

#### DEAR PARKWAY FAMILY,

The Missions Ministry of our church is such a crucial part to our obedience to the Great Commission. God has called men and women just like us to take the good news of the gospel to places we will never be able to go and connect with people we will never be able to meet. Our commitment to these gospel partners is three-fold. First, we must pray for them fervently and consistently. More than anything else they need and desire for prayer partners like the family of Parkway. Second, they need financial support. It costs money to live and do ministry – even though we wish it didn't. These partners depend on healthy functioning local churches to support them faithfully and sacrificially. Third, they thrive on genuine connections. My desire is for our gospel partners and projects to know that the people of Parkway truly care about their family, their health, their needs and their ministry. This Missions Ministry Manual will help us to better stay connected with these partners and nurture growing bonds with them through the years. Please use this manual as a tool that will enhance your involvement and participation in the Missions Ministry of Parkway. Set some personal goals and patterns - let's step up our game and really invest in missions. Thank you for your partnership in missions!



Missions is a growing ministry of PBC. We believe that the Bible clearly calls the local church to be actively involved in a world-wide effort to share the gospel near and far. It is the vision of PBC to purposely carry out the Great Commission. Therefore, we view missions as a great privilege and our joyful responsibility!

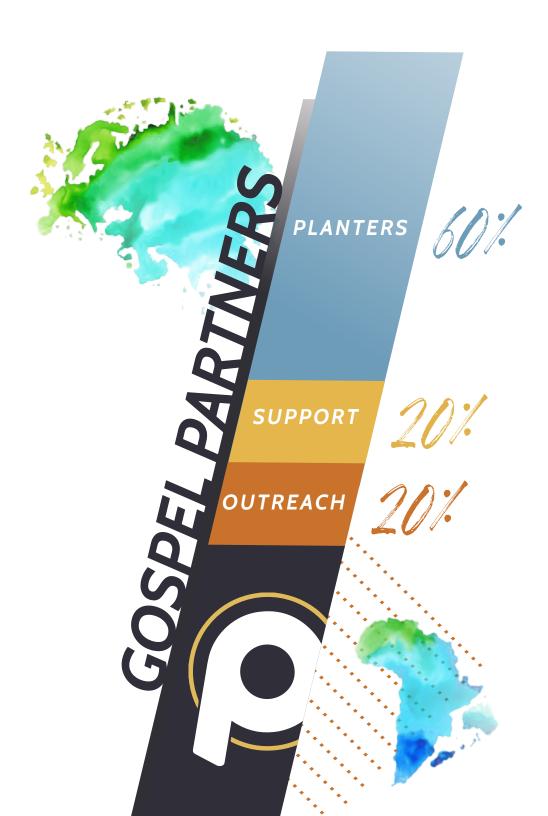
# THE Objectives OF OUR MISSIONS MINISTRY

- To keep the Missions Ministry before the people of PBC so that we actively participate in praying regularly, giving faithfully, and connecting more genuinely.
- To coordinate the process of sending and supporting Gospel Planters, Gospel Support, and Gospel Outreach Ministries.
- To provide ample opportunity for our members to visit the mission field.
- To make disciples from all ethnic groups and to mentor them in personal growth and an understanding of the scripture.

Our goal is that the Lord's resources will be used most effectively and that we will strive to willingly and continually increase our mission's commitment out of a deepening love for the Lord Jesus, and a desire to see many people become committed disciples of Christ.

To read a full copy of Parkway's Missions Ministry Policy and Gospel Partnership Agreement scan the QR Code or go to parkwaybaptist.org/missionsministrypolicy







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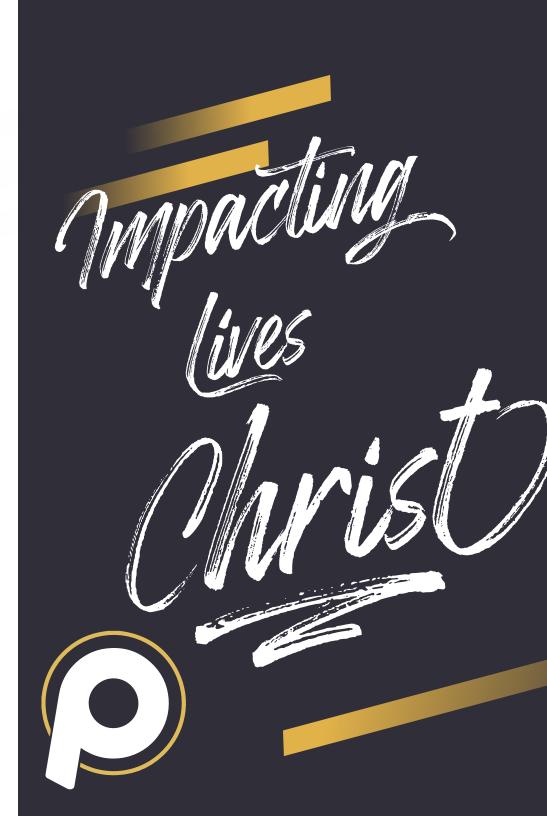
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# START A CONVERSATION

Good questions are the fuel to a great conversation. They are the door by which you can discover who a person really is . Now what about you? Have you ever wondered what to talk with a missionary that visits your church or comes to a meal at your home?

You may have thought, "I don't really have much in common with these missionaries. They live in a foreign country and do something I would never dream of doing." Or perhaps you think that missionaries get tired of answering questions. But the truth is that most of them are excited to talk about the people and the country they love. If you have ever thought any of this before, then here are some great question to ask next time you are with a missionary.

SOMETHING YOU WISH WE COULD SEE.

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What is the funniest thing that has ever happened to you overseas?



What do you miss about your host country?



Where's your favorite place to go in your host country?



Which place do you feel most at home?



## YOU MAY BE SURPRISED

The more you talk with a missionary, the more you may find out that they enjoy many of the same things you do. They may share similar struggles with you. They may be more like you than you thought at first glance.

So the next time you are with missionaries, don't hesitate. Go talk with them, Your thoughtful questions just may open the door to a terrific conversation, an encouraging moment, and even a new friendship.



#### **ASK ABOUT THEIR CALLING**

1. How did God lead you to become a missionary?

2. What did you do before you were a missionary?

3. What advice would you give somebody who felt that God may be leading him or her to become a missionary?

#### **ASK ABOUT THEIR COUNTRY**

4. How would you describe your neighbors and the people that live in your town?

5. What were some of the biggest adjustments and challenges you had to make when you started living in your field of service?

6. What do do you miss most from America while you are on the field? What do you miss most from your country while you are in America?

7. How do people in your country view America? What are some of the cultural differences or barriers that you have to overcome?

#### ASK ABOUT THEIR WORK

- 8. What is the best part about being a missionary? What are some of your favorite things you get to do in your work?
- 9. What does your typical week look like?
- 10. What are some of your biggest victories from the past year?
- 11. What were some of your biggest challenges during the past year?
- 12. What are some of the big goals and desires for your future ministry?
- 13. How can people and churches here in America better help your work?

#### FIND OUT WHO THEY ARE

- 14. Tell me a funny story about something that has happened to you as a missionary.
- 15. Have you read any books that have been particularly helpful to you?
- 16. What is one of the most encouraging things somebody has done for you while you were on the field?
- 17. How is your family doing?







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