



MISSIONS CONVICTIONS

College Acres encourages every home to be a gospel outpost, both to our families and to guests. If God has placed a person in the context of a family, that is their first and most important mission field. However, we also affirm that God uses hospitality as an effective tool for sharing the gospel with friends and neighbors as well.

Our homes are only the beginning. The joy and duty of evangelism for each of us extends far beyond the walls of our homes and even those of our church. We are called to carry this message "to the ends of the earth" (**Ps 96:1-3; Matt. 28:19-20; Rom 10:14-18; Matt 10:27-28, 32-33; 1Thess 2:8; Jeremiah 20:9**)

J.I Packer has written, *"The wish to win the lost for Christ should be the natural, spontaneous outflow of everyone who has been born again... May I stress again: if we ourselves have known anything of the grace that has saved us from death and hell, then this attitude of compassion and care for our needy fellowmen ought to come naturally and spontaneously to us."* Those who have found salvation in Christ have been given the wondrous gift of mercy and grace. As we celebrate this most beautiful truth, may we be motivated to share this love, in both word and deed, with our neighbors, families, and friends. We do this for God's glory and their ultimate good. God is great and deserves everyone's worship and obedience. This should not be seen as a drudgery or a sacrifice; it is our privilege, pleasure, and joy.

We believe, for the sake of His great name, God is saving for Himself a people from every corner of the globe. The task of global missions matters because God is worthy of worship from every people, language, and tribe. College Acres has a passionate desire to see the message of the gospel taken to people and places who have not yet heard or understood the good news found only in Jesus Christ. Therefore, we are committed to being on mission for God's glory, mankind's good, and our joy!

As we develop real relationships with missionaries and missions work, we believe that the adventure of proclaiming the good news will become something much more than "thumbtacks on a map", a line item on a budget report, a short-term trip, or simply an annual giving campaign. The New Testament provides us God's missional road map and College Acres has been called to be at the very center of mission work. This, we believe, is the biblical norm that is given to us in the New Testament.