### WE VALUE PARTNERSHIP

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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 <u>partners in spreading the Good News</u> about Christ from the time you first heard it until now." (Philippians 1:3–5, NLT)

> "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 <u>nations</u>, 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 <u>ARRIVES ON A PLANE</u>.

The Global	The Global Cures	Old Missions	PEACE Plan
Giants		strategy	
Spiritual lostness	PARTNER for the gospel.	Send missionaries	Partner with a local church
Selfishness	EQUIP servant leaders.	Send money	TRAIN THE PASTOR &
Poverty	A <u>SSIST</u> the poor.	Send resources	THE CHURCH
Illness	CARE for the whole person.	Send professionals	
Illiteracy	<b>EDUCATE</b> the next generation.	Send teachers	MEMBERS!

The PEACE Directive: Hope lives IN THE LOCAL CHURCH!

## WHY WE DO PEACE

1. BECAUSE PEOPLE <u>NEED THE LORD</u>.

"Simon Peter replied, "Master, to whom shall we go? <u>You alone have the words that give</u> <u>eternal life</u>," (John 6:68, The Living Bible, Paraphrased)

# 2. BECAUSE THE CHURCH IS GOD'S ONLY <u>AUTHORIZED</u> ORGANIZATION CREATED TO CHANGE THE WORLD.

"...<u>I will build my church</u>; and all the powers of hell shall not prevail against it." (Matthew 16:18, The Living Bible, Paraphrased)

*"Jesus came and told his disciples, "I have been given all <u>authority</u> in heaven and on earth. <i>Therefore,* <u>**go**</u>...*"* (Matthew 28:18–19, NLT)

#### P.E.A.C.E. is our church <u>PARTNERING</u> with other churches to change the world!

#### 3. BECAUSE ORDINARY PEOPLE ARE GOD'S CHOSEN INSTRUMENTS.

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

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

The PEACE plan is:

#### ORDINARY PEOPLE EMPOWERED BY GOD DOING WHAT JESUS DID WHEREVER THEY ARE.

#### 4. BECAUSE PEACE ACCOMPLISHES <u>ALL</u> OF THE GREAT COMMISSION.

"<u>Go</u> and <u>make disciples</u> of all the nations...<u>Teach</u> these new disciples..." (Matthew 28:19–20, NLT)

#### 5. BECAUSE GOD'S <u>TIMETABLE</u> 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 <u>then the end will come</u>." (Matthew 24:14, NLT)

ACTION STEPS PEACE ½ Day Baptism – NEXT WEEK!