



GLOBALLINK



PARTNERSHIPS

STARTING A PARTNERSHIP

Partnerships between churches and international workers (IW) are relational and work best at the grassroots level where there is a natural connection. As partners form relationships and share their lives and goals, the results can be powerful.

The Alliance recognizes several key elements in a good partnership:

- Through *Partner Care*, churches come alongside IWs to help in various ways.
- *Strategic Prayer* involves standing with each other before God's throne.
- *Doing Our Share* means giving financially to support people and ministries.
- By *Going There*, churches take short-term trips that allow them to contribute to the shared strategies of their partners.
- *Staying Aware* keeps partners up-to-date with one another.



BUT HOW AND WHERE DO WE PARTNER?

There are three starting points.



PEOPLE

We encourage you to start with natural connections you already have with IWs you know and value.



PROJECTS

Perhaps there are local ministries your church is already strongly involved with. These can provide a good connection with a similar Alliance missions effort.



PLACES

You can also develop a partnership based on a specific region of the world or an unreached people group God has placed on your heart.

A partnership should be Spirit-led and relationship based. At its root should be a common bond, shared goals, and deep trust. It should benefit the overseas team and the local church.

Most partnerships begin with a focus on people or a project. But changes are inevitable, so we suggest that you remain aware of what your partner's field/team is doing to avoid ending your partnership when changes occur.



For more information on how to create lasting partnerships, contact the Global Link Office at (719) 265-2129 or GlobalLink@cmalliance.org.

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*So [Simon and his teammate]
signaled their partners in the other
boat to come and help them, and
they came and filled both boats so
full that they began to sink.*

—Luke 5:7



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