

WHY WE WENT TO AFRICA

Update on our Trip to The Gambia

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*“Every time I think of you, I give thanks to my God. Whenever I pray, I make my requests for all of you with joy, for you have been my **partners in spreading the Good News** about Christ from the time you first heard it until now.” (Philippians 1:3–5, NLT)*

WE VALUE PARTNERSHIP

“The local church is the hope of the world. Therefore, we partner with churches everywhere in order to mobilize every member to reach the whole world.”

*“Jesus came and told his disciples, “I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth. Therefore, go and make disciples of all the **nations**, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”” (Matthew 28:18–20, NLT)*

The Modern Missions Dilemma:

It appears that hope **ARRIVES ON A PLANE.**

THE PEACE PLAN



Global Issues	The 5 PEACE Strategies	Old Missions strategy	FOCUS
Spiritual bondage.	PARTNER for the gospel.	Send missionaries.	Partner with a local church
Corruption.	EQUIP servant leaders.	Send leaders.	TRAIN THE PASTOR & THE CHURCH MEMBERS!
Poverty.	ASSIST the poor.	Send resources.	
Sickness.	CARE for the whole person.	Send professionals.	
Illiteracy.	EDUCATE the next generation.	Send teachers.	

The PEACE Directive:

Hope lives in the **LOCAL CHURCH!**

WHY WE DO PEACE

1. BECAUSE PEOPLE NEED THE LORD.

“There is salvation in no one else! God has given no other name under heaven by which we must be saved.” (Acts 4:12, NLT)

2. BECAUSE THE CHURCH IS GOD’S ONLY AUTHORIZED ORGANIZATION CREATED TO CHANGE THE WORLD.

“...I will build my church; and all the powers of hell shall not prevail against it.” (Matthew 16:18, The Living Bible)

“Jesus came and told his disciples, “I have been given all AUTHORITY in heaven and on earth. Therefore, GO...” (Matthew 28:18–19, NLT)

**International P.E.A.C.E. is our church
PARTNERING with other churches
to change the world!**

3. BECAUSE ORDINARY PEOPLE ARE GOD’S CHOSEN MISSIONARIES.

“...I will save you and make you a blessing...” (Zechariah 8:13, CEV)

*“You are the **salt** of the earth...You are the **light** of the world...let your good deeds shine out for all to see, so that everyone will praise your heavenly Father.” (Matthew 5:13–16, NLT)*

**PEACE IS:
ORDINARY PEOPLE
EMPOWERED BY GOD
DOING WHAT JESUS DID
WHEREVER THEY ARE.**

4. BECAUSE PEACE SEEKS TO ACCOMPLISH ALL OF THE GREAT COMMISSION EVERYWHERE GOD COMMANDED.

“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.” (Acts 1:8, ESV)

5. BECAUSE GOD’S TIMETABLE FOR HISTORY HANGS ON IT.

“And the Good News about the Kingdom will be preached throughout the whole world, so that all nations will hear it; and then the end will come.” (Matthew 24:14, NLT)

ACTION STEP
Growth Track HOME class!