



## WHAT'S NEXT FOR GO LOVE TELL? IT'S NOT OVER...

In May of 2015, our Family of Faith voted to give \$5.6 million above their regular tithes and offerings to attempt **Go Love Tell** mission projects in Tanzania, Northeast Africa, Southeast Asia, Maine, and Birmingham. As the Missions Pastor, I have to admit, I was a little nervous. Due to the cost, size, and scope of the projects, it was clear to me that if God did not move to accomplish these projects through us, there were a lot of things that may not go well. As our church enters into the final months of the first five years of Go Love Tell, those nervous feelings are long gone. We can now look back and confidently say that God, in fact, did move. Evidence of this can be seen in several areas. One was with our missionary partners. They were well-prepared beginning to end, and we were able to help them accomplish their strategic goals at a time when most of them had no funds to do ministry. Another area was in the financial response from our church members. Our members were generous by pledging and giving more than our original estimated Go Love Tell budget. This generous giving not only allowed us to quickly begin all five major projects, but it also has laid the foundation for the continuation of Go Love Tell in years to come without the need for another financial campaign.

Is **Go Love Tell** coming to a close in May of 2020? Absolutely not! On two Sundays, April 19 and 26, our congregation will celebrate God's faithfulness in all of our worship services. Following those celebration Sundays, we will launch the next phase of Go Love Tell. On Sunday, May 3, our missions focus for the next five years (2021 through 2025) will be presented to the church in a called business session. Details are still being worked out, but we do know that we will be intentionally focused on three areas of ministry. These will include developing church revitalization partners in Birmingham, partnering with second generation church plants in the United States, and sending our members to specific unreached people groups. We have a great deal to celebrate in our recent past and a great deal to look forward to in the future.

Thank you for your tremendous faithfulness in praying, giving, and serving as a part of **Go Love Tell!** †

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