Cooperative Baptist Fellowship Global Missions Distinctives and Contexts

The Cooperative Baptist Fellowship is passionate about engaging in the work of God's mission in the world. The compelling language of our mission distinctives equips us to reflect Christ and invites us to live out His teachings. We focus our efforts on three key contexts: Global Poverty, Global Migration and the Global Church. CBF field personnel around the world seek to make an impact by engaging in transformative ministry opportunities that arise within these contexts.

CBF Global Missions supports the work of career field personnel, two-year Global Service Corps, summer and semester interns, engagement partners and short-term mission teams.

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OUR MISSION DISTINCTIVES

Cultivating Beloved Community

We cultivate and sustain relationships that reflect the peace and acceptance of God's Kingdom, on earth as it is in heaven.

The Gospel equips us...

- To offer radical hospitality to newcomers and neighbors, because we were once strangers as well.
- To reconcile all peoples, because Christ has broken down the wall of hostility between us.
- To demonstrate the Kingdom we proclaim through the character of our life together in the local church.

Bearing Witness to Jesus Christ

We bear witness to the Gospel through words that invite faith in Jesus and actions that embody the ways of Jesus.

The Gospel invites us...

- To practice the Great Commission and the Great Commandment.
- To confess Jesus Christ as Lord to the glory of the Triune God.
- To share the Good News of Jesus, who healed the sick, fed the hungry and befriended sinners.

Seeking Transformational Development

We seek to transform systems that suppress the capacity of individuals and communities in order to recognize, claim and celebrate the God-given gifts of all people and places.

The Gospel changes us...

- To see and celebrate the image of God in every human life and the gifts of every community.
- To develop sustainable local assets with community stakeholders through advocacy, education and solidarity.
- To make long-term commitments to transform structures that oppress people and degrade God's creation.

OUR MISSION CONTEXTS

CBF Global Missions, alongside partner congregations and organizations, work together to respond faithfully to God's call in the contexts of Global Poverty, Global Migration and the Global Church. We see these contexts as interconnected.

Global Poverty

Inspired by the Gospel of Jesus Christ and committed to social justice, Cooperative Baptists collaborate to address issues of poverty and injustice. We value all life and honor the image of God in each person.

CBF is engaging in innovative projects to end poverty through access to education and self-sustainability, combating food insecurity, and end modern-day slavery and poverty..

A few examples include:

- **In Danville, Va.**, we work with rural communities addressing needs of housing, hunger, drug dependency and food insecurity.
- **In Macedonia**, we partner with the local community to equip Albanians and others with sustainable farming techniques to produce food year-round for families and those experiencing hunger.
- **In Togo, West Africa, and Haiti**, we build health clinics and develop community health programs.

Global Migration

Worldwide, 100 million individuals have been forced from their homes as a result of persecution, conflict, global warming, violence or human rights violations. This represents the highest level of human mobility on record.

CBF is extending hope and hospitality to those who are driven by circumstance or drawn by opportunity away from their homes.

A few examples include:

- **On the Texas/Mexico border**, we welcome and advocate for migrants while partnering with local churches and agencies.
- **In Uganda**, we educate and empower refugees to live self-sufficient lives through counseling and skill development.
- **In Louisville, Ky., Virginia and North Carolina**, we welcome refugees into the community by addressing their cultural, spiritual and housing needs, and by offering hospitality.

Global Church

We live in the era of a Global Church where no single tradition or culture can lay claim to the center of Christianity.

CBF is partnering with churches around the world to share and receive gifts and to engage in God's mission together through worship, fellowship, education and service.

A few examples include:

- **In Japan**, we partner with local churches to offer training, teaching and preaching opportunities alongside internationals.
- **In Barcelona, Spain**, we engage local churches to connect with the secular community as well as welcome migrants.
- **In Indonesia and Southeast Asia**, we offer support and training as we work with local churches to meet the urgent needs of their communities.

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