



Vision and Goals 2023



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**THEREFORE AND
MAKE
DISCIPLES
OF ALL THE NATIONS**

BAPTIZING THEM IN THE NAME OF THE
FATHER AND THE SON AND THE HOLY SPIRIT,
TEACHING THEM TO OBSERVE ALL THAT I
COMMAND YOU; AND LO, I AM WITH YOU
ALWAYS, EVEN TO THE END OF THE AGE.

MATTHEW 28:19-20

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INTRODUCTION

The following vision and goals were approved on February 16, 2023 by the World Missions Executive Board of Directors.

VISIONS AND GOALS

ADMINISTRATION

ONE-YEAR GOALS

- Conduct risk assessments on the next visit to each field.
- Set up a global visit with missionaries in by video (possibly at “All-boards” in October).
- Update the Vision/Mission statements - including the ministry promises for missionaries.
- Communicate the overall need for additional workers and missionaries for our church planning opportunities and international ministry.
- Create and implement ways to encourage further participation and pursuit of people considering a call as AFLC World Missionaries.

THREE-YEAR GOALS

- Encourage the World Mission Board and every missionary to read the book Global Church Planting.
- Church Planting Collaboration with Home Missions.

FIVE-YEAR GOALS

- Provide ongoing training for those called to church planting in their cultural context.

BRAZIL

ONE-YEAR GOALS

- Continue to provide materials that encourage a greater understanding of what is meant by the freedom of local congregations.
- Continue to encourage the AILLB to be a world mission sending body by supporting the work of Augusto Fiuri in Switzerland, as well as Matthew Ednay Abel in Paraguay by prayer.
- Encourage SETELL to continue working under the school board as set up in their documents.
- Pray that the Lord will raise up assistants to come alongside the staff and national workers at the Miriam Infant Home.

THREE-YEAR GOALS

- Encourage the AILLB to continue in the establishment of a mission department, Home and World.
- Encourage every congregation to prayerfully consider starting a daughter congregation.
- Encourage a connection between the local churches and the Miriam infant Home.
- Prepare for the potential retirement of three missionaries (Paul, Jonathan, and Jonni).
- Transfer the property owned by “The Mission” to the AFLC Brazil.

FIVE-YEAR GOALS

- See missionaries partner with Brazilians in church planting.

PARAGUAY**ONE-YEAR GOALS**

- See a membership class and a core group established.
- Continue to access and pray through the potential of a second and third church

THREE-YEAR GOALS

- Identifying leaders that can be discipled.
- Send a second American missionary family to aid Matthew and Ednay in their church-planting.

FIVE-YEAR GOALS

- Have an established congregation in Paraguay.
- Have leaders in place to assume the ministry of the church.
- Encourage AILLB to send a missionary family to come alongside Matthew & Ednay Abel in Paraguay.

SWITZERLAND / EUROPE**ONE-YEAR GOALS**

- The El Shaddai congregation should continue to be encouraged to begin the work of establishing a French-speaking sister congregation.
- Communicate the need for a stateside sister congregation/s to cooperate with the work in Switzerland.

THREE-YEAR GOALS

- Pursue a Tent-making pastor to Switzerland.
- Pursue a Journey Mission trips to Switzerland in an effort to identify future missionary candidates.

FIVE-YEAR GOALS

- Have a missionary or a missionary team in place.
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INDIA

ONE-YEAR GOALS

- Continue to encourage the AFLC-India to teach the pastors Luther's Small Catechism and the value of using it in their congregations.
- Continue to encourage the AFLC-I to pursue unreached people groups.
- Continue the work of Ambassador Institute in India.
- Continue promoting the sponsorship of the Horeb Children's Ministry.
- Send pastors to teach two-week classes for pastors and church leaders.

THREE-YEAR GOALS

- Support Luther in providing training classes for the Pastors and Bible Women.

FIVE-YEAR GOALS

- Have all Ambassador Institute materials translated into Telugu.
- Identify additional leaders to come alongside Luther in the work in India.

JOURNEY MISSIONS

ONE-YEAR GOALS

- Missionary Assistant Program
 - Continue FLBC partnership
 - Continue expanding the Missionary Assistant program to give people an opportunity to serve internationally for extended periods of time.
 - Continue to refine the training curriculum to prepare people for the country in which they are going to minister.
- Mission Trips
 - Continue to develop volunteer trip leaders as needed.
 - Continue to make short-term trips feasible for people within our congregations by having intergenerational trips and one student mission trip per year.

THREE-YEAR GOALS

- Investigate the possibility of a trip to France/Switzerland.
- Have Jon visiting congregations as his schedule allows.

FIVE-YEAR GOALS

- Utilize Journey Missions to train pastors/teachers to minister in a cross-cultural setting.

MEXICO

ONE-YEAR GOALS

- Pray for unity among the Central Mexican Lutheran Church.
- Encourage Milton Flores Sr. and the Central Mexican Lutheran Church to continue to reach out and start congregations in Queretaro, Irapuato, and other places.
- Pray for the open hearts of the Mexican people.
- Pray for the safety and security of national and international workers and missionaries.
- Continue to assess the security of the Schierkolks and evaluate other options as things develop.

THREE-YEAR GOALS

- Pray for national leadership for the Jerez congregation and the Central Mexican Lutheran Church.

FIVE-YEAR GOALS

- Seek God's direction in the possible addition of another missionary in Mexico.

UGANDA

ONE-YEAR GOALS

- Continue to place a priority on planting Free and Living Lutheran congregations.
- Continue to encourage Raans to build relationships with the people of Gulu.
- Continue to encourage Raans in their language training in Gulu.
- Utilize Ambassador Institute as a tool to plant congregations in Uganda.
- Encourage the graduates of each Ambassador Institute class to recognize the need for a Free and Living Congregation.
- Set a goal that a minimum of 50% of AI attendees have no church affiliation (evangelism).
- Establish another congregation in Nabukosi.
- Michael to encourage Pastor Alex in Zonal AI leadership.
- Encourage the Paicho group gathering.

THREE-YEAR GOALS

- Brent to start a weekly time of Bible study and prayer with a group of young men.
- Identify someone to come alongside the Raans in Gulu.
- Turn leadership of AI completely over to nationals in Gulu.

FIVE-YEAR GOALS

- Have an established Free and Living Lutheran congregation in Gulu.
- Have an established Free and Living Lutheran congregation in Paicho
- Continue to build up the congregations in Nabukosi, by teaching them Free and Living Lutheran principles.
- Have an association of Free and Living Lutheran congregations that voluntarily work together for such things as training and evangelism.

AMBASSADOR INSTITUTE

ONE-YEAR GOALS

- Using Ambassador Institute as a tool to plant free and living Lutheran congregations.
- Encourage the utilization of Ambassador Institute book #4 to be used in Uganda.

THE BUDGETING PROCESS FOR FIVE-YEAR GOALS

At this point it is impossible for us to predict five-year budgets. Therefore, we will attempt to give the World Missions Board's philosophy for developing budgets.

World Missions Budget

World Missions observes past giving trends to develop future budget goals.

Personal Support

Personal Support is used to fund missionaries. Each missionary is expected to raise their Personal Support. Therefore, it is hard to forecast a Personal Support budget as the number of future missionaries is unknown. With this being understood the budget will be raised by each missionary.

Legacies

Legacies are not considered in the budgeting process and are used for special ministry needs and projects outside of the budget.