

# ♦ BAYLOR GLOBAL MISSIONS ♦

## ♦ WHO WE ARE ♦

“Baylor will be a community recognized for Informed Engagement...where our Christian faith, in conjunction with our expertise and resources, inspires a desire to address systemic problems facing our community, both local and global, and renews our dedication to improvement of self and service to others.”

-Aspirational Statement III

**The purpose of Baylor Missions is to shape Baylor’s faithful engagement with Waco and the world by creating intentional opportunities to integrate faith, learning, and service within a broad worldview.**

In fulfillment of its mission, Baylor Missions seeks to educate students about vocation as mission, Christian responsibility, and the practice of intentionality. We help students: practice intentionality within the context of their mission experiences, apply the practice of Christian responsibility to their mission experiences and discuss the concept of vocation as calling.

## ♦ OUR GUIDING PRINCIPLES ♦

At BU Missions, we believe that we can participate in God’s Kingdom work through our work, by both finding situations that utilize our specific skills as well as living out the Christian life everyday in the classroom, workplace and community.

As we consider mission projects, global or community partners, and team leaders, we use the following principles to guide our decisions.

*Discipline-Specific Missions:* We focus primarily on a discipline-specific approach to missions as it helps our students understand how they can use their specific strengths and passions in service of Christ and the world.

*Global Partners:* We work in relationship with global partners, those individuals or organizations in country that help lead the way to meet the needs of their community.

*Reciprocity:* It is our goal to create a life experience where mutual transformation occurs. It is our intent to learn from other cultures and share with them our knowledge, resources and care

*Long-Term Commitment:* We will commit 3-5 years of sending Baylor teams to a specific location and to address a particular issue specific to that community.

*Reflection/Integration:* We believe it is our responsibility to insure that all students have an outlet for reflection on their experience. It is our hope that through this reflection process, we are helping our students integrate this experience into their daily lives.

## ♦ RESEARCH ♦

Beginning in 2015, Baylor Missions awarded small grants to faculty and staff who want to pursue discipline-specific research in conjunction with missional endeavors. This creates a new model of engagement for Baylor faculty who are highly engaged in research activity and would like to partner with us. We think deeply about the impact we have in our students’ lives and in the communities where we serve. We want to dig deeper to discover evidence-based practices that lead to human flourishing on a greater scale.