

"THE 7 PILLARS OF OUR CHURCH" Pillars Part 7: Outreach and Missions

- ➤ Outreach the act of extending services, benefits, etc., to a wider section of the population.
- ➤ Missions Also called foreign missions a group of persons sent by a church to carry out religious work, especially evangelization, in foreign lands. The goal is often to establish schools, hospitals, etc.

Outreach by church standards refers to <u>activities</u> outside of the local church to better the surrounding community.

Missions deals with outreach that spans the globe.

- Mark 16:15, which we know as the **great commission** or the great commandment has a very important word that is the root of outreach. GO.
 - o In other words, what is paramount is not where you are but where you need to go.
 - That word <u>preach</u> not only refers to pontificating and promulgating, but also, to show what the gospel is.
 - When we **engage** in outreach, we preach with our **actions**.
- The church has become **professional** at **Inreach**. Inreach simply means only focusing on the inside of the local church.
 - O Although Inreach has its place and is important, it is our <u>love</u> for each other inside which <u>overflows</u> to the outside and becomes outreach.
- A church, which doesn't care about outreach, is simply a <u>social</u> <u>club</u>. We are called to be an extension of Christ, Isaiah 61:1-3
- We are Christians or little Christs, which means, we have to be what <u>Jesus</u> would be if He were still here.
- There is a group of people who do not need to care about outreach people who **don't** care about people. This is **impossible** if you truly love God. 1 John 4:20
 - As a child of God and a member of a local church, it is our duty to **engage** in outreach to **change** the world.

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There are two main resources that determine not only outreach, but also, how **effective** the outreach will be.

- 1. **People** resources
- 2. **Monetary** resources

These resources were placed in this order, because without the first there would not be a second. We must not only partake in giving **financially**, but also, in the giving of **ourselves**.

One of the greatest benefits of outreach to the Kingdom and local church is **growth** - bringing **people** into the body of Christ.