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## THE MISSION

Having established that not every believer can be a Christian Missionary, but every believer must be a Missionary Christian, it is important to clearly understand "The Mission." As a Christian Missionary or sending as a Missionary Christian, the mandate comes from God. But God has always worked through man to accomplish His plans and purposes.

We partner with God and each other to fulfill the mission of Christ's body in the earth. The scripture is very clear in using the analogy of a body of diverse parts that function with interdependence of each other.

Problems are sure to follow when any one part decides it has more importance or greater authority than another member.

Itinerant missionaries are often misunderstood as a result of the necessity of having multiple church partnerships. Their ministry and influence extends beyond the realm of one local church. This in no way means they will not have a Pastor or local church from which they are based.

Our modern missionary environment has ample opportunities for all types of missionaries to be very active. The field missionary lives on the field and establishes a permanent residence with the mission field in question.

The itinerant missionary comes to the field to complete a project of some kind. The length of time often varies depending on the need and the project. Upon the completion of the training, or project they move on to the next location or return to home base to prepare the next mission or assignment.

Contemporary missions is leaning more toward placing the responsibility for evangelism, church planting and discipleship upon the benefited indigenous population.

Under this contemporary philosophy of missions, the work of the missionary is to equip the indigenous leadership and church to do the ongoing work of the ministry (Eph. 4:11). More and more, even field missionaries, who live on the field among the people group in question, realize that their emphasis **must be on equipping local believers to do the work of the ministry. This ensures fruit that remains with lasting impact.**

***Together we are reaching the four corners of the earth with the light of the gospel!***

### DIFFERENT TYPES OF CHRISTIAN MISSIONARIES

- **Field missions (aka foreign based) missions**

Work that is carried out or done outside of one's national boundaries (Mark 5:19,20; Luke 8:38-39; John 1:36-50, 4:28-30).

- **Home missions**

Work that is carried out or done inside one's national boundaries (Mark 1:35-39; Luke 8:22-25; Acts 1:8, 8:5-8, 16:1; Gal. 4:4, 34-37).

- **Itinerant missions**

The *itinerant missionary* differs from foreign based missionary or home missionary that is based in one location, in that an itinerant missionary moves from nation to nation, perhaps randomly as the Lord leads, or in a regular scheduled circuit.

### PLEASE CONSIDER PARTNERSHIP WITH US IN THE POWER OF GOD'S PURPOSE!

Over the past 34 years, Steve and Cindy Shoop have invested their lives in ministering the Gospel of Jesus as missionaries. Their passion for helping people has provided them with the opportunity to serve in a variety of ministry positions, as well as the privilege of living in three different countries in Africa. Today, Steve and Cindy reside in the state of Ohio after living 25 years in southern Africa. Steve continues to express his gift in ministry both in the United States and the nations of the world. Steve has a passion in developing leaders who are established in God's love, grace and peace that comes through the righteousness of faith. Gospel Training International's vision is found in their ministry slogan.



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