

WHAT DOES GLO DO?

We know what many groups are supposed to do. The Fire Department fight fires. A band is supposed to play music. A school is supposed to educate. But what does GLO Australia do? In short GLO Australia is involved in “Serving, Training and Supporting all over the world”.

SERVING

In all the examples listed above there is a ‘frontline’. This is where the fires are fought, the gigs are played and the students are taught. The frontline for GLO Ministries is ‘Serving’. When GLO Australia uses the word “serving” we mean four primary types of ministry; ‘Community Development’, ‘Evangelism’, ‘Discipleship’ and ‘Church Planting’.

GLO Australia exists to use its cross-cultural church planting knowledge and experience to give a ‘helping hand’ to churches and Christians who are burdened to plant New Testament churches in Australia and overseas. Over the years God has enabled GLO Australia to assist over 160 expatriate missionaries and national workers to ‘evangelise’, ‘disciple’ and ‘plant New Testament churches’ in over 20 countries.

TRAINING

It is important to remember, however, that before a firefighter can safely and successfully fight a fire they must first be trained. So too in the school setting the ‘trainers’ must first be ‘trained’. What is true for firefighters and teachers is also true for Sunday School Teachers, Youth Workers, and Church Planters. After all Jesus made it very clear that disciples are ‘made’, not born. For this reason GLO Australia places a great emphasis on “training”.

When it comes to training GLO Australia endeavours to model our approach on Jesus’ example. Therefore our training employs a practical ‘apprenticeship’ style of instruction that is ‘Christ centred’, ‘Discipleship orientated’, ‘Bible based’, ‘Ministry focused’ and ‘Mission minded’. When all these characteristics are combined often the result is a “life changing experience” where ordinary Christians are transformed into faithful ambassadors for Christ. We thank God that over the years He has used Training Programs such as CrossTalk (English for a Special Purpose), CrossConnect (Discipleship Training); CrossWalk (In-service Training) and CrossTrain (Missions Training) to equip over 1,000 believers to be faithful ambassadors for Christ “all over the world”.

SUPPORTING

Can you imagine how sad the outcome could be if the firefighters were given the wrong address? Or how difficult it would be to teach in a school without resources such as textbooks and white boards? The fact of the matter is that the frontline work always needs practical logistical support. This is not only true for Fire Departments and School systems, it is also true for GLO Australia. Without ‘prayer’, ‘finances’ and ‘care’ the “serving and training all over the world” would come to a halt in a matter of months. In view of that the third core ministry that GLO emphasises is that of “supporting”.

When GLO Australia uses the word supporting we are primarily referring to raising up prayer support, increasing people’s awareness of the ministry through promotion, distributing practical financial support, and providing pastoral care to the workers. Each month the support team circulates more than 3,000 GLO Prayer News, distributes funds to workers and projects all over the world, and provides help to workers plus a host of other tasks. These support ministries tend to take place ‘behind the scenes’ but are vital for the success of the two frontline ministries of ‘serving’ and ‘training’.

The ultimate reason GLO Ministries Australia carries out the three core ministries of “serving”, “training” and “supporting” is so that we can help the church fulfil the Great Commission all over the world. By God’s grace this is being achieved. Over the years millions of tracts have been distributed, tens of thousands of people have heard the gospel, thousands have come to faith and been discipled, and dozens of local churches have been established. On the following pages you will discover some real life examples of the “serving, training and supporting” that is taking place “all over the world”.

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^ Baptism in the Philippines
CrossConnect Students at GLO Training Centre Smithton >

