

# ARBC Acts 1:8 “Bridge-building” Strategy

Our purpose: *“building bridges of love that connect people to Jesus Christ and each other.”*



*But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." Acts 1:8 (NIV)*

Our “*Philosophy and Policy Regarding Missions*” implores that we continue to develop and redevelop a fresh Strategy that effectively carries out the purpose of the church regarding missions/outreach. The Missions Ministry Team and staff are encouraging all members of ARBC to adopt this “Acts 1:8 Strategy” and that it be implemented in every way possible.

Every person will be challenged to move toward this Acts 1:8, Bridge-builder Strategy. Each small group/Sunday School/gathering of believers are encouraged to develop a mission strategy that is three fold. An outreach/missions effort that is local (*Jerusalem*), Regional (*Judea*) and cross cultural (*Samaria & the ends of the earth*).

## **Local** (*Jerusalem*)

*What area has God called me to build a bridge of love in the shadow of my life?*

- Sunday School class’s are asked to start and support at least one “*Neighborhood Small Group*” with the purpose of reaching a target area with the Gospel (strategy/support available)
- Partner with a ministry or mission in the church or city.
- Pray, give and send support to the selected partnership

## **Regional** (*Judea*)

*What local opportunity has God given me to help build a bridge of love?*

- Partner with a state or national ministry or mission
- Pray, give and send support to the selected partnership
- Called members of the group are asked to actively go and minister.
- May partner with other groups or the whole church in this partnership

## **Cross-Cultural** (*Samaria, the ends of the earth*)

*What about the world? How can I be a witness there?*

- Partner with a cross-cultural ministry or mission
- Pray, give and send support to the selected partnership
- Called members of the group are asked to actively go and minister in this area.
- May partner with other groups or the whole church in this partnership

## **Bridge-builder Strategy Steps**

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Each Mission opportunity should be sifted through these five strategic principles. The first things to establish are; does the Mission opportunity match our purpose and is there leadership in place.

1. Why build this bridge?
2. Build from Leadership, not need
3. Settle on one purpose
4. Establish our Strategy
5. Empower to Action