## Philosophy of Ministry A2 Missions

## Providing avenues for churches to reach their own communities in Europe.

## Core Values:

1) Commitment to Scripture

We believe all Scripture is true and inspired by God and without error in the original text. We believe that Scripture speaks to all areas of life. Our ministry and philosophy of ministry is based off of principals found in Scripture. Scripture not human traditions, individuals, or manmade rules guide our lives and decisions. Scripture is not just good advice, but God's word to us (2 Tim. 3:16).

2) Commitment to Gospel-Centered Ministry

The Gospel is the good news message that Jesus was born of a virgin, lived a perfect life and died in our place. He then rose from the dead demonstrating His power over sin and death so that we might have a right relationship with God. (I Corinthians 15) We believe that this message has transformative power not just for salvation, but for our daily walks with the Lord.

- 3) Commitment to the unreached
  - We work in communities with small percentages of Christians. Many of the communities we work in have far less than one percent evangelical Christians. "And so I have made it my aim to preach the gospel, not where Christ was named, lest I should build on another man's foundation." (Romans 15:20)
- 4) Commitment to raise up indigenous believers to reach their own communities We believe that as missionaries we need to work with others and never take the place of what the church was meant to do. We believe that we should not seek to do jobs that members of the local church could do themselves. We also believe that ministries should be turned over to nationals as soon as the Lord leads us to do so.
- 5) Commitment to doing ministry in culturally appropriate ways
  We believe that all ministry should be done in a way that is culturally appropriate. This
  includes ministry being done in the heart language of those we are ministering to. We also
  believe that we should live in a community with nationals and not in an Expatriate community.
  (1 Cor. 9:19-23).
- 6) Commitment to Integrity in Ministry

We believe that our lives should be lived according to what is written in the Scripture. We believe in living lives of personal holiness. (1 Peter 1:13-21) Holiness is not a set of rules, but rather something that originates from our hearts (Psalm 51). We believe that others should be able to look at our lives and see that there is something different about the way we live. We do not charge churches or missionaries for our ministry services.

## Statement of Faith:

- 1) We believe the Bible to be the inspired, the only infallible, authoritative Word of God.
- 2) We believe that there is one God, eternally existent in three persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
- 3) We believe in the deity of our Lord Jesus Christ, in His virgin birth, in His sinless life, in His miracles, in His vicarious and atoning death through His shed blood, in His bodily resurrection, in His ascension to the right hand of the Father, and in His personal return in power and glory.
- 4) We believe that for the salvation of lost and sinful people, regeneration by the Holy Spirit is absolutely essential.
- 5) We believe in the present ministry of the Holy Spirit by whose indwelling the Christian is enabled to live a godly life.
- 6) We believe in the resurrection of both the saved and the lost; they that are saved unto the resurrection of life and they that are lost unto the resurrection of damnation.
- 7) We believe in the spiritual unity of believers in our Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>\*</sup>As adopted by the National Association of Evangelicals

<sup>\*</sup>If you have any questions about our beliefs or our philosophy of ministry please feel free to contact us.