

GO GUIDE 2025

INTRO

In Revelation 7:9, we get an extraordinary glimpse into the future when all Christians from all people groups will gather together before the throne of King Jesus and worship him with fullness of joy for eternity. God's vision of the future is meant to inspire the church to make disciples of all nations right now, in the present, for the glory of God and the joy of all peoples. This Go Guide helps us as a church to do just that.

This booklet is designed to be a resource to mobilize our entire church to go and make disciples of all nations. It's for all of us at Ashland Church, from the youngest believer among us to the oldest, and everyone in between. We have all been sent to be witnesses of Jesus Christ. This booklet explains the different ways we can go and the step-by-step process to get there.

We want everyone at Ashland Church to be witnesses who passionately pray, boldly witness, sacrificially give and eagerly go together so that disciples will be made of all the nations gathered here in Richmond and spread to the ends of the earth for the glory of God and the joy of all peoples.

So now the only question is: Where will you go?

**SEND ME TO GO MAKE
DISCIPLES OF ALL
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IN RICHMOND

Jesus told his disciples in Acts 1:8, “But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.” Jesus said that all of his disciples would be witnesses. We are to start being witnesses and making disciples of all nations locally where we are and take the gospel from here to the ends of the earth. There are many opportunities to make disciples of all nations right here in Richmond.

If you would like more information about any of these opportunities or have other opportunities you would like to suggest, please contact Eric Turner at eric@ashland.church.

Outreach Events at Ashland Church

Invite your international friends, neighbors, classmates, or coworkers to one of our many outreach events throughout the year such as VBS, Fourth on the Farm, or Fall Fest. Some internationals may feel more comfortable at one of these events rather than a worship service (but invite them to both!). These events are a great way to get them connected to more of our church family.

International Adoption

There are children all across our nation in need of adoption and foster care and there are even more beyond our borders. Unlike in America, there are orphans growing up in countries where there are no churches or where they will never have the opportunity to hear the gospel. When we adopt children into our family from across the world, we reflect what God is doing through the gospel as he adopts spiritual orphans from all nations into his family as his sons and daughters. Grants and financial assistance are available. There are several excellent Christian adoption agencies to choose from including Nightlight Christian Adoptions and Lifeline Children's Services.

Cultural Restaurants and Grocery Stores

There are many restaurants and grocery stores with cultural foods and products for sale from different nations. Try a restaurant from a different culture each month or become a regular and get to know the staff. Find out where they are from, how long they have been living here, what they think about Richmond, if they go to church, and if they would like to come to church with you! Offer to help them in any way you can.

Thursday Night Dinners at ECU Baptist Campus Ministry

Each Thursday night at 6:00 pm during the fall and spring semesters, ECU Baptist Campus Ministries hosts a free meal for college students at the BCM (325 University Drive). Invite an international student or go and make friends with one at the meal.

Affirm (Formerly Known as Pregnancy Help Center)

Affirm is a local nonprofit health clinic that provides free medical services and parenting classes for those experiencing unplanned pregnancy. They give information and counsel to help parents make wise decisions and save the lives of the unborn. They regularly serve internationals. To learn more visit www.affirmlifeky.org or call 859-575-7060.

God's Outreach

Madison County's local food bank provides supplemental and emergency food to approximately 1,600 families, including international people. They also provide 1,750 backpacks with weekend meals for students from 19 area schools. You can find out more about serving or giving to God's Outreach at godsoutreach.org.



Show Hospitality

Around the world, hospitality is an important part of many cultures. Invite neighbors, coworkers, students, and others you meet from the nations into your home for a meal. Holidays are a great time to do this! Many international people have never experienced local holidays with an American family or don't have friends or family to enjoy them with. Ask them about what food, holidays, and traditions are like in their cultures. Explain why we celebrate holidays like Christmas and Easter.

Grace's Closet

Grace's Closet is a resource pantry for foster care parents in Madison County and the surrounding area. They provide foster parents with items like children's clothing, car seats, diapers, wipes, diaper bags, high chairs, cribs, and more. They are open Saturdays from 10 am to 2 pm and always need more donations and volunteers! To find out how you can serve, email Angie and Jamie Boggs at raisingarrowsministry@gmail.com.

Madison Home

Serve the homeless in Madison County at Madison Home by helping clean up, organize, and distribute supplies at their clothing closet. Or help monitor the building during operating and lunch program hours. For more information, contact Melissa Slone at melissasloneca@gmail.com

EKU Annual International Banquet

For over 30 years, ECU has hosted an international banquet where ECU International students perform cultural dances and songs and serve traditional food from their countries. This event is open to the community and is typically in April. This is a great opportunity to meet international students and learn about their cultures. For more information, contact the ECU International Students Department at 859-622-2996.

Host an International Student

Join hundreds of other families in Kentucky who host international high school students for a few weeks or months. Welcome them into your family and give them an opportunity to see the gospel displayed in your daily life. For more information, go to chinet.org or call 1-888-CHI-HOST.

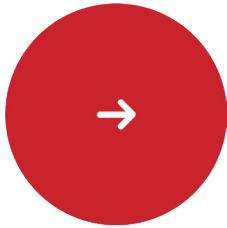


TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH



Jesus told his disciples in Acts 1:8, “But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.” Jesus wanted the gospel to spread out locally from Jerusalem to every corner of the globe. When he said those words, “the end of the earth” meant us! We live at the ends of the earth and now we go and take the gospel to every part of the earth in order to make disciples of all nations.

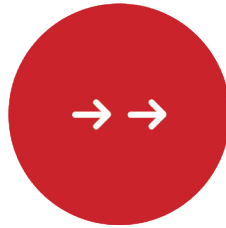
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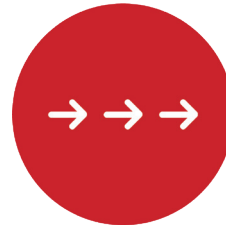
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Mid-Term

(2 weeks - 2 years)

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Long-Term

(2 years - Lifetime)

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To sign up for any trip (short, mid, or long-term) go to ashland.church/go

SHORT-TERM OPPORTUNITIES

New Orleans, Louisiana (1 Week | June 15-21)

This summer we have the opportunity to continue to serve in New Orleans and assist North American Mission Board church planters to plant more churches throughout the city. Our Ashland Church team will spend a week in New Orleans serving the local church and sharing the gospel with the lost. This is a great short-term opportunity for Christians of all ages and for those who have never been on a mission trip before.

Ayacucho, Peru (Multiple Trips and Dates)

Throughout the year we are planning to send multiple mission teams back to Ayacucho to serve alongside missionaries Rick and Donna Martin and Pastor Cesar and their church plant called IBC Ayacucho. We are preparing evangelism teams and a medical team. While beneficial, it is not necessary to speak Spanish. For the most up to date information about these opportunities (including specific dates) visit: www.ashland.church/go

MID-TERM OPPORTUNITIES

New Orleans, Louisiana (Summer)

College students can serve for 6 to 8 weeks during the summer to help our work as a church to plant churches in New Orleans through the GenSend program with the North American Mission Board. They will be trained and work alongside local church planters to share the gospel and make disciples in the city of New Orleans. To learn more visit:

www.gensend.org/summer

Ayacucho, Peru (1-3 months)

Serve alongside missionaries Rick and Donna Martin and get experience in international church planting. Learn how to work in and through a church plant to share the gospel and make disciples in a cross-cultural setting. Some Spanish required. Length of time and dates are flexible.

Ayacucho, Peru (3 months +)

Join missionaries Rick and Donna Martin and their church plant IBC Ayacucho and help lead their English language outreach. You will teach English informally (English clubs, conversation partners, etc) and build relationships to connect the lost in Ayacucho to Christ and to the church. No teaching experience or degree required. High school level Spanish is sufficient.

Reaching and Teaching Overseas Practicum (Summer or Winter Break)

College students and young adults can serve 6-10 weeks over the summer or 4 weeks over winter break alongside church planting teams in various international locations. This is an excellent way to experience church-centered missions and practice cross-cultural evangelism. To learn more visit: www.rtim.org/go/practicum

Mexico (Gap Year)

18-25 year olds can spend a gap year playing a vital role in the Great Commission while simultaneously gaining valuable ministry experience and opportunities to grow in your faith with our partners at Radius International. To learn more visit: www.radiusinternational.org/gapyear

LONG-TERM OPPORTUNITIES

New Orleans, Louisiana

We have sent families from our church to New Orleans to join Lakeshore Church and work to share the gospel, make disciples, and plant more churches. We are looking for lead church planters and church planting team members to move to New Orleans to plant churches.

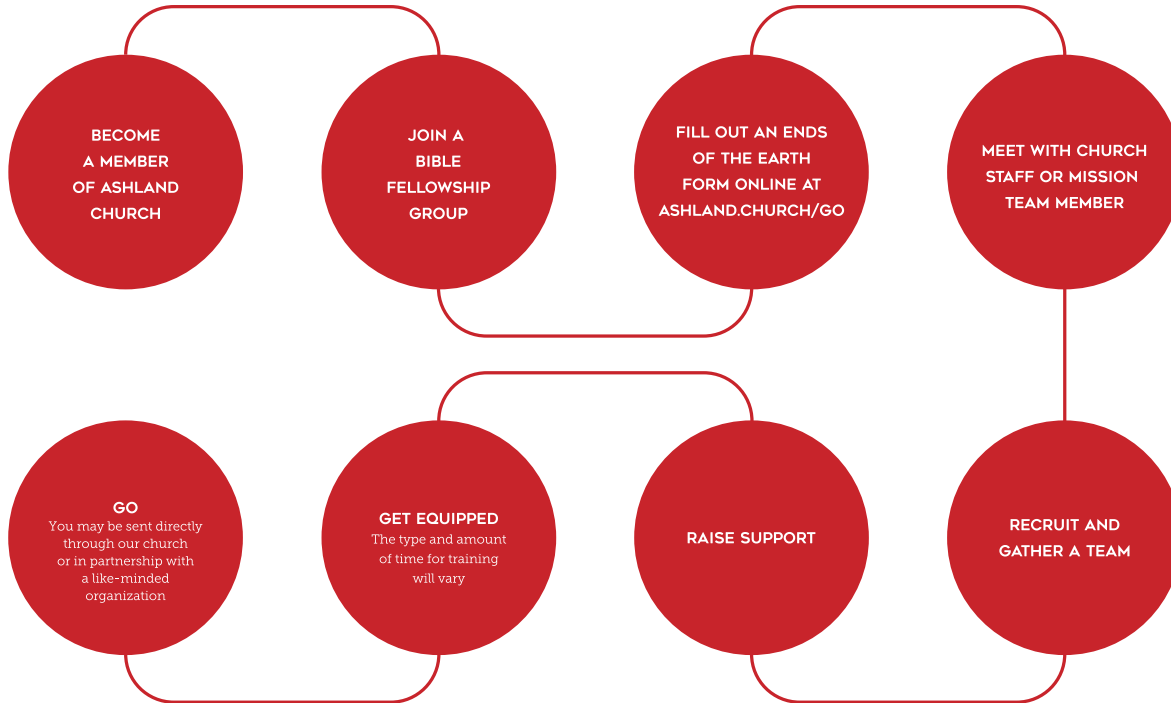
Peru

Missionaries have been sent from our church to live in Peru and work in church planting. In the past, we have had missionaries in Cordova and Ica. We are looking for singles, couples, and families to move to Peru to strengthen existing churches, train leaders, and help plant new churches.

Various Locations

If you have a heart for a specific location or people group not listed above and want to go, there are many long-term opportunities available through like-minded sending organizations. Tell us where you want to be sent and we'll help you find an opportunity.

HOW TO BE SENT TO MAKE DISCIPLES TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH



APPENDIX I: HOW TO GET OR RENEW A PASSPORT

In order to travel internationally, you must have a passport. Most countries require a passport to have at least 6 months validity left before it expires in order to enter. All of the information you need to apply for a passport or to renew your passport can be found at the US State Department websites below. You can now renew your passport online.

If you do not have a passport or need to renew your passport, you should do so as soon as possible. Processing times vary depending on seasonal demand and can be anywhere from weeks to months.



Apply for a Passport

travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/passports/have-passport.html



Renew Your Passport

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/passports/have-passport.html>

APPENDIX II: HOW TO LEAD YOUR FAMILY IN MISSIONS

Pray With Your Family For Missions

Use our Ends of the Earth Prayer Calendar to pray for specific requests each month for different church planters and church plants we support. Download the Unreached People Group of the Day App and pray with your family for the unreached (search “Unreached of the Day” in your app store). Pray for our mission teams using the daily prayer emails sent out church wide during mission trips. For more ways to pray visit: www.ashland.church/pray

Give With Your Family To Missions

Model and teach your children the importance of sacrificial giving to missions. Help them come up with creative ways they can raise money to give to mission work (chores, bake sale, yard work, etc). Explain why we give and how our giving enables others to go and share the gospel and plant churches where there are none. They can give to our Ends of the Earth fund by placing their offering in one of the offertory boxes on Sunday morning with an envelope designating their gift to Ends of the Earth or you can give for them online at www.ashland.church/give.

Go With Your Family On Mission Trips

Serve with your family on one of our mission trips. Go with them and give them real life experience sacrificially serving in a missions context. Our New Orleans mission trip is a great fit for families with children 4th grade and up who are ready to work hard! Mature youth can serve with their parents on one of our Peru teams.

Watch and Read About Missions with Your Family

Have missions movie nights and watch missions documentaries. Younger children will enjoy watching The Torchlighters series (torchlighters.org). Older kids will appreciate short missions documentaries like Yembi Yembi and HeartCry Films (available for free on YouTube). Also check out the Dispatches From the Front films. Read missionary biographies with your family like the Heroes for Young Readers Series (ideal for ages 5-10) or Christian Heroes Then And Now (ideal for ages 10-14). For links to all these missions resources and more visit www.ashland.church/missionsresources.

Attend Our Annual Ashland Missions Training

Attend our 2-hour Ashland Missions Training to learn more about missions. Find out the who, what, when, where, why, and how of missions so that you can better equip your family to make disciples of all nations here in Madison County and to the ends of the earth. Sign up for our next training at www.ashland.church/missionstraining.

Additional copies of this Go Guide can be found at the Essentials Hub or online at ashland.church/go.

For questions or more information about Missions at Ashland Church, visit ashland.church/missions or contact Eric Turner at eric@ashland.church.

To sacrificially give toward our work as a church to make the gospel known and make disciples of all nations in Madison County and to the ends of the earth, use the QR code or go to ashland.church/give and select the Ends of the Earth fund.



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