

SVA MISSIONS

A DEEP DIVE INTO VALUES & HOW WE WORK



How We Love:

Love in Action – Shapes culture

My children, we should love people not only with words and talk, but by our actions and true caring. - 1 John 3:18

Love in Unity – Empowers people

Are your hearts tender and compassionate? Then make me truly happy by agreeing wholeheartedly with each other, loving one another, and

working together with one mind and purpose. - Philippians 2:1-2

Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ. For we were all baptized by[a] one Spirit so as to form one body—whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free—and we were all given the one Spirit to drink. Even so the body is not made up of one part but of many. – 1 Corinthians 12: 12-14

Love in Sharing the Gospel - Provides Hope

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

Engagement Core Values:

Relationship-based: Our partnership commitments do not exceed our ability to serve our partners well. We prayerfully consider a holistic approach so that our partners feel known and loved while also keeping our church body closely connected to their mission and lives. We engage in mutual, two-way partnerships where both entities are growing and gaining from each other. This encourages true partners in ministry as opposed to a provider and receiver.

Sustainable: Long-term, sustainable work is prioritized over short-term work. We look for partnerships that are thinking long-term for both impact in their ministry and relationships with their community. We recognize that our ability to serve and love well outside of our community is through our ministry partners and their dedication to the communities they serve. As we love them, we love their community.

Empowering: We aim for a development mindset as to not meet needs that individuals and communities can meet themselves, but that empower communities to flourish within their own capabilities and strengths. We also understand the difference between *relief* and *development* needs and respond with the appropriate mindset for the need and individual. We select partners engaged in work that empowers others and rely on their leadership to show us how to be a part of the work.

Kingdom-Impact: Our partners demonstrate unfailing love in how they serve others. We see a Calling on their lives and in turn, feel Called to support them as individuals and the ministry's God has entrusted into their care. As they live their purpose, we know that they are having a lasting Kingdom Impact.

Giving:

Humanitarian Aid: The Local & Global Humanitarian Aid Fund is funded by a combination of employer matching programs and giving from individuals. Because organizations that primarily focus on religious instruction do not qualify for most matching programs, all efforts funded by the LGHAF focus on humanitarian aid.

2023 programs we support that qualify include: NHN, Urban Missions, SVA Benevolence, Free the Oppressed, Love SV, Pon Family, CarePoint Free Clinic, Empower Youth Network, Reclaim Shelter, Snoqualmie Valley Food Bank, Encompass, Helping Hands

Tithes & Offerings: A portion of tithes and offerings fund our commitments to the C&MA Alliance where religious instruction is directly involved. We are currently supporting the Great Commission Fund supporting over 800 International Workers with designated giving to The Woods family serving in Thailand and the Fellowship Fund supporting retired pastors and international workers.

Leadership:

The SVA Church Missions Advisory Council exists to guide the SVA Church body toward an active participation in missions by loving in action, unity, and through sharing the gospel. The primary functions of the Council are to ensure that missions commitments align with the values outlined in the Missions Guidelines, carefully steward Missions funding, and offer discernment and leadership over each of the mission's programs. The council is made of a minimum of three members and maximum of seven members.

