

BGC's Long-Term Global Sending Tiers & Criteria

This document only applies to BGC Partners who are well known to the elders and who have over time been properly tested, assessed, evaluated, equipped, affirmed, and otherwise determined qualified/fit by the church and elders to be sent by BGC as the sending church. It stems from a desire to help BGC in its global sending in a similar way as that expressed in the following quote by Andy Johnson, Missions Pastor at Capitol Hill Baptist Church concerning their own sending tiers document:

“Our goal in thinking through the issue of [how] our church will support our members who move overseas is not to discourage people from taking the gospel to other cultures. Rather, it results from the fact that our resources are not infinite as well as the positive desire to help church members view their relationship with the local church as a significant, even essential, part of what it means to be sent with the gospel. We want our members to think not merely about how they can take the gospel overseas, but how they can serve and support their local church in where, how, and when they go overseas.”

BGC'S SENDING CRITERIA: First, we desire to send BGC Partners globally who have been evaluated and equipped through our sending **process**, with a disciple-making and church-planting **purpose**, and in **partnership** with our preferred partner mission agencies (currently Pioneers and Frontiers, but open to other possibilities).

Here is a further explanation of the required components of our sending tiers outlined below.

1. **Process:** Participating in the **BGC sending process** in collaboration w/ the church for evaluation, equipping, training, commissioning, and sending
2. **Purpose:** Seeking to closely align the purpose of going/being sent with **making disciples/planting churches** regardless of the sending model, pathway, or platform on the field
3. **Partner:** Joining with a BGC **preferred missions agency partner** where we have developed a relationship and embrace the vision/mission of the agency

BGC'S SENDING TIERS: The following tiers related to **location** first require that the above three (3) sending criteria be met, meaning that the BGC Partner is being sent according to our **process**, for the intended **purpose**, and with a preferred missions agency **partner**.

1. **DREAM TIER (up to 20% support level of total financial need): Unreached in South Asia, especially India, Bangladesh, and Pakistan** - As a church, we “dream” of sending people here in the future if the Lord opens the door.

The church will:

- o Provide **up to** (*depending on budgetary constraints and other factors*) 20% of the monthly support needed and 20% of startup costs
- o Seek to send additional workers to join those already sent, as well as potentially short term teams

- o Emphasize/prioritize the missions-related needs of this area as well as the workers sent here
- o Help organize a CARE team, regular prayer, and other support as needed for the worker
- o Provide opportunities for the worker to share about their ministry
- o Attempt to love and care for the worker to the best of our ability

2. OWN TIER (up to 15% support level of total financial need): Unreached elsewhere within the 10/40 Window - As a church, we “own” the priority of sending people where the need is greatest, and generally that is within the 10/40 Window.

The church will:

- o Provide **up to** (*depending on budgetary constraints and other factors*) 15% of the monthly support needed and 15% of startup costs
- o Seek to send additional workers to join those already sent, as well as potentially short term teams
- o Help organize a CARE team, regular prayer, and other support as needed for the worker
- o Provide opportunities for the worker to share about their ministry
- o Attempt to love and care for the worker to the best of our ability

3. CATALYZE TIER (up to 10% support level of total financial need): Unreached outside the 10/40 Window - As a church, we want to “catalyze” the vital work of goers who are reaching the unreached wherever they may live.

The church will:

- o Provide **up to** (*depending on budgetary constraints and other factors*) 10% of the monthly support needed and 10% of startup costs
- o Help organize a CARE team, regular prayer, and other support as needed for the worker
- o Potentially send short term teams to serve the ones already sent
- o Provide opportunities for the worker to share about their ministry
- o Attempt to love and care for the worker to the best of our ability

4. BLESS TIER (up to 5% support level of total financial need): Reached people groups in any location - As a church, we want to “bless” those who have a vision to sacrificially serve cross-culturally in places where the gospel is needed, even in more reached locations.

The church will:

- o Provide some amount of financial support (the amount depending on budgetary constraints and other factors) consisting of either a one-time annual gift or same amount divided into monthly giving if preferable to worker
- o Help organize a CARE team for the worker as wells other prayer and support where possible
- o Potentially provide opportunities for the worker to share about their ministry
- o Attempt to love and care for the worker to the best of our ability