

# Faithful Witness

## Outreach begins now

Growing up in a church that promoted missions trips weekly and having a whole month dedicated to missions, I always thought outreach meant going on a missions trip to foreign countries and spreading the gospel to people there. This caused me to be critical about the lack of gospel sharing and outward missions at CCF, as we seemed to be too overly focused on inreach and our own community. However, God challenged my view of outreach when I went for Urbana last December, showing me that outreach does not only happen on overseas missions trips. Outreach means knowing that we're all already called as missionaries – to **live missionally right where God has placed us in our lives.**

## Our ultimate mission is to be faithful witnesses of God.

*"You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven."*

- Matthew 5:14-16

We are to be faithful witnesses of God's love, to be a city on a hill and a light to the nations, to reflect Christ to everyone in our lives. God blesses us so that we can be a blessing to others, and this is what it means to bear Him witness. He doesn't call us to be subtle Christians. In many of our spheres of influence, we are the only Christians. We are light, and light isn't meant to be hidden.

God calls us to take faithful steps in our everyday lives, to say yes to Him and obey Him where he calls us to. In many of our circles of friendship, we are often the only Christian. For many of us in CCF, that means being a student on campus, being a light to our friends and being a faithful witness of who this great God is. For us right now at this present moment, God does not bring us far to do missions, but challenges us to see where we are right now as our missions field.

## T0gether

*"Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ."*

- 1 Corinthians 12:12

Together with other Christian groups on campus, we are part of the larger body of Christ around the world. CCF is known as a fellowship strong in its community and inreach. In the past year, our vision for outreach has sparked a missional heart in many people at CCF, but we have to ground this back to how CCF can be uniquely involved in outreach. God blesses CCF with unique gifts, such as our hospitality and loving community, and challenges us as a fellowship to use the unique gifts to bless others in outreach.

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*"Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their labor."*

*- Ecclesiastes 4:9*

With the other campus fellowships, we should unite in our kingdom goals of showing Christ to people on campus - because when we all gather together, we can become a brighter and greater witness of God's love.

### **What does this look like**

- Involvement in Relevant Week
- CCF Outreach Week
- UofTOgether
- UNITEprayer
- Combined Large Group Socials with other fellowships
- Equipping CCF to share the gospel with our friends
- "Visit another fellowship"
- Missions Discippler Role in CCF
- CCFxMissionsHub missions exposure

## Personal Evaluation

**What are one or two strengths (skills/qualities) you possess, and how have you demonstrated these in the past?**

I believe that my biggest strength is how I am unafraid to reach out to people and my desire to make people feel welcomed. I think that this reflects in how I've led my IG, investing into the DG of my year, as well as in other informal settings like study hangouts and sharing meals with people. I think that I love and care for people and I don't hesitate to reach out to meet people individually and get to know them and listen to their struggles.

**What weakness do you possess that may hinder you in your chosen role, and how will you commit to improving in this area while you are serving on committee?**

I tend to make decisions in life impulsively - often I am impatient and struggle to wait on God when I am stuck at a crossroads in life. This is something that I have been working on in the past few months this year, learning to wait on God and listen for His voice. Admittedly, it has been tough, but I have sought for accountability from my close brothers and sisters in Christ to remind me to turn down the volume and be sensitive to God's voice - learn to wait, be patient, and commit decisions to the LORD in prayer.

**What can you personally offer to help the other members of committee in their difficulties next year? What is your personal commitment to ensure that committee works well together as a team?**

I believe that a committee has to be grounded in prayer, most importantly. I personally commit that in all circumstances, difficulties and even joys, that I would pray with the committee and personally for the committee. I also strongly believe in the importance of a committee having friendship relationships with each other, not just working together in service. I commit to getting to know each committee member individually, sharing with them my life, "doing" life together and caring for them spiritually and physically. I hope to care for them not just in picking up the slack of the committee members when they may not be able to in committee tasks, but also caring for them in prayer and being a good friend. I also want to encourage the committee to serve God and the fellowship joyfully - because joyful service is much more important than joyless labor.

**If you are not elected to your chosen role, how will you still serve and carry out your vision at CCF next year?**

I would continue to encourage people in CCF towards living a missional life for God where they are in life right now, as students on campus. I would continue to stay in touch with the Missions Hub and encourage people to be an active part of the larger UofT Christian Community through Friday Morning Prayer, Relevant Week, and participate in other outreach efforts.