

Men's Breakfast
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“Missionary” — That word is on our church road sign. It's on our bulletin, our web site, probably in our hymnals (on the pages with Albert Simpson's songs). When the word “Christian” is joined with the word “Missionary”, we have our church name: “Christian & Missionary Alliance”, aka, “The Alliance”.

So that this very familiar term does not become meaningless due to its ubiquity, let's take a few minutes to consider why we have decided to associate with a group with such a name to accomplish a global task.

At its simplest, The Alliance is on a mission. A mission to propagate the Good News of Jesus around the world. It is a simple mission, but not one that is easy or goes unchallenged. Spreading the Good News takes prayer, money, time, effort, people and prayer.

The Alliance also partners with others who are engaged in the same mission, different venues. One of our partners is Samaritan's Purse, specifically their two projects called **Operation Christmas Child (OCC)** and **The Greatest Journey**.

(Refer to your show & tell handouts from SP)

You may recall that this November, every November, we, as a church, collect gift shoeboxes that OCC processes and distributes those gift boxes to children around the world. That gift to a child also presents an opportunity to share the Good News to those around that child.

Let's watch a pair of short videos that I think will inform and motivate us as we anticipate our personal involvement with Operation Christmas Child in the coming weeks. As leaders in our home, let us be inspired to carry the OCC mission to our families and the gift of Jesus to children, world-wide.

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