A Proposal for Strategic Partnerships

Re-Thinking Missions

Part 2

4 Point Strategy

- VISION – New Missions Emphasis
- STRENGTH – Mature & Healthy ULBC
- PARTNERSHIP – More Significant Relationships
- GOAL – Growth of ULBC & Growth of Missions

VISION – New Missions Emphasis

- God's Enduring Glory in the Church
  - *Primarily Church-Planting and those closely connected*
- God's Glory Among All Peoples
  - *Reaching the Unreached*
  - *Mobilizing for Great Commission work themselves*
- Starting with a Smaller Team of Strategic Partners
  - *Reflect emphasis on frontier church-planting*
  - *Include local & foreign missions*
  - *Goal of significant support levels*
  - *Number of missions partners to reflect who we are now*
  - *Future partners & support levels to correspond w/ future resources*

STRENGTH – Mature & Healthy ULBC

- *"The plans of the diligent lead surely to abundance, but everyone who is hasty comes only to poverty." Proverbs 21:5*
- *"For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost, whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him, saying, 'This man began to build and was not able to finish.'" Luke 14:28-30*

STRENGTH – Mature & Healthy ULBC

- Community Outreach
  - *Community Picnic*
  - *Other Outreach Events*
- Leadership Development
  - *Training Resources & Events*
  - *Overall Mentoring & Training Elders*
- Addition to Pastoral Staff
  - *Move toward 2nd Full-Time Pastor*
- Significant Maintenance Needs to Church
  - *Exterior Brick*
  - *Lighting*
  - *Windows*
  - *Parking Lot*
  - *Carpeting*

PARTNERSHIP – More Significant Relationships

- *"And you Philippians yourselves know that in the beginning of the gospel, when I left Macedonia, <u>no church entered into partnership with me in giving and receiving, except you only . . . you sent me help for my needs once and again</u>. Not that I seek the gift, but I seek the fruit that increases to your credit. I have received full payment, and more. I am well supplied, having received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent, a fragrant offering, a sacrifice acceptable and pleasing to God." Philippians 4:15-18*

PARTNERSHIP – More Significant Relationships

- Spiritual Partnership
  - *Emphasis in Worship Services*
  - *Deliberate Church-wide Prayer*
- Encouragement
  - *Communication & Counsel*
  - *Training & Resources*
- Physical Partnership
  - *Goal of Significant Support Levels*
  - *Regularly Visiting Fields*
  - *Meeting Occasional Needs*
- Accountability
  - *Expectation of Frequent Reporting*
  - *Regular Evaluation of Ministry Progress*

GOAL – Growth of ULBC & Missions

- *"His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.'" Matthew 25:23*

GOAL – Growth of ULBC & Missions

- Growth of ULBC
  - *Increased maturity, depth and effectiveness of local ministry*
  - *Increased desire to be personally involved in missions*
  - *Lord willing, increased financial & human resources*
- Growth of Missions
  - *Partnership with growing number of ULBC members involved*
  - *Sending of ULBC Church-Planters to the Mission Field*
  - *Support Level & Number of Missionaries to increase in proportion to ULBC Growth*

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Heed the Scripture

Remember the danger of the tongue

"No human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly passion" James 3:8

Remember the source of disunity

"What causes quarrels and what causes fights among you? It is not this, that your passions are at war within you?" James 4:1

Exercise genuine wisdom

"The wisdom from above is . . . peaceable . . . And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace." James 3:17-18