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WHO MAKE DISCIPLES
EVERYWHERE**



EXPERIENCES
HEART RENEWAL

DISCIPLE

LIVES OUT
GOD'S WORD

INVESTS
IN PEOPLE

A DISCIPLE is a follower of Jesus who experiences heart renewal, lives out God's word, and invests in people.



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The movement of missions is at the heart of God.

Acts 1:3-9

3 He presented himself alive to them after his suffering by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. 4 And while staying with them he ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, "you heard from me; 5 for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

6 So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" **7** He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. **8** But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." **9** And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight.



Short-term missions are important because they reach non-Christians and open doors we as Japanese can't. The results may be slow, but these events help our church become known in the community, and over time, some will attend worship.
- Pastor Seima Aoygai

As far as long & short-term missions, I would say that God always blesses everyone involved. He blesses those who hear His word & experience His grace through missionaries. And God blesses the missionaries who share His word & His grace with others. In God's economy there is no shortage of blessing for everyone who shares or receives what He has given us in Jesus. - Pastor Chris Sandoval

WHY EVERYWHERE?

The love of God is in the heart of His people.

Acts 2:42-43

42 And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. *43* And awe came upon every soul...

WHY EVERYWHERE?

The love of God is in the heart of this people.

2 Corinthians 5:14-15 (NIV)

*14 For Christ's love **compels** us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died. 15 And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again.*

2 Corinthians 5:14 (ESV)

*14 For the love of Christ **controls** us...*

*The Gospel is the truth, and therefore it is true for all men. It is the unveiling of the face of Him who makes all things, from whom every man comes, and to whom every man goes. It is the revealing of the meaning of human history, of the origin and destiny of mankind. Jesus is not only my Savior, He is the Lord of all things, the cause and cornerstone of the universe. If I believe that, then to bear witness to that is the very stuff of existence. If I think I can keep it to myself, then I do not in any real sense believe it. **Foreign missions are not an extra; they are the acid test of whether or not the Church believes the Gospel.** - Leslie Newbigin*

WHY EVERY DISCIPLE?

Making disciples isn't reserved for 'super Christians.' Why? Because a Christian's effectiveness isn't determined by their knowledge or skill, but by the power of the Holy Spirit working through them.

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We often think, "Once I'm empowered by the Spirit, then I'll go on mission." But the truth is, when you step out on mission, you'll realize the Spirit has already empowered you. Without mission, Christianity loses its sense of purpose, becoming stale and boring.

Missions helps remind you of your mission.



EVERYWHERE

- 50 salvation a year. (18 people)
- 75% of our congregation is involved in Mercy Ministries.
- Over half of our congregation is involved in global missions through going, praying and sending.
- Send out 100 short-term missionaries. (37 people.)
- 1 million toward local and global missions. (\$325,000)
- Plant two more campuses in SD.
- Plant three more churches outside of SD.

CONSIDER

- Short-term mission (Going or Sending)
- Long-term missions (Going or Sending)
- RUF-I at UCSD

