

ROCKPOINTE MISSIONS

An Introduction to Missions at RockPointe Church

Extending Christ's Kingdom across cultures to broken, suffering and lost people – living out and proclaiming the Gospel to least-reached and most oppressed peoples in Calgary, across Canada, and around the world.

"...and you will bring my salvation to the ends of the earth." - Isaiah 49:6

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What This Booklet is About

God's mission has remained unchanged from the beginning of time. In the Abrahamic Covenant in Genesis 12:2-3, it says – ***“I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you... and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you”***. And then in Isaiah 49:6, He further says: ***“... I will also make you a light for the Gentiles, that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.”*** Our deep desire is, by the power of the Holy Spirit, that we will be His “...witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth” until all peoples have heard... and then He will return.

Today, of the 7+ billion people in the world, 3 billion have still not heard the Good News. In the “race to zero” unreached people groups, there are amazing stories of God's movement around the world. Where in the first 1,900 years since Christ, 90% of the people groups were still unreached, by 1975 that had dropped to 60% unreached people groups, and by 2010, it was 42%. God is moving and drawing people to himself like no other time in history.

RockPointe Church has spent time in prayer and listening to what God is saying to us about what we need to be about. Our desire is to focus principally on three areas, namely:

- to share, with currency, the story of what God is doing all around the world;
- to effectively focus on a few global partners that are engaged in God's mission to heal the broken, suffering & lost, and also;
- to send teams of people regularly to these partners to enhance their impact for the kingdom.

We also provide a course called **Kairos**, which is a nine lesson interactive study of the unchanging purpose and plan of God from Genesis to the end of the age, which helps us to realign our purposes with God's purposes.

Through this booklet we will introduce you to our mission endeavors, our global outreach partners and how you can engage with us in God's mission so that all will hear the Good News and begin to find and fully follow Jesus.

Five Regions of Alliance Missions

As a member church of the Christian & Missionary Alliance in Canada (C&MA), we picture our global outreach ministry as taking place in five distinct regions of the world known as the **Five S Regions**.



Since the beginning of civilization, the pursuit of exotic spices has added mystique to the Far East. By the 6th Century BC, Chinese merchants were actively trading spices from the tropical countries of south-east Asia.

Today the Asian masses follow Islam, Buddhism, Hinduism and Animism in an area with great linguistic, cultural, religious, and political diversity.

Our longing is for the billions of people in the **Asian Spice Region** to hear and understand the Good News of Jesus so that they find and fully follow Him.

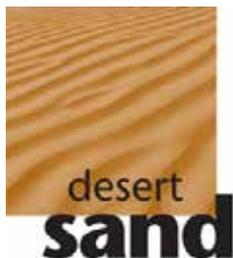
God is training and nudging many workers in the region, to advance His Kingdom and bring light to dark places. God is establishing faith communities that reveal the greatness of our Lord—across the **Asian Spice Region**.



The **Caribbean Sun Region** stretches from Mexico to Argentina and from the Pacific coast of Central America across the islands of the Caribbean Sea.

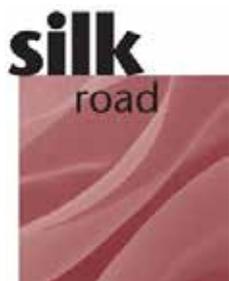
In Central and South America there has been significant response to the Gospel in the last 100 years. However, there are still unreached places and myriads of oppressed peoples and these are our focus.

International Workers see hope and freedom emerge in the people with whom they live their daily lives. By God's amazing grace, transformational movements are being created in the **Caribbean Sun Region**.



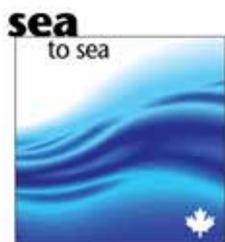
Across Africa from the arid desert to the tropical forest and from urban settings to nomadic huts, there are many needs for the truth, hope and peace of Christ. In many areas of this region the Christian message cannot be shared openly; instead, Christ's love is presented through teaching, compassionate aid and promoting justice.

Political and ethnic turmoil, revolutions, disease, famine, persecution and religious oppression are challenges faced in this region. However, the sand is shifting in the desert and new doors are opening. God's Spirit is at work in people's hearts, as many respond and choose to follow Christ across the **Desert Sand Region**.



For more than 2,000 years the Silk Road trade route linked east and west in culture, as well as in trade. Today it symbolizes our efforts to reach people in three vibrant and unique sub-regions: Europe, the Middle East, and Central Asia. The region stretches from Turkey to northeast China and from Iran, through the Central Asia 'stan' nations down to the tip of the Arabian Peninsula.

The early Church spread throughout the entire region using these early trade routes; today our partner International Workers tread these same roads with a determination to share Jesus with the people groups of the **Silk Road Region**.



Sea to Sea is the call for us to truly embrace the missionary zeal of church planting and multiplication in Canada. While Canada was once proudly known as a Christian nation, that heritage has been under tremendous assault in recent years, and efforts to accommodate pluralism have left our country spiritually adrift. There are many needs which give us opportunities to reach out to our fellow Canadians.

As well, the world wide Diaspora - unprecedented movement of peoples around the world - provides opportunities to do global missions right here, in our own backyards. Immigrants and foreign students are flocking to our shores and we're called to respond to the movement of these people as they cross the seas, moving to Canada either temporarily or permanently.

RockPointe Organizational Partners

- **The Christian & Missionary Alliance in Canada (C&MA)** - our denomination that sends/supports some 200+ International Workers in the 5S regions of the world.
www.cmacan.org
- **Casa Luz, Costa Rica** - a haven for adolescent mothers who come from extreme poverty and have been abused and/or exploited; helping young families build their independence and live a bright future. Eldon and Lori Cooke, formerly of RockPointe, are the directors of the Casa Luz ministry.
www.casaluz.org
- **Compassion Canada** - is one of the world's leading child development organizations that partners with the local church in 26 countries to end poverty in the lives of children and their families; helping children develop healthy minds, bodies and relationships while discovering God's love for them.
www.compassion.ca
- **Co-operative ESL Ministries (CESLM)** – an interdenominational Christian organization of volunteers from different backgrounds who believe in serving people of all faiths and cultures and who work directly with newcomers in Calgary.
www.eslcooperative.ca
- **Encompass Partnerships, Calgary** – an organization that demonstrates the all-encompassing gospel of Jesus Christ to Calgary's people among whom it has not yet gone or gained full expression, by facilitating partnerships with Christian and other community partners, be they individuals, agencies or churches.
www.encompasspartnerships.org
- **Missional International Church Network** – a growing network of international churches who minister to large numbers of expatriates in many countries and regions where traditional means of fulfilling the Great Commission are not possible. Ken Driedger from RockPointe serves as the CEO of MICN.
www.micn.org
- **Place of Rescue, Cambodia** – a safe haven for families living with AIDS, orphan children and orphan grannies and young unmarried pregnant women. Blaine Sylvester from RockPointe serves as Director of Development for Place of Rescue.
www.placeofrescue.com
- **Samaritan's Purse, Canada** – a nondenominational evangelical Christian organization that has been providing spiritual and physical aid to hurting people around the world since 1973.
www.samaritanspurse.ca

RockPointe International Workers



As a Church we have signed Seamless Link Agreements or Memorandums of Agreement with RockPointe people who have obeyed God's calling to serve Him cross-culturally under the C&MA or other missions agencies.

Kristi Hopf ministers to the Western Fulani People in Niger, West Africa. She is responsible to the 10 village sites in the region of Kongou. Kristi has been instrumental in helping to start schools in 3 of the village areas for children who would otherwise not have access to formal education. She has also helped to bring fresh water sources through dug or drilled wells to the people of the region. Her ministry includes health and agricultural teaching, a village savings and loans group and uses chronological Bible story teaching to introduce the Fulani to Jesus. www.hopfinniger.blogspot.com • www.impactniger.org

Ken & Melanie - Ken is the CEO of the Missional International Church Network (MICN) which is networking some 200+ International Churches in many countries and regions where traditional means of fulfilling the Great Commission are just not possible. Melanie uses her counseling skills and training regularly to minister to other International Workers in the region, other expats and, when possible, nationals as well. www.micn.org

Gary & Joanne Edwards are the founding directors of **C-Quest**, an evangelistic and discipleship ministry based in Progreso, Mexico. Gary and Darcy Cuthill from RockPointe also serve with C-Quest on the Mexico team. Check out their website at www.c-quest.net for information on their ministry and short term opportunities they will be hosting.

Dan and Ruth are C&MA IWs serving in SE Asia. They bring leadership and direction to multiple projects, assisting women and girls enslaved in human trafficking to find freedom, healing and rehabilitation. They are currently focusing on language and cultural learning. When they are not studying the language they are focused on activities that build relationship between the national and expatriate team.

Rachel is a newly appointed IW who is ministering as a nurse educator in a teaching hospital in North Africa under the C&MA. She is working among a least reached people group in a predominantly Muslim nation. Rachel's ministry is with her students, patients, and all those she encounters in this small rural community that so desperately needs Jesus.

Becky Matchullis is an IW on a team with **Outreach Canada**, who provides resources for families around the world, with many mission organizations. She educates, coaches and debriefs mission workers to and from their assignments and is there for any crisis they face in the field. She also teaches mission organizations and churches how to best care for these front line Kingdom people, so they are healthy, resilient and effective in ministry.

Craig & Maureen Moody are RockPointe missionaries serving with **North American Baptist (NAB)** in **Cameroon, West Africa**. Currently, they live in the city of Bamenda, where Craig is covering some of the responsibilities of Cal Hohn, the NAB Field Director, as he and his family are on home assignment. Maureen is using her nursing skills in teaching continuing education for medical workers. In 2017 they head to Bamkikai, the home of the Life Abundant Program (LAP). This primary health care program will be their main ministry.

Other C&MA Workers

Buzz & Myrna Maxey
CAMA Services, Papua, Indonesia

Danny & Vera Kuranji
Serbia

RockPointe Missions: Finances

RockPointe Missions is financed through donations specifically designated towards Missions. Any dollar donated to RockPointe Missions is disbursed three ways, based on a percentage determined by the annual Missions budget. The three recipient funds of RockPointe Missions dollars are:

Global Advance Fund (GAF)

The Global Advance Fund is administered by the National Ministry Centre of the C&MA in Canada and is the means by which the C&MA finances its Global Missionary Enterprise. The bulk of this fund covers the expenses involved in sending and supporting international workers around the world including salaries, benefits and costs associated with their ministries. The GAF also funds training of future international workers.

Global Outreach Fund

The Global Outreach Fund is administered internally by the GO (Global Outreach) Team at RockPointe Church to support RockPointe's global partners and finance global outreach projects presented to us by our partners. RockPointe's global partners may or may not be affiliated with the C&MA.

Canadian Ministries Fund

The Canadian Ministries Fund is administered by the Western Canadian District of the C&MA in Canada and primarily supports church planting, leadership development, multi-cultural ministries and strategic partnerships.

Financial Support

If you would like to support RockPointe Missions, you can do so through your regular RockPointe giving by designating your donations to “Missions”. From time to time, there are opportunities to provide financial support to specific partners or projects. Again, this can be done through your regular RockPointe giving by utilizing the designation specified for the partner or project.

If you would like further information regarding Missions donations, please contact the Financial Administrator at (403) 851-0011.



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