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The Mission Before Us

Go! This is the preeminent mission given to the church by her Head, Christ Jesus (Mark 16:15). Timeless and commanded regardless of context, the calling before us is clear: Go and tell the world the good news!

The early church understood this directive well. Peter and John, under severe threat and forbidden by the religious authorities to preach Jesus, responded, "We cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard" (Acts 4:20). And while scattered, other early disciples – with Stephen's martyrdom in their immediate past and a great persecution underway – "went everywhere preaching the word" (v. 4).

As the body of Christ we must, with renewed focus, engage in the mission before us.

Standing at the forefront of our collective efforts is GC Missions, led by interim Director Daniel Flores, Assistant Director Moises Capellini, and Grant Manager Priscilla Reekers. We are grateful for these servant-leaders who hold great passion for proclamation and going! Under their leadership, widows and orphans are cared for, white churches, pastors, and missionaries around the world are supported in advancing the gospel.

The vision of GC Missions is expressed through four primary areas: i) Global Missions (supporting foreign missions and sister churches outside the United States and Canada (US and C).ii) Church Planting (assisting districts and local churches in planting, developing, and strengthening congregations within the US and C). iii) Evangelism and Discipleship (advancing evangelism, discipleship, church cooperation, and spiritual renewal); and 4) Compassion Ministries (disaster relief, helping the poor, and special projects).

The mission before us is clear and unambiguous. As with the early church, we must be moved with determination, purpose, passion, and action for this holy and high calling. And by God's grace, may we boldly proclaim the love of God and the gospel of Christ, no matter the context or consequence.

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