

THE VISION AND VALUES OF DCI

Understanding why DCI is the way it is . .

1. OUR PARTICULAR VISION

To make known across the nations what God has done; and to train Christian believers to be leaders, and to serve as senders, remembering the poor, through the faith and commitment of a support network to make this possible.

OUR VISION FOR THE FUTURE

A greater move of God in a second generation leading to wider and better communication of the gospel and the global movement of the Holy Spirit, leading to hundreds more training centres worldwide which will release thousands of men and women who will change their world by following the call of God to them to sacrificially serve amongst the lost, the last and least in many spiritual and practical ways, supported by a stronger infrastructure of faith and commitment.

OUR THEOLOGICAL ROOTS

The Nicene Creed; leading to a vision of the coming of the Kingdom of God to the ends of the earth until the end of the age; the Great Commission; and the timeless words of Jesus Christ that the harvest is plentiful but the workers few. More specifically our call of God as found in Psalm 105.1, Acts 19,1-21, 2 Timothy 2.2 Luke 14, 12-14 and Deuteronomy 15.6.

The stories behind these statements are published separately.

2. OUR PARTICULAR VALUES

What is important to us.

1. **Worship**, thanksgiving, prayer, quietness, a hidden life.
2. Finding **God-given wisdom**, **Spirit-led** direction.
3. Building **worldwide community** by talking, and working together.
4. **Making known** what God has done and is doing in the nations.
5. **Making leaders** because this is the need and our specific call and gifting.
6. Remembering the **lost, the last and the least** in compassionate action.
7. **Generosity**, freely we have received so we freely give.
8. A **low cost operation** so as to be unaffected by economic ups and downs.

3. OUR PRIORITIES AND OUR PRACTICES

What we actually do day by day to release our values.

1. People in DCI spend **significant time alone** with God to worship Him, reading, in prayer and listening.
2. We **look for signs of emerging community**, that is the coming of the men and women sent by God ^a into relationship with us, to be **served by us** or to serve **with us** at home or overseas.

Everyone in DCI should welcome like-minded men and women of all nationalities, ages, colours, denominations and social backgrounds and especially value the neglected over 50's and over 60's whilst always looking for a young generation to be our future.

We provide a 24x7 open door around the world and on the world's High Street, that is the Internet. Men and women can walk in and find a personal response 7 days a week in many languages. Our pages carry no denominational bias, no fund-raising and no advertisements. Some people come in once, some come often, others join us.

3. We dedicate time to develop friendships and working relationships.

We talk to or mentor people 24 x 7 by e-mail, post, phone or in person. We travel to visit, we invite and welcome visitors and talk one to one over meals. We offer identity, community and stability for people, who can share their news and needs on the website and privately.

We encourage meetings in the small group model of Acts 13.1. This is where five friends who were already serving and knew the call of God to some extent, met together regularly for worship, for prayer listening for the voice of the Holy Spirit. Three of the men ended up sending their two friends out and away to change the world, as the human element in the calling and sending of the Holy Spirit.

4. We make leaders by installing at no-cost an 85 lesson, diploma level, 16 language leadership training course designed for the developing world environment. We provide start-up support by e-mail and give free ongoing mentoring up to graduation and the sending of successful students into mission.

5. We serve as senders by helping people to **hear and follow their own call** even if it is different to our own. We help people to start-up their **own projects** and loan them our charity infrastructure until they are ready to be independent.

6. We remember the poor.

We handle requests for funds from the poor or to help the poor through on-line applications to the **DCI Fund**, a registered UK charity and we engage in annual discretionary giving as well.

We seldom engage in **relief** or **restoration** work after a disaster, and if we do it is temporary and limited, rather we concentrate on **raising** the poor out of poverty forever through development. We aim to give a *hand-up* rather than the much requested *hand-out*. We encourage ABCD that is Asset Based Community Development which identifies what the applicants already have in their hand, harness that and add what is lacking, always involving the poor '*hands-on*' in their own development. We work with the poor, never 'doing it' for them.

7. Shy of publicity and marketing we **make known our needs to God**, rarely to people, and trust Christ to ask people to respond in obedience to Him. We look to God for grace to be personally **generous** knowing that giving is the trigger that releases the explosion of Godly prosperity. We prefer '**friend-raising**' rather than public 'fund-raising,' and because we have freely received we freely give our services and support at no-cost to beneficiaries.

8. We operate a daily discipline to maintain **low overheads** in order to weather economic storms yet without compromise of working efficiency, reliability, safety, integrity or competence.

4. SOME OF OUR HISTORY

- By April 2010 we had received over **45 million** hits on the DCI website handled by a global team of translators, editors and support writers.
- Thousands of **School of Mission** sessions have taken place around the world and many Schools of Mission have become permanent establishments such as the EAPTC Network in Kenya which has opened over 40 daughter Schools which in turn have opened 108 new churches in 4 nations. Other Schools of Mission have opened hundreds of **new churches** in many nations.
- Over the years **the DCI Fund** has helped to provide buildings, books, camels, childcare, cycles, computers, clothes, cows, farms, films, fish, food, jobs, medicines, travel to unreached peoples, seeds, schools, spectacles, sports tournaments, tools, training, water, wheelchairs, workshops and wells.
- **Banking for the Poor** has created hundreds of small businesses in Uganda, Malawi, Burkina Faso, Liberia, India, Nigeria, Cameroon and Peru.
- In Uganda, Malawi and Zambia a **Goat Bank** has loaned hundreds of animals to successfully lift orphans out of poverty, and other '**banks**' loan chickens, mushroom seeds, cows, oxen for animal traction and pigs.
- **Vocational training** in Uganda in providing an alternative lifestyle for young girls sold to soldiers and then passed on to the streets.
- **Plantations** for food to eat, give or sell, some the size of 100 soccer pitches are being developed in Burkina Faso, Liberia, Uganda, Malawi and Indonesia.
- The **Party with the Poor** has given around 5,000 poor people a Christmas Day to remember with food, drink, gifts and music and led to new churches.
- We have helped to **start-up projects** like Remar in Spain which serves 36000 people in 52 nations; Sisters in South Africa for Hilary Brown; the Rusape Orphanage in Zimbabwe for Jim and Anna Robinson; the global distribution of books written by Virgilio Zaballos in Spain; the translation and printing of Pastor Eric Madisson's book in many languages; the work of Philippe Ouedraogo with AEAD in Burkina Faso which provides education for 7,000 poor children in 72 centres; Onwards, for George Purkweri in Uganda which has opened 38 new churches for the poor and many projects for them; EMSI in Spain for Angel and Abigail Olmo which provides free medical care for thousands of poor children.
- Thousands of miles have been travelled, hundreds of meetings have taken place, and many hundreds of meals have been prepared.
- Without fund-raising **every bill has been paid** for 25 years, DCI has no debts, properties or reserves.

5. THE DIFFERENT ROLES IN DCI.

Everyone in the DCI community is a **volunteer**, raising their own support. We pay no salaries and few expenses, we have no properties, offices or churches. People of all ages work in **teams** handling communications, care and hospitality, languages, IT, administration and fund-handling, and prayer.

Our **trustees** govern the income, expenditure and administration of the movement and maintain the required legal obligations, "keeping us out of the press, out of debt and out of prison."

Our **supporters** become the hand of God to send the movement further by their service, by giving, by sending others if they are not able to go themselves, some travel overseas on our behalf to visit people and projects, others begin new projects themselves.

We serve our **overseas partners** without ownership, our gifts and resources complementing their gifts until they achieve maturity and independence.

Our present weakness is in the area of needing new trustees and a deputy leader or two at home to take over the founder's role, and to de-centralise the movement into the hands of trusted, mature leaders in the different regions of the world. We would like to see a genuine network criss-crossing the world rather than the present hub and spoke network that centres on the UK.

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The justice of this cause will shine as the noonday sun. (Psalm 37, 1987)