

CHURCH-TO-CHURCH Overview (Beta)

Summary

CHURCH-TO-CHURCH is designed to directly connect a church in crisis with a supporting church. Through these Christ-centered relationships of mutuality, there is hope for the rebuilding of a nation one church at a time. CHURCH-TO-CHURCH is not about projects and products but about people and processes. It is not about money fixing problems but about relationships bringing transformation – deep and lasting transformation as we share the love of Christ one church to another.

Characteristics of a Supporting Church

- Looking for a *long-term partnership* with a church in crisis and a long-term investment in people rather than short-term projects.
- Wants to *dialogue* with a local church about its needs. Plans for work will come out of conversations and relationships with local pastors and their churches.
- Values *leading from behind*, and allows local churches to own and execute initiatives.

What to Expect

1. Explore
 - Be introduced to a church in crisis.
 - Build a relationship around a specific project. Send a small team of skilled professionals and church leaders to work on that project.
 - Learn about one another: pastor, church, strengths, and needs.
2. Encourage
 - Provide ongoing encouragement.
 - Pray for one another.
3. Equip
 - Determine strengths and needs, initiate specific projects (counseling, medical, construction, education, food/water, agriculture, e.g.).
 - Have the goal for all projects to equip local people with the skills to eventually lead and execute independently.
4. Entrust
 - Support all short-term trips and associated costs.
 - Continue to give financially as able. (CHC will cover costs of most basic reconstruction.)

Mission Trips

Short-term teams will be sent to support the above efforts as needed. These teams will be responsible for the cost of their respective trips.

- Vision Trip - build relationships with and understand the needs of the church in crisis. (Church leaders and technical professionals)
- Prayer Trip - pray for the church face to face and gather prayer requests for ongoing intercession. (Intercessors)
- Tech Trip - assist and train in projects. (Technical Professionals)