

GATHERING THE SAINTS: THE IMPORTANCE OF THE LOCAL CHURCH

In a world increasingly fragmented by technology, individualism, and competing ideologies, the call to gather as believers has never been more urgent. The local church isn't merely a building or a Sunday appointment—it's God's primary instrument for displaying His wisdom, nurturing disciples, and transforming communities. When Paul wrote that God's intent was "that now, through the church, the manifold wisdom of God should be made known" (Ephesians 3:10), he revealed something profound: the gathered community of saints serves as Heaven's showcase on earth. Every time believers assemble in worship, fellowship, and service, they proclaim that God's kingdom is real, vibrant, and accessible.

The Missionary's Vision: Planting Healthy Communities of Faith

Missionaries understand what many Western Christians have forgotten—that establishing local churches isn't optional; it's essential. Across jungles, deserts, urban slums, and forgotten villages, those called to cross-cultural ministry pour their lives into planting indigenous communities of faith. They face loneliness, language barriers, spiritual opposition, and physical hardship, yet they persist because they know the local church is God's chosen method for making disciples of all nations. These faithful servants don't just preach messages; they cultivate environments where new believers can mature, worship authentically in their own cultural expressions, and discover their unique roles in God's kingdom. The missionary's greatest joy isn't seeing a momentary response to the Gospel but watching a healthy local church take root and flourish.

How Local Churches Transform Lives and Communities

A thriving local church does far more than hold weekly services. It becomes a family where the broken find healing, the lost discover purpose, and the isolated experience genuine belonging. Within these gathered communities, young believers are disciplined by mature saints, children learn biblical values, and families find support during life's storms. Local churches also serve as agents of social transformation—feeding the hungry, educating the illiterate, caring for widows and orphans, and addressing injustices with Gospel-centered compassion. When missionaries successfully plant healthy churches, they create ongoing spiritual beachheads that continue advancing God's kingdom long after the original workers move on. These congregations become self-sus-

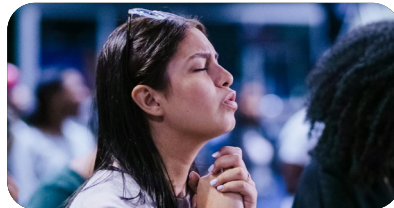
taining centers of light, equipped to reach their own people more effectively than any outsider ever could.

Your Role in Strengthening God's Global Church

As you read this, missionaries around the world are laboring to establish local churches in places where the Gospel has barely penetrated. They're translating Scripture, training indigenous leaders, building relationships, and praying for breakthrough. But they cannot accomplish this God-sized vision alone. They need churches like yours to stand with them through prayer, encouragement, and practical support. When you invest in missionary work, you're not just supporting individuals—you're participating in God's grand design to fill the earth with worshiping communities that reflect His glory. Every dollar given, every prayer offered, and every word of encouragement sent strengthens the hands of those planting churches in difficult soil.

Join the Mission Today

The local church remains God's masterpiece and His method for revealing divine wisdom to a watching world. As you reflect on the vital importance of gathered believers, consider how you can actively support missionaries who are establishing these communities in unreached areas. Visit GlobalOne80.org today to learn about dedicated missionaries serving on the front lines of church planting. Discover their stories, understand their challenges, and find meaningful ways to partner with them through prayer and financial support. Your contribution—whether large or small—helps plant seeds that will grow into flourishing congregations for generations to come. Together, we can gather the saints and advance God's kingdom to the ends of the earth.



EPHESIANS 3:10-11 (NIV)

His intent was that now, through the church, the manifold wisdom of God should be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly realms, according to his eternal purpose that he accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord.



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H&T are experienced church planters, co-workers, and coordinators of multiple mission organizations internationally throughout their long history of ministry, assisting in expanding God's kingdom to all nations and encouraging many leaders and missionaries on five continents. Most recently, they both serve as facilitators of the Dominican Republic's National Table of Scripture Translation and Use, collaborating with the Wycliffe Global Alliance's Americas area.

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CLIFFORD MASAMBUKA

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Evangelist Clifford Masambuka is the founder and senior pastor of Book of Life (BOL), a registered nonprofit church and ministry headquartered in Zomba City, Malawi, with branches in several regions across the country. His calling and passion center on spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ, particularly among rural and underserved communities in Malawi.

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HABIB AND AMIRA HERNANDEZ

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Habib currently collaborates with the Frontiers agency, a mission agency with more than 20 years focused on working with Muslims in the 10/40 window. He serves as a missionary in Malaysia, bringing the glory of God to places where the Lord is not currently spoken of.

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SARA YPANAQUE

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Sara serves in the ministry of Bible translation. She leads a mobilization and training project in favor of indigenous leaders and the strengthening of indigenous churches. In November 2022, the project was implemented for the first time in the Kiwcha ethnic group of Napo in the Peruvian Amazon.

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