GSI

THE CHURCH »
The means and end of missions



The Task

WE ARE COMMITTED to the work of the Great Commission in the most challenging regions, no matter the cost, through cross-cultural church planting, discipleship, and the translation of God's Word among language groups who currently have no access to the Gospel.



WE BELIEVE the Church is God's primary instrument of redemption in the world and has the leading role in His global story.

WE PARTNER with churches locally and globally, united with one passion — to extend God's glory among the nations.



GSI Distinctives



UNREACHED LANGUAGE GROUPS

- GSI systematically researches language groups to determine where the needs are greatest
- Our workers serve among language groups where no known church exists

SENDING-CHURCH DRIVEN PROCESS

- The Great Commission is the responsibility of the church
- GSI partners with the sending church to accomplish her task

QUALIFIED MISSIONARIES

- Spiritually qualified and discipled by sending church
- Trained effectively for cross-cultural ministry
- Able to teach the Word of God



LIMITED ACCESS COUNTRIES

- GSI workers serve in areas where cultural, political, and religious barriers exist to the gospel message
- We provide resources to manage the inherent risk in these regions

HEALTHY INDIGENOUS CHURCHES

- Qualified indigenous leadership
- Faithful teaching of the Word of God in the heart language
- Practicing church ordinances

BUSINESS INTEGRITY

- GSI workers use businesses to live where unreached language groups are located
- GSI workers do not operate "cover" businesses, they do what they say they do

HEALTHY CHURCH PLANTING

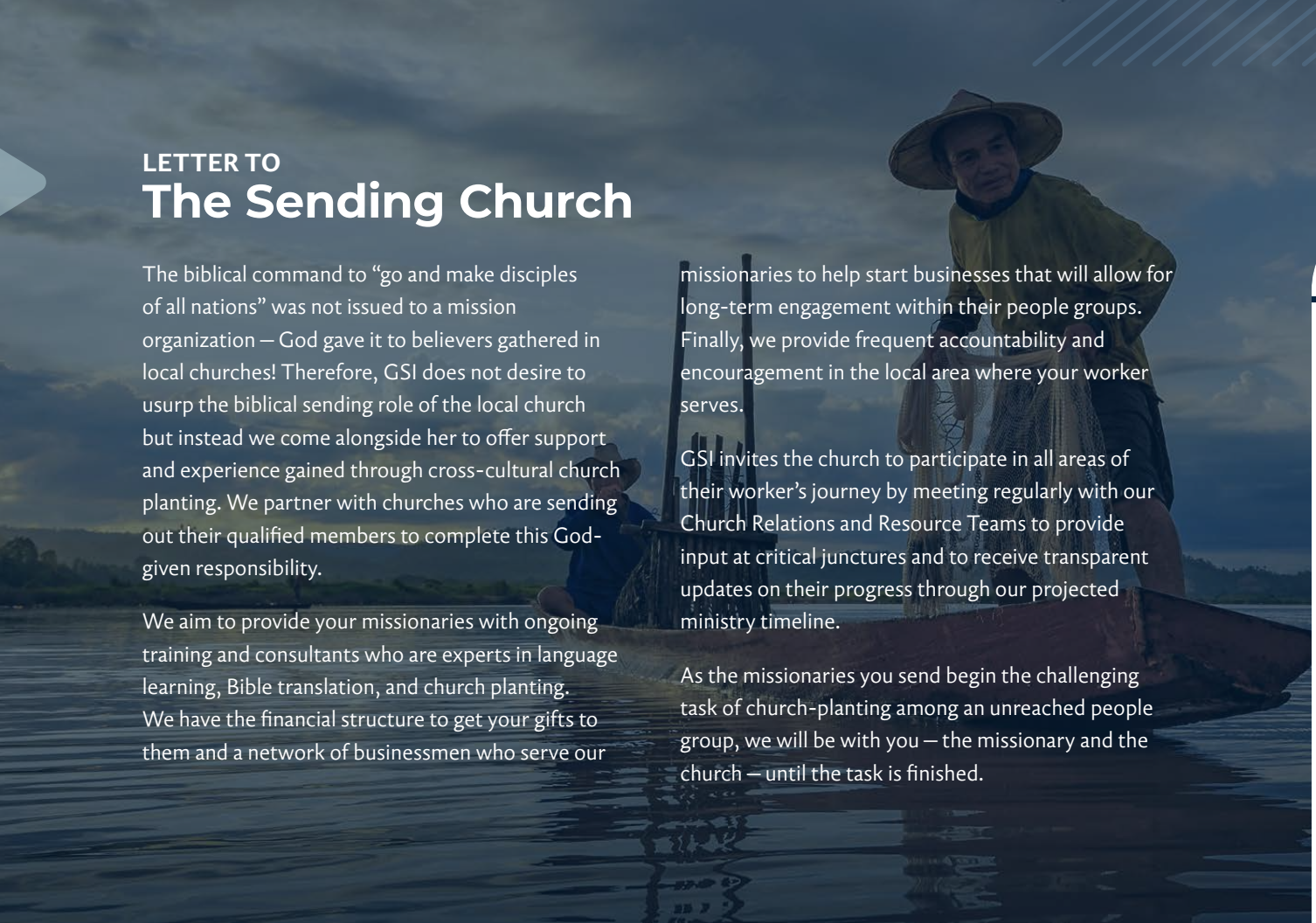
- GSI workers serve with one main focus – to see healthy churches planted among unreached language groups
- Planting a healthy church could take 15+ years of sacrifice

LONG-TERM MENTALITY

- GSI and the sending church provide accountability with each step
- A written Bible translation in the language group must be completed

LANGUAGE AND CULTURE LEARNING

- All GSI workers will reach a high level of proficiency in the language of the group
- GSI workers must understand culture at a deep level to communicate effectively at a worldview level



LETTER TO
The Sending Church

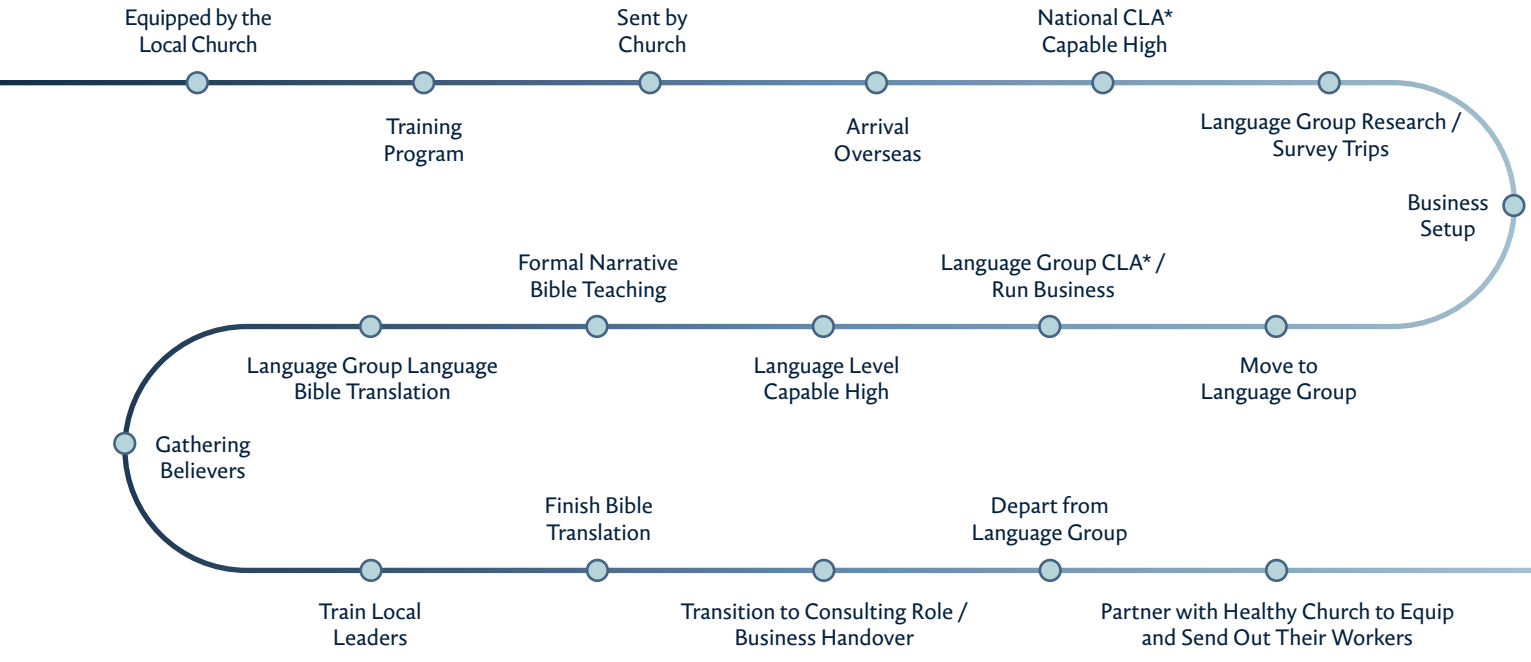
The biblical command to "go and make disciples of all nations" was not issued to a mission organization — God gave it to believers gathered in local churches! Therefore, GSI does not desire to usurp the biblical sending role of the local church but instead we come alongside her to offer support and experience gained through cross-cultural church planting. We partner with churches who are sending out their qualified members to complete this God-given responsibility.

We aim to provide your missionaries with ongoing training and consultants who are experts in language learning, Bible translation, and church planting. We have the financial structure to get your gifts to them and a network of businessmen who serve our missionaries to help start businesses that will allow for long-term engagement within their people groups. Finally, we provide frequent accountability and encouragement in the local area where your worker serves.

GSI invites the church to participate in all areas of their worker's journey by meeting regularly with our Church Relations and Resource Teams to provide input at critical junctures and to receive transparent updates on their progress through our projected ministry timeline.

As the missionaries you send begin the challenging task of church-planting among an unreached people group, we will be with you — the missionary and the church — until the task is finished.

The Timeline



*CLA: Culture and Language Acquisition

DESCRIPTION OF
A Healthy Church

A healthy New Testament church consists of a group of baptized men and women converted through repentance and faith in the gospel who gather regularly to worship Christ in singing, praying, reading, and hearing teaching from the authoritative and sufficient Scriptures.

In their times of regularly meeting together, the believers also observe baptism and the Lord's Supper, in obedience to the commands of Christ, holding one another accountable through church discipline that leaders implement both formatively and correctively.

During the regular gatherings of the local church, a plurality of qualified elders (otherwise known as pastors or shepherds) leads and teaches from the Scriptures, while a plurality of qualified deacons serve the saints to facilitate the prayer and teaching work of the elders of the church.

In the process, the elders and deacons of the church equip the saints for effective spiritual ministry, in order that the members of the congregation might build one another up in faith through consistent interpersonal community and mutual discipling, and in order that the congregation might work effectively in evangelism and missions outwardly into the world.





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THE MEANS

God's instrument to complete His work among the unreached is a church that sends. The Bible orients His people and the church affirms and commissions qualified individuals to go, serving under the authority of the leadership of their sending church.

THE END

God's people proclaim the Gospel with boldness, clarity, and consistency to the ends of the earth. New believers gather together to worship and proclaim God's glory in their native language, growing together into a healthy church and instrument of God's choosing.


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