

OUR VISION AND VALUES

The DCI Philosophy of Ministry

Our mission statement

To train leaders, students and staff in a discipleship environment without walls, frontiers or fees in order to send the men and women who are called to the lost, the last and the least in order to bring the worship of the poor to God and His compassion to them.

The vision of our future.

A move of God leading to multiple discipleship centres worldwide which release thousands of men and women who change the world by following the call of God to sacrificially serve amongst the lost, the last and least in many spiritual and practical ways.

Our Theological Roots

The onward move of the Kingdom of God to the ends of the earth until the end of the age, together with the Great Commission (Matthew 28.116-20)

Our Specific Roots

We **make known** among the nations what God has done (Psalm 105.1) we **serve** Christ and the Church (Romans 1.1 and 2 Chronicles 10.7 TM) to **make and equip leaders** (2 Timothy 2.2; Acts 19 + 20) who in turn lend their faith, their works and their resources to many nations (Deut 15.6) prioritizing the **poor** (Luke 14.13)

OUR VALUES

The foundations we build upon . .

1. We **worship** first and foremost: everything we do is an act of worship for God, as thanksgiving to God, in response to the Holy Spirit speaking, it is all about Jesus.
2. We look for **God-given wisdom** and direction and **Spirit-led** movement through **prayer** and the **word of God**.
3. We highly value **relationships** with partners at home and overseas who come to us drawn by the Lord. We never recruit, collect, buy or own partners or churches.
4. We engage in the Jesus and the Paul model of **making leaders** and equipping them to **make known** the love of God, not forgetting the poor.
5. We are **open** to working together with all believers to provide benefits for all mankind.
6. We focus on **going** to the **lost, the last and the least**.
7. We **serve** and support each other in the model of an inverse triangle with the leaders at the bottom not at the top.
8. We are a **low-cost** efficient operation that highly values honesty, **integrity** and accountability.
9. We encourage our leaders to be generous in their own personal **giving** and to trust in God exercising their **own faith** to live in God's provision for them.
10. We have freely received, therefore we **freely give** and do not charge people.

OUR PRIORITIES

What we actually do . .

We **spend time alone** with God to worship Him and to allow Him to speak.

We **meet together** not as a church but in the footsteps of Acts 13.1 where a small group of five friends who are already serving and know the call of God to some extent come together regularly for worship, for prayer and with a desire to hear the voice of the Holy Spirit. The three friends end up sending their two other friends out and away to change the world, although behind them is the calling and sending of the Holy Spirit.

We continually make known our desire **for opportunities to meet** the men and women sent by God to serve with us.

We dedicate **time** to become friends and partners who serve together in the same call.

We **teach and equip** partners at home to either **serve as senders** and do mission by proxy on the basis of "If you cannot go yourself then for Christ's sake send someone else," or we help them to develop their **own projects**.

We dedicate **time** to overseas partners to help them to make, equip and send their own leaders, students and staff.

We **serve** both home and overseas partners with care, contacts, counsel and coordination and with materials, administration and funding as necessary.

OUR PRACTICES

How we do the priorities . .

We plan in the priority of personal and corporate **worship, prayer** and study.

We **look for men and women** for example with the fishing net of the website and respond to word of mouth enquiries.

We **offer** time, personal attention, advice, prayer and encouragement.

We **communicate to sending partners at home** by explaining our identity, vision and values and by giving them time, relationships, explanations, a network to identify with, a regular time to worship and pray with us, us, and an annual gathering. We help those who are not comfortable with us to find a better place for them and they leave us with blessing.

We **serve leaders, students and staff at home and overseas** who have a call to either (1) Evangelism and church planting; (2) Training; (3) Care for the poor, or (4) Work creation to produce funds locally, by giving them extra time, relationship, advice, pastoral care, links to others, access to The DCI Fund, administration and the website to raise awareness of their project. Ideally we equip them to open a School of Mission base without walls, frontiers or fees to create manpower through training in a process where students are graduated by a continual process of hearing, going, doing and reporting back.

OUR PERSONNEL

Our leaders and workers . .

The visionary role

Is to communicate our vision and values, to recognise opportunities for partnership, serving and doing projects and to inspire and integrate new people at home and overseas.

The pastoral role

Is to know and care about our leaders, staff and partners overseas and at home.

The Biblical administration role

Is to provide a means of making it all work, of developing projects, and of fulfilling our various obligations.

The trustees or **elders role** is an active one of governing, guarding, guiding and feeding the movement whilst maintaining the required legal obligations.

The **home partners** role is one of hearing from God and sending the movement further and faster by hands-on service, by supportive roles and in the beginning of new projects themselves.

The **overseas partners** role is one of working in line with our vision, values and practices, with integrity until they achieve maturity.

OUR PROGRAMMES . .

The activities that bring structure and cohesion.

- Times of personal and corporate prayer and worship.
- The global fishing net of the website.
- Making time for meeting people is an intentional strategy.
- The Schools of Mission with modules in Evangelism, Mission, Discipleship, Leadership, Church Planting and Kingdom Economy.
- The DCI Fund which on the basis of relationship, proven integrity and competence offers partnership ideally by giving hand-ups into long-term prosperity rather than hand-outs.
- Banking for the Poor, micro-credit, banks of goats, cows, bicycles, etc.
- Business for Mission job and fund creation.
- Parties for the Poor give a taste and see experience of Kingdom life.
- Pastoral care for all partners and staff.
- Management and administration.
- Serving as Senders

GOD'S PROMISE FROM 1987

The justice of this cause will shine as noonday sun. (Psalm 37)

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