part today. The Lord will impress upon your heart how He wants you to be involved. Just listen to His voice, and follow his leading.

**“Father God in Heaven, we pray that it may all be to Thy glory. Amen.”**

## ARTICLES OF FAITH

**I**n making the following declaration of faith, we seek to speak to the essentials of the faith only. We recognize that there are many doctrines that are important that are not addressed in this declaration. We hold that though they may indeed be important, they are not essential. Our position is that on matters of essentials there must be unity. On matters of nonessentials there must be freedom. Freedom to hear, move, and grow as the Spirit of God leads without fear of ridicule or condemnation from others that hold to a differing position on the non essential doctrine. According to the teaching of our Lord Jesus in all matters there must be Love.

### ***The Godhead***

We believe in the one true and living God, the Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, and Ruler of all. He is infinite, eternal, and unchangeable, and reveals Himself to us as the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*God the Father;* God, as Father, reigns over all of His creation with providential care. He is all-powerful, all-loving, all-knowing, and all-wise. He is fatherly in attitude to all mankind, but is Father indeed, to those who have become children of God through Jesus Christ, who will deliver them into the Father's hands.

*God the Son;* We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ, the eternal Son of God, became man without ceasing to be God, having been conceived of the Holy Spirit and born of a virgin, in order that He might reveal God and redeem sinful man. He did indeed accomplish this redemption by voluntarily giving Himself as a sinless, substitutionary sacrifice on the cross, thereby satisfying God's righteous judgment against sin. After substantiating the accomplishment of that redemption and justification by His bodily resurrection from the grave, He ascended to the right hand of the Father, where He intercedes on behalf of those who have placed their trust in Him.

*God the Holy Spirit;* We believe that the Holy Spirit is the Divine

Person who convicts the world of sin, righteousness, and judgment. That He alone brings new life to those who are spiritually dead. That He baptizes all believers into the one true Church, which is the Body of Christ. That He indwells them permanently, seals them unto the day of final redemption, bestows spiritual gifts upon them, fills and controls those who are yielding to Him. Every believer is called to live in the power of the indwelling Holy Spirit so that they will not fulfill the lusts of the flesh, but will bear fruit to the glory of God.

### ***Creation***

We believe that man was created by and in the image of God. We believe that God created the heavens and the earth, including all life, by a direct act.

### ***Mankind***

Even though man was created in the image of God, he fell into sin and is lost. This is true of all mankind, and except a man be born again by the Holy Spirit, he cannot see the Kingdom of God.

### ***Satan - The Devil***

We believe that Satan is a person, the author of sin, and the reason for the fall of Mankind. We believe that the devil is destined to the judgment of an eternal punishment in the lake of fire.

### ***Atonement For Sin***

We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures as a substitutionary sacrifice and that all who trust in Him are redeemed by His shed blood. We believe in the resurrection of the crucified body of our Lord Jesus Christ and in His ascension into heaven. He is our High Priest and Advocate.

### ***Salvation***

We believe that salvation is the gift of God's grace. It cannot be gained or made more secure by meritorious works, but is freely bestowed upon all who put their faith and trust in the finished work of Jesus Christ at Calvary. All who place their trust in Jesus are forgiven of their sins and reborn into the family of God by the regenerating work of the Holy Spirit.

### ***The Christian Walk***

We believe that we all have a Holy calling to walk not after the flesh but after the Spirit, and so to live in the power of the Holy Spirit within us in order that we will not fulfill the lusts of the flesh. The flesh is never fully eradicated in this life. Individuals must choose to keep the flesh in subjection to Jesus Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit or it will surely manifest its presence in life and dishonor our Lord.

### ***The Scriptures***

We believe that "all Scripture is given by inspiration of God". We understand this to mean that the whole Bible is inspired by God. We believe that this Divine inspiration extends equally and fully to all parts of Scripture. We believe that the whole Bible is therefore, without error. We believe that all Scripture centers around the Lord Jesus Christ in His person, work, and in His first and second coming. Therefore, no portion of the Old Testament is properly read or understood until it leads to Christ. We believe also that all Scripture was designed for our practical instruction.

### ***The Great Commission***

Until the return of Jesus, it is the Christian's duty and privilege to seek the fulfillment of Jesus' Great Commission and to minister in His Name to a lost and needy world. We are to be instruments of Jesus Christ as the Holy Spirit ministers redemption and reconciliation to the world.