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# GET OUTSIDE: GLOBAL

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## INTRODUCTION

We are starting a new series called *Get Outside* focusing on the Safety Third idea of getting outside the walls of our church and engaging in missions. Pastor John uses Matthew 28:19-20 to explain how to get engaged in global missions. When we engage in relationship building with our Global Partners and discover their real needs, we can accomplish projects in a way that transforms their community.

## DISCUSSION

1. Share some attitudes or experiences you have had with global missions. How does it compare to the model presented by Pastor John?
2. Read Matthew 28:19-20 together. How can we live out these verses? Not all people are called to be global missionaries, so how can you still participate in a Safety Third mindset from your home church?
3. Philippians 2:1-4 talks about a heart attitude that may unintentionally affect the way we relate and “help” people in a different culture. What can we do to prevent “cultural myopia” when participating in global missions?
4. As a group, pray for the Global Partners listed on the cards handed out at the end of the service. If you did not attend a service, look them up at [prairielakeschurch.org/missionaries](http://prairielakeschurch.org/missionaries)

## DO SOMETHING

1. Pray for the Global Partners you or Prairie Lakes Church supports. If possible, learn and pray for specific needs or requests they have. Ask God how He wants you to support our Global Partners, and share that plan with your group.
2. Email or send a note of encouragement to someone in your circle who you know has been a part of global missions and pray for that person.
3. Is God calling you into a Safety Third missions trip with one of our Global Partners? Contact Hilary Clark, PLC Missions Coordinator, to learn how you can take that next step!

## RESOURCES

1. Check out *Helping Without Hurting*, a video series by 410 Bridge about how to do missions in a healthy way.
2. A documentary on RightNow Media called *No Bright Lights* gives an up close and personal profile of Networks Romania, a Christian relief organization reaching out to some of Romania's poorest people. Their conclusions speak to the necessity of sharing community *with* the poor instead of doing ministry *to* the poor, the importance of understanding the rhythms and norms of differing cultures and differentiating between real and perceived needs.
3. In *Toxic Charity: How Churches and Charities Hurt Those They Help, And How to Reverse It*, Robert Lupton provides new models for charitable groups who want to help—not sabotage—those whom they desire to serve at the global and local levels.