

## THE MISSIONS CENTERED CHURCH

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I gave my life to Christ when I was eighteen years old, just out of high school, three weeks before leaving for college. The college was a Christian school, but what really changed my life was the local church I began attending. That church was young and filled with young people in a time when new church plants were not common. Big on energy, huge in vision, our pastor was determined to bring the Gospel to young people, and send them to the nations on mission.

### BUT THE CHURCH HAD **VISION** : THE GOSPEL TO THE WORLD!

Zion Chapel was not large, only 250 people, but it was a missions force. The first family went to Argentina; a second went to Costa Rica; a third to France. Our family was the fourth to

go – to Asia. Then, a family went to Germany. In following years others went to Africa, Asia, Central America and

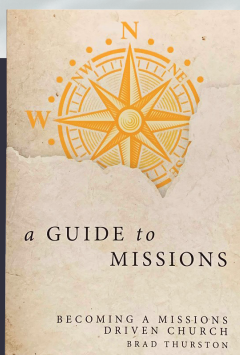
the Caribbean. Many are still there, sent by a small church with big vision.

Zion Chapel didn't have a lot of money. They weren't well organized. They made mistakes. But the church had **VISION: The Gospel of Jesus Christ to the world!** Today, this church partners with Globe. We are all a little older and wiser. We're doing the work better, but I sometimes wonder if we have less vision. I'm talking about Western Christian culture.

### ARE WE A **DRIVING** **FORCE** FOR GOD'S MISSION?

The problem lies in a shallow commitment, and in a paradigm of fun over service. It lies in prayerlessness. The answer is a return to Jesus Himself; and then a new look at His Commission. Over 300 years ago, young William Carey challenged the status quo by asking Christian leaders: "Should we not use means to bring the Gospel to the heathen?" That question became the driving force of Carey's life.

We too must answer this question. Are we a driving force for God's mission? Are we determined, above every other agenda, to bring the Gospel to the entire world? Do we have a vision that is as big as the heart of God? There is nothing on the planet that will mobilize God's people – young and old – to embrace Christianity more than vision to do something that is as big as the claims of Jesus Christ: "This Gospel of the kingdom shall be proclaimed throughout the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come." (Matthew 24:14).



### *A Guide to Missions, by Brad Thurston*

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"The churches of Pensacola have been doing "Missions Week" or "Missions Sunday" for decades. Some for over 50 years! A Missions Week refocuses God's people on our mandate. Missionaries visit to tell their stories. Some churches add services just to up the energy. There is nothing like stories about Jesus at work around the world to reinvigorate a church about WHY WE DO WHAT WE DO! Churches do other stuff too: banquets, bar-b-ques, social hours, and outings to refresh missionaries. This year, one church is sponsoring a dolphin cruise. Another is sponsoring a tailgate party! Be creative! Pastor, a vision for the nations is the best way to bring your church alive! And missionary stories can make it real like nothing else!

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