



## STATEMENT OF FAITH AND MISSIONS THEOLOGY

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### Introduction

This statement is based on the Iguassu Brazil Missiological Consultation Declaration (October 1999) - co-ordinated by the World Evangelical Fellowship.

- Our faith rests on the absolute authority of the God - breathed scriptures. All three persons of the Godhead are active in God's redeeming mission.
- Our Missiology centres on the over-arching biblical themes of:
  - God's creation of the world.
  - The Fathers redeeming love for all humanity as revealed in the incarnation.
  - Ultimately a new Heaven and a new Earth will be established for all eternity.
- The Holy Spirit, promised by our Lord, is our comforter, teacher and source of power. It is the Spirit who calls us into holiness and integrity, and leads the Church into all truth. The spirit is the agent of mission, convicting of sin, righteousness, and judgment. We are Christ's servants, empowered and lead by the Spirit, whose goal is to glorify God.
- Prayer and intercession is the most vital of all ministries in global mission to undergird every service and ministry.

We confess the following themes as truths of special importance in this present age:

1. Jesus Christ is Lord of the Church and Lord of the universe. Ultimately every knee will bow and every tongue confess that Jesus is Lord. The Lordship of Jesus Christ is to be proclaimed to the whole world, inviting all to be free of the bondage to sin and the dominion of evil to serve the Lord for His glory.
2. The Lord Jesus Christ is the unique revelation of God and the only Savior of the world. Salvation is found in Christ alone.
3. The good news of the salvation made possible by the work of Jesus Christ must be expressed in all the languages and cultures of the world. We are commanded to be heralds of the gospel to every person so that they can have the opportunity to confess faith in Christ
4. The Gospel is good news and addresses all human needs. We emphasise the holistic nature of the gospel of Jesus Christ. Both the Old Testament and the New Testament demonstrate God is concerned with the whole person - body, soul, and spirit, and their functioning in society.
5. Opposition to the spread of the gospel is foremost a spiritual conflict involving human sin and principalities and powers opposed to the living God. Jesus Christ has power over all powers and is able to free all who turn to Him in faith. We affirm that in the Cross God has won the victory, and we overcome by the blood of the lamb, our confession, holy life style, and spiritual warfare.
6. Jesus Christ is building His Church from people out of every nation, tribe, people and language. We seek to do all that we can to encourage, strengthen, and equip the church of Jesus Christ in all parts of the world.

7. Suffering, persecution and martyrdom are present realities for many Christians. We acknowledge that our obedience in mission involves suffering and recognise that the church is experiencing this.
8. Economic and political systems deeply affect the spread of God's kingdom. Human government is allowed by God, but all human institutions act out of humanistic self will. Appropriate Christian response to political and economic systems requires the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

### **Spiritual Authority within World Outreach**

Personnel working with World Outreach agree to build harmonious relationships with other World Outreach Field Workers and World Outreach International personnel. In this context all Field Workers agree to accept the spiritual authority and administrative disciplines of the Mission.

Spiritual authority within World Outreach is exercised with consideration, meekness, and in prayerful consultation with each person and, where appropriate, the leadership of a Field Worker's "sending" church.

Spiritual authority includes the sharing of burdens, the affirmation of one another, the giving of advice, the exchange of perspective and ideas, and consultation over guidance.

The aim of the exercise of spiritual authority is always to help World Outreach Field Workers to maintain a clear vision for the fulfilment of their ministry.

World Outreach International seeks to provide a credible and meaningful point of accountability for all Field Workers especially in those places where there is no appointed Field or Team Leader.

Refer to the Operations Manual for further details of procedures and expectations in this regard.