

CHRIST COMMUNITY

CHURCH OF GRIDLEY

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Short-Term Missionary Support Request Form

Date: ____/____/____
Name: _____
Address: _____
Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Forwarding or Sending Agency Information

Name: _____
Address: _____
Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Please answer the following and return to Christ Community Mission Chair. Thank you.

1. Who is your home and/or sending church?
2. Please tell us where you are going, the length of your commitment (start and end dates) and what you will be doing as a missionary.
3. How does your planned mission work fit with Christ Community's Purpose and Core Convictions (see next pages)?
4. Please provide us with background information regarding your personal goals, testimony, current work history, involvement in your church or anything else you would like to share.
5. What are your expectations from Christ Community Church of Gridley? E.G. prayer /financial support.
6. If requesting financial support, what amount is needed? How much do you have left to raise?
7. Do you wholeheartedly agree with Christ Community's Statement of Faith (see page 3-4). If not, please tell us with which statements you disagree and explain your disagreement.
8. Has your sending agency received the Evangelical Council of Financial Accountability (ECFA) seal?
9. Please read and then write a 1-2 page paper with your thoughts from the following excerpts from "When Helping Hurts," by Steve Corbett and Brian Fikkert (2012 Moody Publishers):
 - Preface: pages 13-14 (up to "The Scope of this Book")

- Introduction: pages 21-27
- Chapter 1: *What is the Task of the Church?* Pages 37-43 (up to “The Great Reversal”)
- Chapter 2: *What’s the Problem?* Pages 49-67
- Chapter 3: Praying for Transformation Together. Pages 75-79 (up to “Everything I really needed . . .”)
- Chapter 4: Pages 109-113 *The Poison of Paternalism*
- Chapter 7: *Doing Short-term Mission Trips without Doing Harm*

If you do not have a copy of the book, we will provide one for you.

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Purpose of Missions

The purpose of Missions is to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ to all nations in order to bring people into fellowship by faith with God the Father, Jesus the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Core Convictions That Drive Our Commitment to Missions

Beautiful Feet—the work of global evangelization—is a core value of Christ Community Church, rooted in Romans 10:15: *“How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!”* The following Core Convictions drive our commitment and provide direction for how we do missions.

Beautiful Feet display God’s character.

- Our God is a missionary God. He sent His Son on a mission to redeem people from every tribe, tongue and nation for the worship of His glory. Psalm 67:3-4; Isaiah 12:4; John 3:16; Revelation 7:9
- God enjoys perfect fellowship in the Trinity. He does not need our praise but has a deep desire to display His glory and bring His redeemed people into fellowship with Him. Isaiah 66:18; John 17:2-23; Revelation 5:9
- God’s character and desire to display His glory is the storyline of Scripture from Genesis through Revelation.

Beautiful Feet proclaim Jesus in word and deed.

- The local church is God’s primary means for proclaiming Jesus in word and deed. Matthew 28:19-20; 2 Corinthians 8:23-24; Philippians 1:7; 1 Peter 2:9-10
- We send Paul-type and Timothy-type missionaries to all parts of the world.
 - Paul-types go to plant churches in unreached areas of the world.
 - Timothy-types go to existing churches to teach, shepherd, and continue proclaiming the gospel.
- We support missions that proclaim the gospel while showing mercy in the Name of Christ. Micah 6:8; James 2:14-17; Matthew 25:40

Beautiful Feet call for sacrifice.

- We are called to a simple lifestyle—giving up luxuries—for the sake of going and sending. Philippians 3:8
- Our resources are given to us to be used for the advancement of the kingdom of God—not our comfort. Matthew 6:33; 2 Corinthians 8:3-5
- Suffering, sacrifice, and even death is gain in pursuit of proclaiming the gospel. Mark 8:34-35; 2 Corinthians 4:17
- Laboring in prayer is part of our lifestyle and part of God’s plan to advance the mission. Matthew 9:38; John 14:12-14; Romans 15:30; 2 Thessalonians 3:1

Beautiful Feet will succeed.

- Not everyone is called to go, but everyone is called to be a part of the mission. Romans 12:4,5; Philippians 4:3; 3 John 7, 8
- God is sovereign and can do all things. No purpose of His can be thwarted. Job 42:2; Isaiah 55:11
- In God’s timing, the work of missions will be done and people from every tribe, tongue and nation will enjoy his glory. Psalm 46:10; Isaiah 66:1; Revelation 5:9; Revelation 7:9

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Statement of Faith

The Word of God

The Bible, consisting of 66 Books of the Old and New Testament alone, is God's unique revelation to His people. It is the inspired, infallible word of God, truth without error, and the supreme and final authority on all matters upon which it teaches. No other writings are vested with such divine authority in all matters of faith and life.

2 Timothy 3:16-17; Hebrews 4:12; 2 Peter 1:20-21; Proverbs 30:5

The Trinity

There is only one God, creator of heaven and earth, who exists eternally as three Persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, each fully God yet personally distinct from the other.

2 Timothy 2:5-6; Deuteronomy 6:4-5; Titus 3:4-7; 1 Peter 1:2; 2 Corinthians 13:14

God the Father

God the Father created heaven and earth through His word and for His glory. He is the one Holy and sovereign God, and before Him there was no other God. His promises are faithful forever. He is full of grace and delights in mercy. He sacrificed his Son, Jesus Christ for mankind's redemption. He desires that His Name should be praised forever.

Genesis 1; Isaiah 43:10-15; Psalm 111:7-8; Micah 7:18; John 3:16-18; Psalm 72:18-19

Jesus Christ

Jesus Christ, second Person of the Trinity is fully God and fully man, having been conceived of the Holy Spirit and born of a virgin. He lived a sinless human life, willingly took upon Himself all of our sins, died on the cross, rose again bodily, and is at the right hand of the Father as our advocate and mediator. He will return to consummate history and to fulfill the eternal plan of God.

John 1:14; Matthew 1:18; 1 Corinthians 15:3-4; 1 John 2:1; Acts 1:9-11

Holy Spirit

The Holy Spirit is the third Person of the Trinity. This Counselor reveals Christ and truth. He indwells, gives life, and instructs believers in order that they may understand and apply the Scriptures to become more Christ-like. He also equips believers with spiritual gifts for ministry in the Church and world.

John 14:26; John 16:13-14; Romans 8:9-11; John 16:13; 1 Corinthians 12:4-11; Acts 1:8

Man

All people are created in God's image and matter deeply to him. Central to the message of the Bible is that God loves people, and invites them to live in communion with Himself and in community with each other.

Genesis 1:27-28; Psalm 8:3-6; Romans 3:23; John 3:16

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Salvation

Apart from Jesus Christ, all people are spiritually lost and, because of sin, deserve the judgment of God. However, God gives salvation and eternal life to anyone who trusts in Jesus Christ and in His sacrifice on his or her behalf. Salvation cannot be earned through personal goodness or human effort. It is a gift that must be received by humble repentance and faith in Christ and His finished work on the cross.

Acts 4:12; Ephesians 2:8-9; Romans 5:8, 6:23, 10:8-10

Eternity

Death seals the eternal destiny of each person. At the final judgment, unbelievers will be separated from God into eternal condemnation. All believers (those who believe and trust in Jesus Christ as Savior) will be received into God's loving presence for eternity, and rewarded for their faithfulness to Him in this life.

John 3:16-18; 1 Peter 1:3-6; 1 John 5:11-13; Hebrews 7:24-25

The Church

All believers are members of the body of Christ, the one true church universal. Spiritual unity is to be expressed among Christians by acceptance and love of one another across ethnic, cultural, socio-economic, national, generational, gender, and denominational lines. The local church is a congregation of believers who gather for worship, prayer, instruction, encouragement, mutual accountability, and community with each other. Through it, believers invest time, energy, and resources to fulfill the Great Commission – reaching lost people and growing them into fully devoted followers of Christ.

Revelation 7:9-10; Ephesians 4:11-16; Matthew 28:18-20

Baptism

In obedience to Christ's example and teaching, we recognize and practice water baptism as a lasting command given to His church.

Matthew 3:13-17, 28:19; Acts 2:37-39; 1 Corinthians 12:13; Hebrews 10:22-23; Romans 6:3-4

The Lord's Supper

In obedience to Christ's teaching we recognize and practice the Lord's Supper as another lasting command given to His church so we may:

Remember the sacrifice Jesus Christ made for mankind

Proclaim to the world our identification with Him

Practice unity within our congregation

Matthew 26:26-28; Luke 22:14-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26