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## VISION

Westminster Biblical Missions is committed to planting and multiplying Reformed churches on the foreign field. To accomplish this, believers must be trained to teach their own people of Christ and His truth. The role of foreign missionaries should not be that of doing the work so much as that of showing nationals how to do it—training them to stand in the faith, defend the faith, and spread the faith.

These principles of missions adopted by WBM have been ably set forth by John L. Nevius (1829-1893), a Presbyterian missionary to China, in his book *Planting and Development of Missionary Churches* (1885). Nevius called for the establishment of self-supporting, self-governing, and self-propagating national churches. This approach keeps national churches from dependency upon foreign aid. When combined with training national believers in the Word, it is certain to have far greater results than anything a foreign missionary force could accomplish on its own. It is also incredibly cost effective. And, if the door should close to foreigners, the work will go on.

*"All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." ([Matthew 28:18-20](#))*

*"Behold, I say to you, lift up your eyes and look at the fields, for they are already white for harvest! And he who reaps receives wages, and gathers fruit for eternal life, that both he who sows and he who reaps may rejoice together." ([Jn. 4:35-36](#))*

## OUR METHOD

As the early church spread the Word, new believers were discipled and shown how to complete the work of the Great Commission in their area. The apostles then moved on. Today, we see many missions at work, but without any goal whatsoever of establishing a national church. Most missions, Bible-believing ones included, are focused on their own efforts. It also seems to be that mission officials are reluctant to enter into controversy on the field. If nationals are to be trained to defend the faith, however, it is essential that false gospels and false ideologies be exposed.

WBM, therefore, opposes the false gospel and priestly claims of Roman Catholics on the mission field. WBM also opposes the apostasy found in many 'Protestant' churches, particularly those attached to the World Council of Churches. The ecumenical movement is everywhere today, and missionary agencies which do not confront its liberal social gospel on their fields are not faithful to Christ. It is a great delusion to think that mission work can advance without discipling or, if discipling be recognized, that it can be done without contending against the claims of false gospels and ideologies which, in the name of Christ, are seducing the hearts and minds of men.