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## PARTNERSHIPS

## STARTING A PARTNERSHIP

Partnerships between churches and international workers (IWs) 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](mailto: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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