



Global 3.0

Pastor Oscar Muriu of Nairobi Chapel in Nairobi Kenya spoke at URBANA in 2006. His talk brought together a number of insights that deeply impacted the 53 people from North Park who attended. It was that talk that set the trajectory of much of the last few years global outreach work.

In the spring of 2017 North Park initiated a conversation about how we are engaging the world and how our global outreach work serves the overall vision of North Park. We have gathered together a number of individuals in order to learn, pray, research and learn together for this coming season of service.

The May article in the LINK outlines the process and how you can participate. Join us by watching Pastor Oscar's talk [HERE](#). Read the LINK article and then take a moment to respond so that we can hear your voice on this important journey. Email global3.0@northpark.ca to share your reflections.

The Global 3.0 Mandate is as follows:

In the past one hundred years the Western world has moved into Post-Christendom, while the non-Western world has been Christianised. Countries that were once only on the receiving end of mission sending have matured and are now prepared, able and active in sending to the four corners of the earth, and in many cases providing much needed laborers for the harvest in the Western world. At the same time the world has come to Canada with an influx of refugees and immigrants, making Canada a truly multi-cultural country.

The world has become a much smaller place as well; global travel is relatively inexpensive and fast, and technology has brought communication around the world to new heights of quality and in some cases with little cost. And we live in a much more global workplace, with Canadians living and working abroad in greater numbers than ever before.

These global shifts have important implications on how churches in North America should engage globally. There is a vast new array of "mission" opportunities that have never existed before, while at the same time some methods that were effective and appropriate one hundred years ago may have become irrelevant and potentially harmful to the dignity and impact of the global church. New and important questions arise in this era of change, such as what the most effective use of financial resources is, and what effective sending looks like in the 21st century.

North Park Community Church has always had a strong commitment to engage globally in order to advance the Gospel of Jesus Christ. This has been demonstrated through a significant financial commitment as well as a broad spectrum of relationships with missionaries and other mission partnerships. Over the years North Park's global work has funded numerous individuals as they have ventured to various countries. It has also funded specific projects globally as well as participated in relief work when tragedies struck a country.

Mission work at North Park was led by a Missions Committee since our inception, and they followed a standard global mission's model that many churches in North America used. This involved a majority emphasis on the funding of missionaries who then accomplished the work on our behalf. In some cases the relationship between North Park and the missionary was close, and in other cases it was not (perhaps a prayer newsletter and a visit to the church whenever the missionary was on furlough). One could label this original season of forty years as Global Outreach 1.0

In 2006 Ron Burdock was hired as Director of Global Outreach. This sparked a new season of learning and discovery that led us to new paradigms and changes in North Park's global agenda.

Global Outreach 2.0 involved moving the lens from being predominately about the story of the missionary, to the story of the global church and the indigenous leaders that are creating change. In 2.0 we developed focused partnerships with criteria approved agencies, shifted deployment to a new style of engagement such as with Global interns and influencers, and moved our missionary force towards a more connected and accountable approach.

In this new season of strategic planning at North Park we want to take the opportunity to maximize the impact of what we have learned in 2.0. Global Outreach 3.0 seeks to vision a new future for Global Outreach at North Park, by accomplishing the following:

- 1) Articulate the implications of North Park's new Strategic Plan on our work of Global Outreach. We will create a vision for the possibilities and challenges we will face in focusing based on the new Strategic Plan.*
- 2) Establish a rationale and bring alignment to our local and global outreach. We will review where we have done well in aligning them and where we are out of alignment, as well as where we might be giving a mixed message about mission to our people.*
- 3) Critique our partnerships, our deployment of people and our missionary force. We will question what aspects of these three 2.0 emphases we need to advance and do more of, and what aspects we need to move away from?*
- 4) Vision and plan new directions that require pioneering effort. We will lay out a plan to prioritize and make capacity available for new initiatives.*
- 5) Review the structures and/or leadership that would best facilitate Global Outreach 3.0 We will consider how to deepen volunteer engagement and leadership for a new future.*
- 6) Recommend the % of total financial resources that North Park should dedicate to Global Outreach 3.0. We will consider what is appropriate for a church our size and with our broad range of ministries.*

Global Outreach 3.0 requires taking the time to learn what other leading Churches are doing as a response to the current shifts. It requires as well the courage to go forward in bold new ways; ways that have the potential to greatly increase our impact in the world, and to bring a deeper level of discipleship to the people of North Park.