AUBURN GRACE COMMUNITY CHURCH

IMPACT

NEIGHBORS & NATIONS



A NOTE FROM PASTOR PHIL

Hello Church Family,

How exciting it is to be re-clarifying our desire to reach our **neighbors and the nations** with the good news of Jesus. From the time I first started going to church and Sunday School as a kid I regularly heard how much God loves all people and all people groups. Our church back then would do local activities and programs to share Jesus with the neighbors. Missionaries would share stories of how God used them to reach the nations. I clearly understood and fell in love with Missions because I knew it was dear to the heart of God.

Throughout the years God has used our congregation over and over again to impact our neighbors here in the Foothills and several nations around the world. We, as a faith community, have loved sharing the gospel in a variety of ways. So many of you reading this have been a part of those impact opportunities and have your own personal stories of how God used you.

Recently, we changed the name of our Missions team and department to 'IMPACT'. We are doing this strategically to more clearly communicate and to help you understand the **why and how** we believe God is calling us to make a difference. First, God desires more worshippers from all people groups and communities. So we obey His instructions for us to 'go' and make more disciples. Second, we want to love our neighbors and the nations because God loves them and desires their best, which is to know Him.

Finally, we know that genuinely loving our **neighbors and the nations** is living proof that Jesus is real! Therefore we want to make an IMPACT through prayer, sharing the gospel, caring for the hurting, going to where they are, not simply asking them to attend church. We encourage you to engage with us to make an IMPACT for Jesus.



I love being your Pastor,

Pastor Phil

Pastor Phil

Therefore go and make disciples of all nations,

baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

Matthew 28:19-20



What is the Great Commission?

When Jesus returned to heaven after His resurrection, He left His followers explicit instructions. They were both for the people who were there with Him that day and for every follower of Jesus who would come after them. He said, "Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you" (Matthew 28:19–20, New International Version). This instruction is known as the "Great Commission" because these words represent a critical assignment for the church as His people await His return. (Definition from www.cru.org)

NEIGHBORS

NEIGH·BOR: One living or located near another



AUBURN GRACE FOCUS:

- Discipleship
- Vulnerable Women & Children

WHAT IS DISCIPLESHIP?

Discipleship is a journey of intentional decisions leading to maturity in your relationship with Jesus so that you become more like Him in your attitudes, focus and ultimately behavior. It requires a commitment from the potential disciple and the disciple-makers. It's not something that happens by accident or overnight, and it can't be completed in a six-week class. This is a lifelong commitment to follow God with your whole self and to both learn from and eventually teach others about how to follow Him.

(Definition from www.cru.org)

GO ON a TRIP

URBAN CENTER
Los Angeles, CA

The Urban Centers offer you a unique life-on-life training sessions on how to start conversations, how to tell your story, and how to share your faith in simple and life giving ways. These Urban Centers also provide practical, easy-to-use evangelism tools that make engaging with others simple.





PARK DAYS
Auburn, CA

Join us each Summer as we share Bible Stories and Dinner with our Neighbors in the Regional Park Area. We go twice a month in June, July, and August to spend time meeting our neighbors and sharing a Bible Story with the kids.





NATIONS

AUBURN GRACE FOCUS:

- Unreached People Groups
- Church Planting
- Evangelism



UNREACHED PEOPLE GROUP

An identifiable group of people distinguished by a distinct culture, language, or social class who lack a community of Christians able to evangelize the rest of the people group without outside help. The only opportunity for the people group to hear about salvation is through an "external witness." Most missiologists consider 2% of the population becoming Christ followers as the "tipping point" at which the group is generally considered "reached" with the Gospel.

(Definition from www.globalfrontiermissions.org)





EVANGELISM

Evangelism is sharing Jesus Christ with people who do not know Him yet. (Definition from www.cru.org)

CHURCH PLANTING

Church planting is the process of starting new churches.

Partners Working in Unreached Areas





The Malarae Family

Iejima, Japan

Kyler and Claire Malarae, along with their two children Brody and Kenna, are working on the small island of Iejima, in Japan. Their desire is to share the gospel with the people of Japan where less than 0.5% of the population have a relationship with Jesus. Please pray for the hearts of the Japanese to be receptive to the good news of Jesus and for the Lord to open doors for relationships with many people.

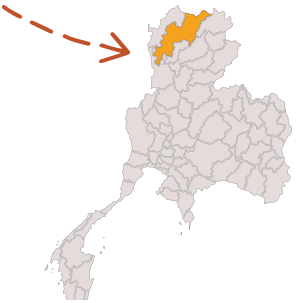


The O'Brien Family

Chiang Mai, Thailand

We believe God has called us to bring the Gospel to the unreached - those without access to the Good News of Jesus. We are on staff with an organization called Global Fellowship and in the summer of 2024, we moved to Chiang Mai, Thailand, to open an international office for Global Fellowship, where we can enhance our support system to local pastors and missionaries who are working in unreached areas of the world.

- Conrad, Kristin, Nora, Dean & Liam



AUBURN GRACE PARTNERSHIPS

PEOPLE

Malarae
- Iejima, Japan

O'Brien
- Thailand

Mary *Name Changed for Safety
- Middle East

Hummel
- Uganda, Africa

Aylard
- Zambia, Africa

Higby
- Osaka, Japan

Holmquist
- USA / Family Ministry

Hunnicutt
- Slovenia

David *Name Changed for Safety
- India

Justiniano
- Japan

Needham
- United Kingdom

O'Dell
- Los Angeles, Japanese Student Ministry

Phillips
- Chile, Middle East

Thomas
- India

Transform Families
- Africa

ORGANIZATIONS

Acres of Hope
- Rehabilitation for Women in Crisis, Auburn

Ancient Promise
- Biblical Teaching for Pastors, Multiple Countries

Arab American Learning Center
- Refugee Ministry, Sacramento

Assist Network
- Assisting Local Churches, USA

Child Evangelism Fellowship
- Ministry to Children, Auburn & Local Areas

Christian Encounter Ranch
- Restorative Rehabilitation Youth Program, Grass Valley

Encompass World Partners
- Global Sending Organization, Atlanta

GEMS For Christ
- Restorative Ministry, Auburn

HEART
- Ministry to Women, Africa

Sierra Leone / Willamette School
- Discipleship & Children, Sierra Leone

Sierra Pregnancy
- Women in Crisis, Roseville

Urban Centers
- Evangelism training, Short Term Trips, Los Angeles



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