

State of the Church

MISSIONS (Sunday, February 15)

1. Reflecting on the global challenge facing the Grand Central Church
 - “Christians” (widest definition) 33%
 - “Other” religions 51%
 - “No” religion 16%

2. **Missions:** The Great Commission (Matthew 28:18-20; Mark 16:15-16; Acts 1:8), with its call to go into all the world and proclaim the gospel, and foreign missions are neither options nor enhancements to the work and functioning of their church. Rather, they are essential and central to its identity, purpose, and mission.

3. **Need:** To transition from a church “supporting” missions to a “sending” church for missions

4. **Specifics:**
 - Continue supporting current mission works (China, India, Myanmar, Papua New Guinea, Honduras)
 - Develop a heart for missions within the church through regular updates and dissemination of information
 - A heart for missions will be displayed through prayer, individual emotional and spiritual support of missionaries, and personal involvement in the work
 - Identify potential missionaries, preferably Grand Central members, and develop within them a heart for missions,
 - Develop our own missionaries by encouraging (and providing support) them to receive appropriate training to enhance their effectiveness
 - When trained, send them into field and support them spiritually, financially, emotionally, and in prayer
 - Make use of “short term” missions as a way of raising awareness of missions and personal identification with this work (differentiate between this goal and the short term missions being an ends within themselves)

5. **Measurable Goals:**
 - 2009 Missions Budget: \$44,500 16.5% increase
 - 2010 Missions Budget: \$48,950 - \$53,400 10 – 20% increase
 - By December 31, 2010 have identified at least one Grand Central member who is pursuing training for missions in anticipation of their being sent by Grand Central into the mission field