Village Partnerships provide holistic, sustainable programming that addresses the physical and spiritual needs of the community. Initiatives are developed by the communities themselves, empowering them in the process— a crucial approach to long-term success. Research shows that sustainable development must be community driven.

While there are no simple solutions to the devastation of poverty, the church has the opportunity to bring hope and renewal to many children and their families world-wide.

These partnerships help open the door between our cultures and circumstances to better understand and love the community being served. A long-term commitment moves us past the simple idealism that comes with “helping” and encourages us down a path towards relationship which encompasses empathy, knowledge, grace, and a servant-minded mission.

FAQ

Q: What is a Village Partnership?
A: It is a formal mutual commitment between a church and a specific village. A VP is characterized by a holistic response to a village’s desire to improve their community.

Q: How long does the VP last between church and village?
A: The formal mutual commitment aspect of a VP typically lasts 3-5 years.

Q: How much is a church’s financial investment in a VP?
A: A church would invest $20,000 USD per year depending on the size of the village.

Q: Can we visit the village?
A: Yes! We hope you do! Go and meet village residents and leaders; experience the country! This creates a deep and lasting VP relationship.

Q: Who can visit the village?
A: Anyone who wishes may visit especially those with a specific skill related to the programs developed on the ground. Teams are often medical, educational, spiritual, agricultural, construction, etc. skill-based or a mix of the former. All team members must be background checked.

Q: What is the primary goal of a VP?
A: The primary goal is to positively impact an entire village through holistic community development support. In this way, projects are much more sustainable.

Q: What is the first step?
A: The first step is prayerful consideration of this partnership. Here at World Hope International we would be delighted to pray and discuss a VP with you.

Q: Will we get reports of the village progress?
A: WHI will provide a report every 6 months with a full and final report at the completion of the formal portion of the commitment.

Q: What is the best way to strengthen and develop the partnership?
A: Prayer is always the best and most powerful tool! Next, child sponsorships within village families deepens and grows the VP relationship.
World Hope has successfully managed over 25 Village Partnerships since 2003. We believe that every person should have the opportunity to live a life of dignity; to not only survive but to prosper, to have the ability to provide food, shelter, and education for one's family. However, for many, a life of dignity is far beyond reach. Living without basic needs being met, such as, clean water, adequate shelter and food, regardless of how hard one works, is not living a life of dignity.

Our response to extreme poverty in rural areas is to provide holistic, sustainable programs that equip each village with the foundation necessary to build its economy and provide a healthy environment for its members. That's why we include empowering the youth who will be the leaders of tomorrow in our partnership initiatives.

Possible initiatives of the partnership include:
- Leadership Development
- Income Generation Improvement
- Education & Youth Empowerment
- Child Sponsorship
- Clean Water & Sanitation
- Evangelism Partnership with a Local Church
- Short-term missions

“Our missions philosophy at our church is: ‘Do for one that you wish you could do for everyone.’ Village Partnerships help us pursue that mission more than anything else we do!”

~Jordan Jones, Faith Church

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