# **GLOBAL MISSION GROUP**

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### What is the Global Mission Group?

The Global Mission Group at Cedar Springs intentionally stewards the mission ministry of the church by actively engaging global & local ministry partners and offering support through encouragement and accountability.

It is comprised of the following teams that are divided by their mission purpose:

Local Outreach	Local Mission	Partner Care
Strategic Cities	Muslim Ministries (M2)	European Refugee Ministries

### What are the expectations for team members?

We ask that all our members complete the Global Mission Group Training Canvas Course. (Accessible at cspc.net/mission)

#### **Be Present**

We kindly request that you attend at least 75% of all meetings. Even better, consider bringing someone along! We encourage each member to invite 1-2 guests throughout the year to join our team.

#### Be Proactive

Make sure to connect with your assigned church partners at least once a month and be ready to update your team leader. Inquire about their prayer needs and stay informed about the developments within their church.

### Be Prepared

We encourage team members to be ready to make thoughtful financial decisions. Our goal is to contribute both generously and responsibly. Collaborate with your team leader and the Director when making funding choices.

## What details are available regarding the meetings?

# 2025-2026 UPCOMING MEETING DATES MONDAYS at 6:30PM

August 11
in the Watershed
September 8
in the Fellowship Hall

November 10 in the Fellowship Hall January 12 in the Fellowship Hall March 16 in the Fellowship Hall April 13 in the Fellowship Hall May 11 in the Fellowship Hall

In need of childcare? We provide childcare for those who register a week in advance. Feel free to contact Alison at alisonfleetwood@cspc.net.

If you need additional assistance, we have various options available!

Childcare

We start as a large group for the first 30 minutes and then we split into smaller rooms to discuss team agendas.

## Where can I find more information about Mission at Cedar Springs?



We are on Instagram! Check us out at @cspcmissions

Scan the QR Code to visit cspc.net/mission



### Curious about the 20:25:30 Mission Initiative?

Check out our website to view an informative video and stay updated on the progress of partner church planters, all made possible through contributions to our Global Mission Fund.

Access to the Global Mission Group Training Canvas Course is available on our website.

Our website features a link to our latest **Mission Newsletter**, which offers an opportunity to stay informed about our mission teams' travels. It includes summaries of previous trips shared by participants and introduces some of our local and global ministry partners as well as stories about how members of our congregation are Living Deeply with God through mission.

## What are the responsibilities of each team and what is the contact information for the team leader?

Local Outreach aims to guide Cedar Springs in becoming "salt and light" to Knoxville. They offer support through prayer, financial assistance, and service, while nurturing relationships with our closest neighbors. Additionally, they oversee events and ministries dedicated to serving our neighbors within a 3-mile radius of our physical church campus.

**Dan Green** dgre88@gmail.com Local Mission focuses on maintaining strong relationships with around 50 local ministry partners by engaging in financial support, providing services, and offering prayers. They also encourage members of Cedar Springs to actively partner with these ministries to serve the Knoxville community at large.

Partner Care focuses on providing our ministry partners with spiritual and physical support. They facilitate a weekly prayer meeting to encourage advocacy and prayer, as well as helping navigate challenges in the mission field.

M2 (Muslim Ministries)/Unreached People Groups focuses on unreached populations in predominantly Muslim countries, collaborating with partners in Tunisia, Egypt, the U.A.E., Lebanon, Indonesia, and others in the Muslim world.

European Refugee Ministries supports organizations responding to the refugee crisis, spreading hope in Christ through collaborations in countries including Lebanon, U.A.E., Germany, Greece, Finland, the Netherlands, Czechia, and Turkey.

Strategic Cities focuses on cultivating church planting hubs in influential cities. Strategic Cities has serval sub teams: United Kingdom (with Australia), Europe, Asia (including India and China), Africa, and South America.

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## What are upcoming Short-Term Mission Trip opportunities at Cedar Springs?

LOCATION	CONTACT	DATES
Indonesia	Renee Cook	September 13 - 27
Prague, Czechia	Cary Lewis	October 3 - 12
Athens, Greece	Dale Berry	October 31 - November 11
Addis Ababa, Ethiopia with Ethiopia ACT	Mike Green and Heather Holt	November 7 - 16

Discover more information about these upcoming Mission Trips as well as other Mission Events by scanning the QR code below!



### Where have teams from Cedar Springs traveled on Short-Term Mission Trips in 2025?

TRIP	MISSION PARTNER	TRIP RECAP
<b>Prague, Czechia</b> January 6 - 15	Petra and Tom Damms, founders of Dignity: Restoring Hope	Team of students from our College Ministry engaged with refugees escaping turmoil. They updated ministry facilities and organized medical supplies.
<b>Athens, Greece</b> February 1 - 16	Damaris House	Team had the opportunity to visit our partners at Damaris House, an organization committed to assisting women who have been trafficked in reclaiming their freedom.
Frankfurt and Korntal, Germany & Gouda and Amsterdam, Netherlands April 22 - May 2	All Nations, Academy for World Mission, Daniel Bartz, Mostafa & Sanaz, and Harm & Esther Van Schie	Team visited, observed, supported, and assessed the work of our several of our ministry partners who work directly with European Refugees.
<b>Prague, Czechia</b> May 25 - June 1	Petra and Tom Damms, founders of Dignity: Restoring Hope	Team assisted with a retreat hosted by Dignity and UTK's Collegiate Abbey for Ukrainian pastors misplaced by the war in Ukraine and now leading churches for refugees in Prague.
<b>Chokwe, Mozambique</b> June 30 - July 9	Sybil Baloyi, founder of Hlauleka School	Team offered professional development for the teachers, focusing on classroom management techniques and multi-sensory teaching strategies. They also visited the families of Princes & Princesses and assisted with Kids Bible Clubs.
<b>San Jose, Costa Rica</b> July 12 - 19	Renuevos - Christ for the City	Team of students from our High School Ministry organized a kids and teen camp over four days.  They took charge of activities, including teaching, skits, crafts, songs, and games.
Pretoria, South Africa & Bulawayo, Zimbabwe July 14 - 24	City to City Africa, Young Life Africa, and Living Hope Church	Team focused on strengthening relationships and providing encouragement to church planters and ministry partners. They also assessed the ongoing efforts at Living Hope.
Beijing, China (July 14 - 24)	Thornston Educational Fund	The team assisted in organizing and running a summer family camp.
Macia and Chokwe, Mozambique July 22 - August 4	Young Life Africa and Sybil Baloyi, founder of Hlauleka School	Team served as the work crew for a Young Life camp in Macia, then provided support and encouragement at Hlauleka's Princes & Princesses.
<b>Barcelona, Spain</b> July 27 - August 12	Young Life Spain	Team of students from our College Ministry served at a Young Life Spain summer camp.

God is actively at work, inviting us to participate in His mission. We encourage you to consider joining a Global Mission Group team to explore how you can join His mission during this season of your life. We would love to meet for coffee, learn more about your interest in the mission, and share how you might find your place in mission here at Cedar Springs! Please feel free to reach out!



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