



# CORE BELIEFS & PURPOSE OF MINISTRY



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# OUR MISSION

**WE EXIST TO PLANT SEEDS OF THE GOSPEL IN THE HEARTS OF STUDENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES, ALL ACROSS THE WORLD, THROUGH QUALITY EDUCATION.**

Over the years, we've seen how schools create a bridge between communities and the Gospel message. They allow us to meet a real, physical need while giving us the opportunity to introduce people who would never walk through the doors of a church to Jesus. This is why we have decided to dedicate our lives to starting Gospel Saturated Schools that are not only affordable, but also accessible to non-Christian families. Our schools are unique in a variety of ways but there are three specific characteristics that make GEM schools different from the rest.

## GEM School Distinctives

### Affordable

When using education as a tool for evangelism, we constantly try to find practical ways to attract non-Christian families to our schools. One of the ways we do that is through affordable tuition rates. We will never compromise on our commitment to start quality, private schools that are affordable to all families.

### Accessible

Unlike many Christian schools that focus on the discipleship of Christian students, GEM schools are designed to be outreach ministries that bring the Gospel to families who do not know Jesus. This is why we intentionally prioritize non-Christian families in the admission process and make sure they make up over half of the students we admit.

### Gospel Saturated

GEM schools are designed to be Gospel Saturated, meaning that we seek to incorporate the Gospel into four key areas: instruction, discipline, our example, and relationships formed with students. To achieve this type of environment, Christian teachers are carefully selected and trained in how to share the Gospel through these main areas.

MEXICO

COLOMBIA

UGANDA

# OUR VISION

We know that God does not need us to accomplish His mission but by His grace He has chosen to use us to be part of the work He is doing around the world. We believe that GEM is a tool in God's hands that can have true world-shaping impact and be used to grow God's kingdom through our expanding network of Gospel Saturated Schools. Over the course of our ministry's existence, we hope to see these things achieved:

- Gospel Saturated Schools started in countries all over the world;
- Hundreds of thousands of lives changed as a result of daily exposure to the Gospel in a Gospel Saturated School;
- The local church being grown and strengthened in every community where a Gospel Saturated School exists.





## OUR CORE BELIEFS



We believe that both the Old and New Testaments, written by men through the power of the Holy Spirit, are the inspired word of God without error in its original manuscripts. We accept all sixty-six books of the Bible as the complete revelation of His will for the salvation of people and the divine and final authority for all Christian faith and life.



We believe that Jesus, conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary, was fully man and fully God, sent by God the father to fulfill prophetic promises of redemption and salvation. Jesus suffered under temptation but was completely sinless as he healed the sick, raised the dead, and preached the good news during his ministry. He was wrongly accused and crucified on a Roman cross. His death on the cross was a perfect sacrifice for our sins according to scripture. As the only one to perfectly fulfill the law, Jesus took all of God's wrath which we deserve as law breakers. He rose on the third day, appeared in bodily form to his disciples and many others, and ascended into heaven where He presently intercedes and ministers as our High Priest and Advocate at the right hand of the Father.



God created man in His image, male and female, for relationship with Him, but man chose to sin and thereby incurred to himself, not only physical death, but also spiritual and eternal death. As a result, all human beings are born "dead in trespasses and sins, with a sinful nature and under the just condemnation of God."



We believe that just as Jesus defeated death and arose from the grave, all people will arise at His second coming - the believer to be with the Lord in fullness of joy and the unbeliever to judgment and everlasting punishment.



We believe that God is the eternal King and Creator of all things. He is infinitely perfect, unchangeable, perfect in holiness, wisdom, goodness, justice, power, and love. He has existed for all eternity as one God, in three persons: Father, Son and the Holy Spirit, equal in power and glory.



We believe the Holy Spirit was poured out on the Church at Pentecost, empowering them to use the gifts that God gave them. From that time, the Holy Spirit has been given to all true believers in a permanent, irreversible indwelling. The Holy Spirit empowers Christians for spiritual worship and prayer, personal sanctification, building up of the church, and gifting us for ministry. The Holy Spirit is also a constant helper and guide as He convicts Christians of sin and empowers believers for godly living.



We believe that the shed blood of Jesus Christ, and His resurrection provide the only basis for the justification and salvation for all who believe. This means that those who have faith in Jesus Christ are born of the Spirit and therefore children of God. This salvation, which is irreversible, is based only on the finished works of Jesus Christ and not our own works.



We believe water baptism and the Lord's Supper are two ordinances that Jesus commanded the Church to observe until His return. They are available to all believers, however are in no way a means of salvation.



## OUR PURPOSE OF MINISTRY

As a ministry, we have four main objectives that determine *why* we do what we do. There are many great causes in our world that could easily become our focus. However, we realize that God wants to use us in a specific way to reach the world with His Gospel. Therefore, we make sure to prioritize these four objectives above all else when running our ministry.

### 1. GLORIFY GOD IN ALL WE DO

Before we can begin to advance the Gospel, it is vital for us to self-examine and make sure that everything we are doing, investing in, and marketing to others is first glorifying to God. Therefore, we seek to work with excellence even in the details; we desire to live above reproach as much as possible; and we look for ways to invest our time and energy in programs and people who will glorify Him above all else.

### 2. REACH THE LOST WITH THE GOSPEL

For most people to really understand and accept the Gospel, it is crucial that they hear it over and over again. We believe that through building a network of Gospel Saturated Schools, we will be giving hundreds of thousands of children the opportunity to hear the Gospel every single day. As we expand our reach, we are able to use connections from each GEM school as a launching pad for starting other Gospel Saturated schools nearby.

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### 3. GROW AND STRENGTHEN THE LOCAL CHURCH

The Bible and 2,000 years of church history make it clear that the continual planting of new churches is God's plan for reaching the lost, discipling new believers, and sending them out. It was this way in the early church and it's the same for us today. We, in no way, see our schools as a replacement of the local church. However, we want them to be a tool used to grow and strengthen the church in every community we serve. In fact, we believe this is so important that we measure the success of each of our schools by the degree to which the local church is grown and strengthened. All GEM schools should aid in the revitalization of existing churches and the planting of new ones.

### 4. ENCOURAGE AND EMPOWER PEOPLE TO MINISTRY

From the very beginning, we have realized that we can't fulfill our mission without the support and partnership of others in ministry. We also recognize that this is why God made the body of Christ! We each have different perspectives, skillsets, and personalities, that enable us to serve others in a way that glorifies the Lord and advances His Kingdom. Therefore, as a ministry, we seek to encourage and empower people toward ministry whether that means making it possible for members of partnering churches to go on a mission trip, equipping local leaders to serve their own communities through starting a school, or seeing potential in a hesitant teacher feeling called to the mission field. We love investing in God's people for His glory and see our ministry as a perfect tool to do just that.





## OUR VALUES

While we make sure to remain faithful to our four ministry objectives, we also have certain core values that determine *how* we do things. The following values show you how we make sure every part of our ministry is doing everything it can to maximize effectiveness and Kingdom impact.

### **Depending daily on the work of the Holy Spirit.**

God is graciously using GEM to lead people all over the world to Himself. We know that our Heavenly Father does not need us but has chosen to use our ministry to make His glorious name known. Without the power of the Holy Spirit, we recognize that we could do nothing of any real, lasting spiritual significance. Therefore, we prioritize prayer - not because it is something that we should do, but because we know that, without the power of the Holy Spirit, we are wasting our time by working in our own strength.

### **Pouring out our lives so that others will know Jesus.**

We believe there is no better way to live our lives than to obey our Heavenly Father and to pour ourselves out so that others may know Jesus. In a school context, that means we plan, collaborate, teach, discipline, and relate to our students and their families because we love Jesus and we want them to know His amazing grace. In an office context, that means that we work tirelessly to create opportunities to connect God's people at home to what He is doing through our schools - whether that is through prayer, giving, or sending teams. Every hour of work we put in, in and out of the office, is worth it when we're working to make His name known.

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### **Using education to meet real, physical needs.**

Education is an important aspect of life in every community. We recognize the power of education to change a person's life and because of this, we desire to provide new opportunities through quality education. We prioritize the Gospel because it is the power of God to save. But we also believe as God's hands and feet, that we would miss opportunities to love if we failed in our mission to provide quality education. In addition to education, we prioritize listening to those we serve before asserting our own views so that we can be aware of their most pressing needs and meet them as best we can.

### **Partnering with local leaders & equipping them to lead.**

We believe God is already at work in every city and town we serve in. This means that we never want to force ourselves into a community, but instead to identify what He is doing and join with Him as He opens the doors to partner and serve with local leaders. Not only does this open up greater opportunities for the advancement of the Gospel, but it also improves our ministry's effectiveness and increases our efficiency. This is why we prioritize the intentional training and continual support of our schools' local leaders.

### **Taking bold steps of courageous faith.**

It is no secret that starting and maintaining a ministry is difficult. Many times, there are an infinite amount of needs with very limited resources to meet those needs. However, we know that we serve a big God who does great things for the glory of His name and the good of His people. Therefore, we refuse to be held back in fear. Instead, the Great Commission compels us to take bold steps of courageous faith as we swim against the current and share the Gospel with the nations.

