

**THE  
MISSIONS INCREDIBLE TEAM  
of  
NORTH SHORE FELLOWSHIP**

***Warning: This ain't your granddaddy's missions committee!***

The Missions Incredible Team is an instrument for the outward expression of the people of North Shore Fellowship who are ...*longing to enjoy and embody Jesus Christ in the North Shore, Chattanooga, and (in this case) the world* – focusing on peoples who don't necessarily want to hear about him (This has always been God's idea first).

The work of the Missions Incredible Team will be guided by:

**An Incredible Passion:**

For the gladness of the peoples in the greatness of God<sup>1</sup> (*For I will proclaim the name of the Lord; ascribe greatness to our God!* Deut. 32:3),

For the relentless pursuit of the lost (*They will throw them into the fiery furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.* Matthew 13:42),

For prayer that feverishly seeks and zealously responds to the leading of the Holy Spirit. (*Contending as one for the faith of the Gospel.* Philippians 1:27-30)

**An Incredible Paradigm:**

*The world has changed much since earlier Western missionaries set sail across the sea over 200 years ago. Today enormous global and cultural changes are overtaking us. Yet missions has remained much the same. What justification can be given for missionary-sending practices dating back to the turn of the twentieth century when the Two-thirds World church has now assumed the leadership and momentum in such a clear and powerful way?*<sup>2</sup>

*It's time for Westerners to rethink their role and honestly ask themselves this key question: Why do we do what we do at all? Pat answers like, "To spread the gospel," or "To reach the unreached," or "To obey the Great Commission" will not do ... Perhaps a better way to phrase the question would be, *Does what we do and the way we are now doing it still make a significant difference? If we brought half our missionaries home, would it really matter?*<sup>3</sup>*

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<sup>1</sup> Piper, John, Let the Nations Be Glad: The Supremacy of God in Missions, Baker Books, Grand Rapids, 2003 p.11

<sup>2</sup>

Engel, James and Dyrness, William, Changing the Mind of Missions: Where Have We Gone Wrong? Intersity Press, 2000.

<sup>3</sup>

Chuck Bennett, "The Problem with Success," *Evangelical Missions Quarterly*, January, 1996, p. 25.

Gripped by these compelling realities, the work of the Missions Incredible Team will be imaginative – edgy – purposeful – participative – proactive – urgent – flexible – *wastefully generous* – and characterized by a spirit of **YES!** ...*in Him it is always yes.* (2 Cor. 1:19)

### **An Incredible Participation:**

God is a *missionary God* whose intent is to show his grace and goodness to all peoples in all ages. **The expectation is that God’s people, *moved by the vision of a great and triumphant God,*<sup>4</sup> will be eager participants.** The primary strategy of the Missions Incredible Team will be the development and implementation of a comprehensive education program directed to large groups, small groups, families, and individuals that encourages proactive and passionate participation of the people of North Shore Fellowship in global missions. God willing, by the year 2020:

100% of the staff, officers, and MIT members have participated in a North Shore Fellowship sponsored global missions project.

50% of the adults and teens have participated in a North Shore Fellowship sponsored global missions project.

20 members/attenders have responded to the vocational call upon their lives for service in global missions.

The programs and projects of the Missions Incredible Team are fully funded by members/attenders who are *wastefully generous* (Gordon McDonald) and “...*excel in the grace of giving.* (2 Cor. 8:7)

### **An Incredible Pursuit:**

The Missions Incredible Team will focus on evangelism and discipleship with particular pursuits toward:

Planting and growing churches (as the most effective means of evangelism)

Strategic partnerships (stewarding human, physical, and financial resources)

Ministries of love, mercy, and justice (especially to the “least”)

Promoting national church leadership, ownership, and economic independency

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<sup>4</sup> Piper, *ibid.*