## Pathway to Missions at Riverstone Church

Riverstone Church is passionate about fulfilling Jesus' commission to make disciples of all the nations (Matt 28:18-20; Acts 1:8). We believe that he wants us to equip and mobilize our members as his ambassadors and our partners to advance his gospel on mission together. As leaders, we want to help each person find their unique role in global impact. For those considering long-term missions work, we want to walk alongside you from the very start of your interest and we outline this path for you.

Let's walk the path together!

## **Sequential Steps to Service**

- **1. Seek pastoral counsel.** Contact the pastor of Outreach for counsel early in the process of confirming God's call and leading in your life.
- **2. Join our Outreach Team.** Commit to participate regularly in one or more of the many aspects of Riverstone's Outreach program. Our leaders will guide you in choosing your appropriate area(s) of service.
- **3. Seek further guidance and confirmation.** Work with the Outreach Team in our assessment and application process to review your desire to serve in missions either domestic or abroad. Others may be included in the process of discerning your call and overseeing your development for long-term missions. When you are approved by the pastor and Outreach Team, you become a Riverstone missions candidate.
- **4. Select Agency, field and type of work alongside a mentor.** Work with the pastor and Outreach Team to select a mission agency, field and scope of prospective work. Meet regularly with your approved mentor for spiritual growth, encouragement, personal and ministerial development.
- **5. Develop your Advocate Team.** Work with the Outreach Team to develop your personal Advocate Team (A-Team) which will consist of a team of supporters providing ongoing representation to and from the church and multi-layered care while on and off the field. Work with the Outreach Team and your Advocate Team to define and implement a plan to engage the congregation in the work to which God has called you.
- 6. Complete requirements. Work through the preparation steps outlined for you by Riverstone and the selected mission agency. This may include a custom-designed internship. Approval is predicated on completion of all pre-field requirements and commitment of full financial support. Before departure clearance is granted, you, the partnering agency, and Riverstone will sign an agreement of intent and covenant of ministry.