

Mission Statement For Outreach – Roger Marini

Roger Marini is helping a church in South Carolina establish their Outreach & Evangelism ministry. Below is the mission statement that they are using which may be used as a model for other churches if desired.

DUTCH FORK CROSSROADS CHURCH OUTREACH AND EVANGELISM MINISTRY

-PHILOSOPHY/PURPOSE OF OUTREACH AND EVANGELISM:

God desires for all mankind to know Him and worship Him. God created the heavens and the earth for His good pleasure and as a place for mankind to live and glorify Him. In the garden, He had fellowship with mankind and even after the Fall. He actively sought out mankind to re-establish that fellowship. He promised and provided a Messiah, an intermediary, whose sacrifice would permanently restore mankind into a right relationship with Him. Those who repent and believe in the Lord Jesus will be saved by God's grace through faith to live together with Him forever in Heaven. Those who do not repent and believe are under the wrath of God and will be thrown into the lake of fire for all eternity. Knowing these facts, all believers at DFCC must be actively seeking their role in God's unfolding plan for the evangelization and salvation of His people throughout the world. (Romans 10:13-15) "...for **"WHOEVER WILL CALL UPON THE NAME OF THE LORD WILL BE SAVED."** {14} How then shall they call upon Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? {15} And how shall they preach unless they are sent? Just as it is written, **"HOW BEAUTIFUL ARE THE FEET OF THOSE WHO BRING GLAD TIDINGS OF GOOD THINGS!"** All Christians fall into one of two categories. Either they go and preach the gospel or they send others to preach the gospel. We will go or send, in the power of the Spirit, by the authority of Christ, as His witnesses to the world. Our outreach will be universal in scope, reaching to all peoples, both locally, nationally, and internationally. We will strive to make disciples who will continue the ministry of reconciliation that began with the Lord Jesus.

-GOAL: To glorify God by proclaiming in word and deed the good news that Jesus Christ came and died for the sins of the world, rose victorious over death, transforms lives by the power of His Spirit and is coming again to establish His kingdom.

-OBJECTIVES:

- 1.To act as a ministry center for outreach and evangelism.
- 2.To equip the body of Christ at DFCC to assume a significant role in God's mission to the world.
- 3.To elevate the role of "sending" to the same level of perception as "going".
- 4.To become involved as a church in the plan of God to evangelize our families, neighborhoods, region, nation and world.
- 5.To provide the moral, prayer and financial support needed for those whom God has called to "go".
- 6.To raise up and train individuals from our body to serve the Lord in the field, either domestic or foreign.

-STRATEGIES:

- 1. Institute an Outreach and Evangelism policy which:

Primarily supports E1 evangelism including:

Outreach to the Dutch Fork community, Local outreach in the Columbia area including the prison, students, inner city, children and internationals.

Outreach within the USA including ministries whose purpose is strengthening the local churches and increasing outreach/evangelism awareness.

Support of nationals involved in evangelization and church planting within their own culture or people group. Secondly, give support to E2 evangelism - those who are involved in training nationals to reach their own or closely related people groups.

Thirdly, supports E3 evangelism - those who are going to unreached people groups.

-2. Teaching on Outreach and Evangelism which:

Emphasizes the development of believers who have an integrated local/domestic/world view.

Identifies Spiritual gifts within the body of DFCC and applying those gifts to real ministry situations.

Teaches on the "Cultural and Evangelistic Mandates" in Scripture and the importance of the impact that every believer has in the body of Christ as either a "sender" or a "goer".

Emphasizes the missionary as a person like those in the congregation.

-3. Implement an "adoption" or "teaming" strategy within the body of DFCC which:

Makes opportunities available for deliberate outreach into the community (Mission Columbia, HIS, Oliver Gospel Mission, etc.), the nation and the world (short term trips). Equips the body with both the philosophy and the practical ministry skills (the "why" and the "how") needed for effective outreach.

Initiates Adopt a -family, -missionary, -church, or -people group type programs.

-4. Regularly schedule outreach/missions conferences, weekends, etc. which:

Emphasize partnering between the body of DFCC and individual missionaries including prayer, financial support, encouragement teams, etc. Set aside a "tithe plus" percentage of the general fund giving to be used especially for outreach/missions.

Schedule prayer vigils, letter writing days, etc. and generally make information on missionaries readily available to the body at DFCC.

-5. Actively participate in the identification and equipping of those from DFCC who are called to go including:

- Seminars,
- Bible college, seminary, or other special training,
- Church sponsorship
- Personal discipleship, etc.