

# **Burford Church Mission Strategy**

## **Refresh 2014**

### **VISION**

*A congregation that is actively engaged in mission, both at home and abroad.*

*A church that gives a high proportion of its income away*

### **Key Principles**

*Our key principles for mission support are that it is:*

- Focused – yet operating at the local, national and global level*
- Committed – reflected in the whole congregation's engagement in mission and the church's resourcing of it*
- Strategic – new and existing opportunities for mission are properly considered and planned*
- Generous – the church is committed to giving a high proportion of its income away*

### **Objectives**

- To encourage the church to move from one that 'supports' mission, to one that is 'engaged' in mission*
- To raise general awareness and understanding of mission amongst the congregation*
- To work in partnership and become actively engaged with each of our mission partners*
- To make mission a part of everyday life*
- To send out missionaries from our own church*

- *To equip every member of the congregation to identify and embark on their own mission*
- *Seek over a period of time to reduce the number of mission partners and to go deeper with those that we continue to support*

### ***Mission Partners***

Mission partners are supported in one of three ways:

- Central
- Personal
- Direct

Each partner has a local contact or 'champion' who maintains regular contact with the church.

Financial support is provided for a given period of time, from 1-5 years. Renewal of pledges at the end of each period is dependent upon:

- Good ongoing communication between the partner & church
- Appropriate financial accountability by the partner
- Alignment of the partner's aims and vision with that of the church
- Assessment of need for ongoing financial support

## Implementing the Strategy

<b>Action</b>	<b>Objective</b>					
	<i>Becoming a church that is 'engaged' in mission</i>	<i>Raising general awareness of mission</i>	<i>Making mission a part of everyday life</i>	<i>Sending out missionaries from our own church</i>	<i>Equipping the congregation to embark on their own mission</i>	<i>Working in partnership with mission partners</i>
<b>Ongoing</b>						
<i>Regular PCC updates</i>	✓	✓				
<i>Mission partner visits and letters</i>	✓	✓				✓
<i>Weekly prayer for mission partners</i>	✓	✓	✓			✓
<i>Central prayer meeting mission focus</i>	✓	✓				
<i>Mission section in weekly church e-bulletin</i>	✓	✓	✓			
<i>Church display boards</i>	✓	✓				
<i>To integrate mission partners with home groups</i>	✓	✓				✓
<b>Short term</b>						
<i>Sermon series on mission</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	

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<i>Church mission activities (Alpha, Rock-a-Tots, holiday club etc)</i>	✓		✓	✓		
<b>Medium term</b>						
<i>Sending out mission teams from our church</i>	✓			✓	✓	
<i>Visiting mission partners</i>	✓	✓		✓		✓
<b>Long term</b>						
<i>Financial giving programme (post WH)</i>				✓	✓	✓