



# MISSIONS

EVERY TRIBE  
EVERY PERSON  
EVERY LANGUAGE

**FOR EVERY  
NATION.**

FIRST  
CHRISTIAN  
CHURCH  
JOHNSON  
CITY

# 150 YEARS OF MISSIONS HISTORY

FCC-JC has a long history of supporting local, national, and global missions. The church has provided support to missionaries since the days of direct support when missionaries traveled, raised support, and reported personally as Restoration Movement parachurch mission organizations were limited in existence.

One such FCC-supported missionary family was that of Guy and Thelma Mayfield, the parents of FCC Missions Team member Mignon Sewell, who established The Mediterranean Mission and went to Bari, Italy in 1947.

As mission organizations in the Restoration Movement developed, FCC-JC began supporting mission work in the areas of missionaries, mission organizations, and schools of education. Over the past 50 years, the church has financially supported missions across every inhabited continent on the globe. FCC has supported a variety of mission work throughout the 1980s, 1990s and 2000s. The expansive list includes:

## EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS

Johnson Bible College  
Milligan College  
Emmanuel School of Religion  
Maritime College - Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island  
Atlanta Christian College  
Cincinnati Bible Seminary  
Davao Bible Seminary - Philippines  
Horizons Magazine  
Christian Hour Radio Program  
Westward Foundation - Los Angeles, Ca  
Winston Salem Bible College  
Grundy Mountain Mission School

## INSTITUTIONS AND CONVENTIONS

North American Christian Convention  
World Conv. of Christian Churches and Churches of Christ  
New England Christian Evangelizing Association  
East TN Evangelizing Association  
East TN Men's Fellowship  
Appalachian Christian Village  
American Bible Society  
National Missionary Convention

## MISSIONS

European Evangelical Society

Go Ye Chapel

Princeton Project

The Antioch Christian Church Project

TCMI

West Main Street Christian Church

East Tennessee Christian Home and Academy

British American Fellowship

Appalachian Mountain Evangelical Association

New Life Inc.

ETSU Student Fellowship

Appalachian Christian Service Camp

Ability Ministry (formerly Christian Fdn. for the Handicapped)

Chaplaincy Endorsement

Navaho Christian Church

Crossroads Missions

Christians Haven in the Philippines

Missions Fairs, like those held in 2010 and 2014, brought missionaries together at FCC to meet congregants and other missionaries. Missionaries attended and spoke at adult, student, and children's Sunday School classes and engaged in various ways in worship services.

In 2010, a small team of staff, elders, and lay leaders developed a formal Outreach Ministry led by a paid staff member. In 2021, funding for Outreach ministries including Missions, Benevolence, Church Planting, and Community Projects reached over 17% of the total budget. Over the past five years, December special giving opportunities have occurred that further extend the reach of FCC-JC's outreach efforts.

A Missions Team of volunteers and staff stay connected to FCC-supported missionaries and organizations as well as evaluate, coordinate, and manage a budget that provides monthly support to missionaries and organizations as well as provisions for short term missions experiences, emergencies, and periodic needs.

FCC is blessed by missions-minded-and-hearted folks who have given years and years of time and energy to the Missions Team and to staying in communication with missionaries and lifting them in prayer. These individuals include Ottie Mearl Stuckenbruck, Pat Bonner, W.T. Mathes, and Don Jeanes. During the 2000s and 2010s, individuals such as Mignon Sewell, Diane Junker, Roy Huskins, Sabine Schnelle, and Ron & LeAnne Blackmore have been engaged in direct, consistent care with FCC's missionaries. In the late 2000s, a teen representative was added to the Missions Team. This representative provides a connection between the missions work of the church and the church's student ministry.

FCC is also fortunate to have multi-generational connections with several missionary families—Steve & Kay Carpenter and their children Ben and Natasha; Tom & Libby Fife, son Jeff & his wife Monica, and their son Isaac; and Greg & Becky Johnson, Greg’s parents, and Greg & Becky’s daughter Kristin Coursey & husband Preston.

FCC Missions is committed to supporting the work of individual missionaries, organizations, and schools of education as they share Christ’s message and love locally, nationally, and globally. Each of the three areas provides unique ministry in a variety of settings. FCC-JC’s 2021 supported missions include missionaries, organizations, and schools of education located on the continents of Africa, Asia, Europe, North America, Oceania, and South America.



**2021**

SUPPORTED  
MISSIONS



## EDUCATION FOR CHRISTIAN WORK

Emmanuel Christian Seminary at Milligan University  
Johnson University  
Milligan University  
TCM International

## MISSIONS & ORGANIZATIONS

Ability Ministry  
Appalachian Christian Camp (Camp ACC)  
Chaplaincy Endorsement Commission  
ETSU Student Fellowship (The Campus House)  
East TN Christian Home & Academy (ETCHA)  
European Evangelistic Society  
FAME  
Good News Productions  
IDES  
International Conference on Missions  
World Convention of Christian Churches

## MISSIONARIES

Steve & Kay Carpenter - CMF, Mexico  
Preston & Kristin Coursey - CMF, Thailand  
Libby Fife - Retired missionary, Portugal Christian Mission  
Jeff & Monica Fife - River of Life Ministries, Brazil  
Valsa Abraham - Christian Evangelical Fellowship, India  
Leonard Thompson - Strategic World Evangelism, India  
Michael & Rosalind Trusty - Team Expansion, New Zealand  
Aaron & Morganne Weeks - CMF, Ethiopia