

*CORE BELIEFS
& PURPOSE
OF MINISTRY*



GLOBAL EDUCATION
Ministries



*For more information about our ministry you can visit our website
www.globaleducationministries.org or write us at PO Box 15947,
Wilmington NC, 28408.*

*There you can find more information on the schools we've started
across the world and how you can be directly involved in our mission.*

INTRODUCTION

This booklet is an attempt for us to share who we are, what we believe, and how that compels us to do what we do. Our hope is that it provides you with a clear description of why we exist as a ministry.





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OUR STORY

Global Education Ministries was born from a simple, yet powerful call from God to make His name known across the world through education. Shortly after, our ministry began the slow but steady process of starting schools in Mexico and adopting other schools around the globe. We believe the classroom provides amazing opportunities to serve people, build relationships, and share the gospel. Since that first initial calling our desire has always remained to make disciples of Jesus Christ through education.

OUR MISSION

Our mission is to use quality education as a tool to reach the lost and grow them in the gospel. Over the years, we've seen how schools create a bridge between communities and the gospel message. They allow us to meet a great, physical need while giving us the opportunity to invest in school families with the hope of introducing them to Jesus - the only one who can meet their eternal need for salvation. Loving on students and families through providing education is simply our way of pointing them to the love we have received from Christ.

OUR OBJECTIVES

1. BUILD A GROWING FAMILY OF GOSPEL SATURATED SCHOOLS AROUND THE WORLD

We want to build a family of gospel-saturated schools all over the world so that thousands upon thousands of children are exposed to the wonder and amazing power of the Gospel every day. We do this by starting or adopting new schools. As we expand our reach, we are able to use connections from each school as a launching pad for starting other gospel-saturated schools nearby.

2. BREAK CYCLES OF POVERTY

We want to actively pursue the lost, poor, and downtrodden of our world. Many of our schools exist in areas of high poverty and limited opportunities. We want our schools to offer our students hope and a chance to receive a quality education so they can escape the cycle of poverty.

3. ENGAGE THOUSANDS IN THE WORK OF GOD AROUND THE WORLD

We want Christians all over the world to recognize their daily calling to missions and provide them an avenue to get involved in the work of God. This engagement doesn't just benefit our ministry or our schools, but it also benefits the hearts of those serving. We firmly believe churches are strengthened and grown when its people are actively engaged in missions.

4. PRESERVE THE MISSION OF GEM

We want GEM to be viewed as a ministry that is uniquely empowered by God to reach the lost and grow His church. As we serve around the world for God's glory, we will actively pursue opportunities to preserve our mission and the work that God is doing through us.

OUR VISION

We started our first school in Puerto Escondido, Mexico in 2013. Since then, God has allowed us to create a model that we use in new areas to reach communities with the gospel. We will know we have succeeded in our mission when we see these three things:

- Gospel-saturated schools started in countries all over the world*
- Tens of thousands of children with daily exposure to the gospel in their classes*
- The local church being grown and strengthened in every community where a GEM gospel-saturated school exists.*

OUR DISTINCTIVES

AFFORDABLE EDUCATION

We believe our schools should be affordable to everyone in the community, so when starting schools we make sure our tuition rates are economical for all. As a gospel-saturated school ministry with the sole purpose of reaching the areas around us, it makes no sense for us to be inaccessible to the community we're serving. We will always run quality, private schools that are affordable to all children and their families.

ACCESSIBLE TO EVERYONE

We believe our schools should be open and accessible to Christian and non-Christian families. Unlike many Christian schools that lean towards discipleship of Christian students, GEM schools are designed to be outreach ministries that bring the gospel to families who do not know Jesus. They remain accessible to Christians and non-Christians alike for the purpose of proclaiming the Gospel to everyone who attends.

GOSPEL- SATURATED

Our schools are designed to be completely saturated in the gospel, incorporating it naturally into every aspect of schooling: instruction, discipline, the relationships we form with our students, and our Christ-like examples. To achieve this gospel-saturated environment, all GEM teachers are carefully selected from missionaries whose most important calling is to be ministers of the gospel. Through their classes and course content, teachers will be able to effectively share the truth of the gospel and exemplify the love of Christ to their students.



OUR VALUES

Global Education Ministries is a gospel-saturated, Bible-believing ministry that exists to share the gospel with people all over the world through education. We've committed ourselves to this because we believe, as followers of Jesus, that we have been commissioned to reach the lost. Our mission isn't a calling to just help people, but instead to teach them what Jesus taught and pray that the Holy Spirit would open up their eyes to the truth. As we have served, we have developed some core values that are central to who we are as a ministry. They define why we exist and how we best fulfill our calling.

1 CORE VALUE

ONE

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

We believe there is no better way to live our lives than to pour ourselves out for the good of others, so that they 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. Every hour of work we put in is worth so much when we're working towards this end.



2 CORE VALUE

TWO

Training and equipping local leaders.

Our desire is that the fruit resulting from our ministry would outlive us in every community in which we serve. The only way this happens is with the intentional training and support of local leaders. We prioritize the equipping of these leaders because we believe local leadership opens up greater opportunities for the advancement of the gospel in 3 primary ways: through greater sustainability, improved effectiveness, and increased efficiency.



3 CORE VALUE THREE

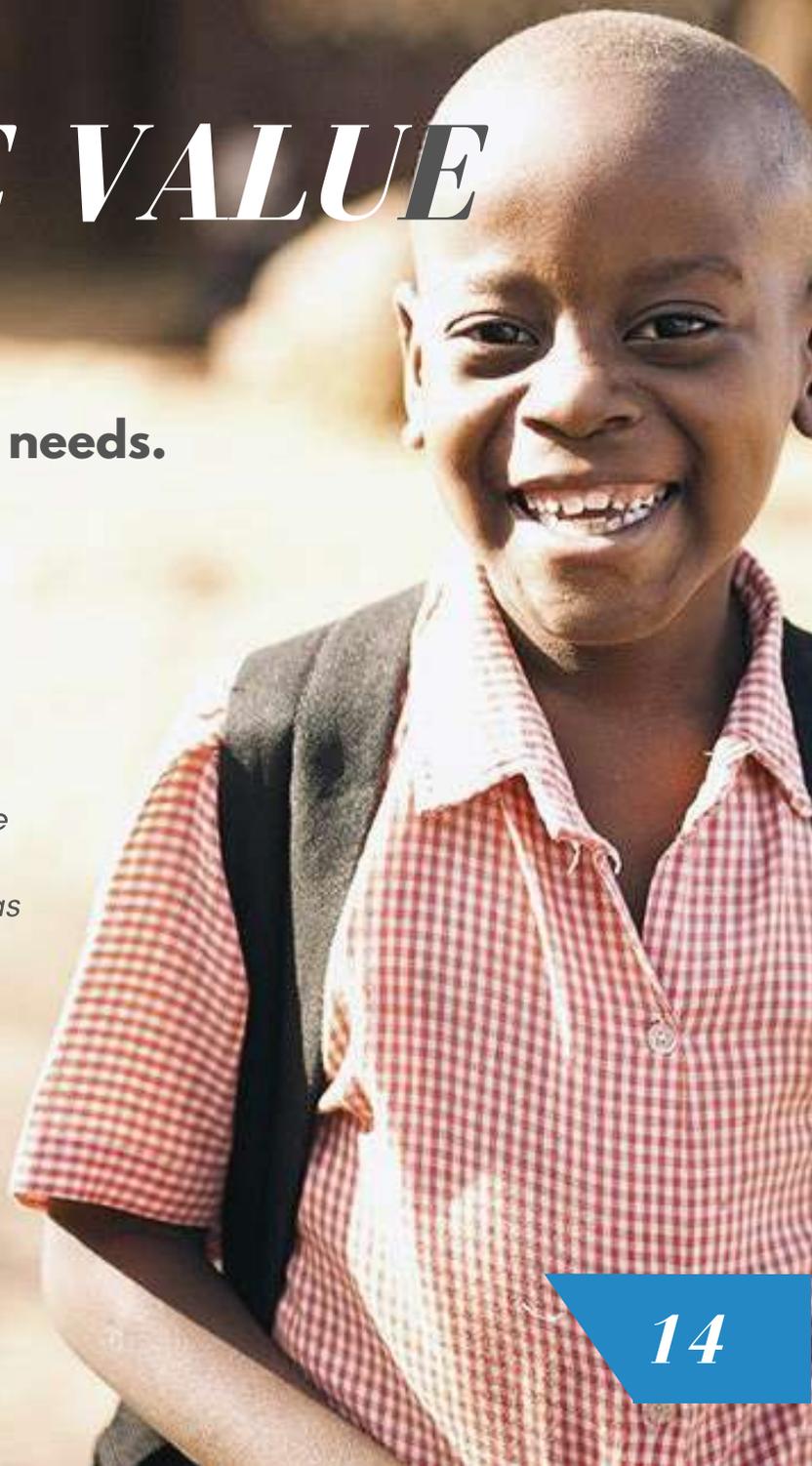
Partnering with those already serving.

We believe God is already at work in every community we serve in. Our goal is to identify what He is doing and join with Him as He opens the doors. We never want to force ourselves into a community or into people's lives. Instead, we prayerfully desire to let God lead as we follow Him into opportunities to partner and serve with local leaders.

4 CORE VALUE FOUR

Meeting real, physical needs.

Education is important in every community we serve in. 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.



5 CORE VALUE FIVE

Depending daily on the work of the Holy Spirit.

God is graciously using GEM to lead people all over the world to Christ. We know that our Heavenly Father doesn't 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 that would amount to any real lasting spiritual significance.

6 CORE VALUE SIX

Strengthening and growing 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. So 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.

STRENGTHENING & GROWING *THE LOCAL CHURCH*

How we strengthen:

- *Our schools expose students to the gospel and train them to serve others through the local church.*
- *We remain committed to shepherding new believers in our ministry into a local church body.*
- *We connect local churches with new partners who may choose to support the church.*

How we grow:

- *We actively promote and encourage church planting and help identify potential future leaders for training.*
- *We work with church planters to help plant new churches through the connections and fruit of our schools.*



OUR BELIEFS

THE BIBLE

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.

GOD & THE TRINITY

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.

CHAPTER 1
beginning God created
and the earth.
earth was without
darkness
God moved

CHAP 1

a John 1:1,3
Heb. 1:10

b Job 38:4
Is. 44:24

Rom. 1:20

Col 1:16

Heb 1:13

Rev 4:11

A wooden cross stands in a field of tall, dry grass under a clear blue sky. The cross is made of two weathered wooden beams. The background is a soft-focus landscape of golden-brown grasses.

JESUS

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.

THE HOLY SPIRIT

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.

MAN

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."





SALVATION

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 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.

BAPTISM & COMMUNION

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.

RESURRECTION

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.



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