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Message Guide

Missions



Together we heard a conversation about the heart of missions at Prairie Lakes Church. Through insights from Pastor Jesse, Hilary (PLC's Missions Coordinator), and Kurt Kandler (co-founder and Executive Director of The 410 Bridge), we explored how missions equips disciples to bless others, honor people's dignity, and empower transformation in Christ.

Discussion

1. When you heard the term "missions" this past weekend, what first came to mind? How did this conversation challenge, affirm, or expand your understanding of what missions can be?
2. **Revisit and read Philippians 2:1-8.** What stands out to you about the way Jesus approached relationships? How can we follow His example in the way we engage with others through missions?
3. **Revisit and read 1 Peter 4:10.** Kurt emphasized needing to redefine the war on poverty; that it's not just a material problem, but a worldview problem. How does this perspective shift create humility and connection with those whose lives differ than our own?
4. **Revisit and read Genesis 1:27.** Everyone is created in God's image and has inherent value, regardless of their circumstances. How does this truth help us focus on the value and strengths of those we serve rather than viewing ourselves as the ones with all the answers?
5. Remember our 2025 rallying cry to "build deeper relationships in the right direction." What is a practical step you could take this year - locally, nationally, or globally - to engage in missions? How might this contribute to you building some more authentic relationships and fellowship with others?

Take a look at the application section below for reminders of steps available in global missions.

Application

three ways **you** can *make a difference*

1 P R A Y

Support our partners and those serving with them through prayer. Here's a simple way to start: *"God, open my heart to how you're calling me to engage in Missions. Bless and strengthen our partners and those serving with them. Amen."*

2 G I V E

Support our partners financially:

- Give to them directly.
- Sponsor a child in one of our 410 Bridge communities.
- Contribute to someone going on one of our trips.

3 G O

Serve abroad on one of our upcoming short-term mission trips. Apply online or email missions@prairielakeschurch.org

June 5-15 | Kahuria, Kenya

July 26-August 2 | Malinidi, Kenya

July 26-August 1 | Hato Mayor, Dominican Republic

October 5-14 | Canilla, Guatemala



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