

# CONNECTING WITH GOD TO REACH THE WORLD

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**Question:** Why go overseas when there is a mission field all around us?

## The Great Commission

*Mark 16:15-16 He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation. Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned."*

**We must GO – so He can COME!**

We can be too focused on the coming of the Lord, whereas He is so focused on the going of the Church!

## Why should Adelaide Christian Centre be involved in World Missions?

*Acts 1:8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in **Jerusalem**, and in all **Judea and Samaria**, and to the ends of the earth.*

Reaching out locally, nationally and internationally all at the same time.

# Two Attitudes in the Church

1. **Centric:** Inward focussed
2. **Radic:** Outward focussed

ACC should always be ***‘giving out’, ‘sending out’, ‘going out’.***

If we can learn to give out and give out and give out ... then we will not lose out!

## SEVEN REASONS WHY ACC IS INVOLVED IN WORLD MISSIONS

1. **World Missions is the vehicle that expresses the heart of a loving God towards a lost and hurting world.**
2. **World Missions gives ACC an opportunity to express God’s love through corporate action.**

There is tremendous power released through corporate action.

3. **World Missions is the means by which God reconciles the world to Himself and brings the Local Church a strong sense of its ambassadorship for Christ.**

*2 Corinthians 5:20 We are Christ's ambassadors, and God is using us to speak to you. We urge you, as though Christ himself were here pleading with you, "Be reconciled to God!"*

**4. World Missions develops and engenders qualities in the Church that are consistent with what Jesus taught and lived.**

*Philippians 2:1-11*

- Love
- Sacrifice
- Humility
- Concern for others
- Devotion to His Father and His will
- Compassion
- Unselfishness
- Service

**5. World Missions gives ACC an opportunity to give sacrificially.**

*John 3:16 (msg) This is how much God loved the world: He gave His Son, His one and only Son...*

**God gives sacrificially for the object loved.**

Giving is one thing. Learning how to give sacrificially is quite another.

**6. World Missions causes ACC to look out beyond itself.**

*Mark 16:15 ... "GO INTO ALL THE WORLD and preach the good news to all creation.*

Going will prevent the great commission becoming the great omission!

*We must be global Christians with a global vision because our God is a global God!*

**- John Stott**

## **7. World Missions promotes growth and ministry expression.**

The mark of a great church is not its seating capacity, but it's sending capacity.

World mission's participation gives the Local Church a sense of accomplishment.

*"Expect great things from God. Attempt great things for God."* - **William Carey**

## **SO HOW CAN YOU GET INVOLVED?**

- **Go:** *short term trips / long term missionary service*
- **Give:** *financially / your gifts and talents*
- **Pray:** *for those whom we support and the unreached people groups*

**Missions is not what we do but who we are!**