

Grace Baptist Mission



Seeking to
assist churches in
making and maturing
disciples of
Jesus Christ
worldwide.

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Frequently Asked Questions

What is Grace Baptist Mission?

Grace Baptist Mission (GBM) is a ministry of Inter-City Baptist Church (ICBC) in Allen Park, Michigan.

What does GBM do?

GBM serves church planters in the United States and cross-cultural workers abroad. GBM partners with sending churches by examining and approving missionary candidates and their ministry proposals, acting as a clearinghouse for missionary support, securing overseas medical insurance, and providing long-term ministry guidance.

Who will GBM partner with?

GBM will partner with local churches that agree with the following three statements:

1. For the sake of the purity of the gospel, believers and churches must separate from those who deny essential doctrines of the faith (Jude 3; 2 John 9-11; Rom 16:17).
2. For the sake of the clarity of the gospel, believers and churches must separate from those who compromise the faith by granting Christian recognition and fellowship to those who have denied essential doctrines of the faith (Rom 16:17; Phil 3:17-19; cf. 2 Thess 3:6-15).
3. For the sake of the credibility of the gospel, believers and churches must strive to reflect God's holiness and to live differently than those who have not experienced the saving grace of Jesus Christ (1 Peter 1:15-16; Eph 4:17-19).

Who is the leadership of GBM?

Dr. David Doran, the senior pastor at ICBC, serves as the president of GBM. Dr. Pearson Johnson, Pastor of Missions and Evangelism at ICBC, serves as the coordinator, and the deacons at ICBC serve as the board members of the mission.

How did GBM begin?

GBM began in 2003, when ICBC began partnering with other churches to send and support church planters in the United States. Since then, the ministries of missionaries in Tanzania, Kenya, India and a new effort in Central Asia have become serviced by GBM.

What are the key characteristics of GBM?

1. Church-planting Focus. GBM exists to promote the spread of God's glory through the establishment of indigenous church-planting movements.
2. Local Church Emphasis. GBM emphasizes the authority and responsibility of both the sending and supporting local churches.
3. No Administrative Costs. GBM is a ministry of ICBC to their missionaries and to likeminded sending churches. Therefore, the funds that churches commit to GBM missionaries go directly to support the missionary work and not to support the administrative costs of the mission.
4. Pre-ministry Preparation. GBM candidates engage in extensive survey trips, interviews with current church planters or missionaries, and demographic studies before presenting a workable proposal for a particular mission field.