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THE ROAD TO DAMASCUS



MEET SHANT

After almost a decade of civil war, much of Syria lies in ruins. Surrounded by damaged structures and shattered lives, Shant is the pastor of a vibrant church in Damascus. While millions fled Syria as refugees and despite personal danger, Shant chose to stay. He is now in a strategic position to lead in the spiritual, social and economic rebuilding of this great and important city. It is difficult and risky to be a Christian church leader in Syria today, yet he knows that it will require courageous leadership to heal the brokenness of his country.

Choosing to stay when so many others have left has placed Shant in a position of respect and influence. As a young leader, who has demonstrated great resilience, Shant is poised to be a person of great impact.

Shant is a part of a movement to strategically rebuild the church in Syria. Along with other leaders in the Middle East, he is encouraging churches in Canada to join him in this historic opportunity. His own congregation and many others from Muslim backgrounds, need partnership to be reminded that they are a part of a praying, supportive world-wide church.

PARTNERS INTERNATIONAL IS PROUD TO BE IN PARTNERSHIP WITH SHANT AND OTHER CHRISTIAN LEADERS LIKE HIM IN SYRIA, ACROSS THE MIDDLE EAST AND IN OTHER CHALLENGING PLACES AROUND THE WORLD.

RETHINKING GLOBAL MISSION



It's time to rethink global mission. Dr. Johannes Reimer from the World Evangelical Alliance recently observed, "The future of mission does not lie with the Western Church any longer. Indigenous churches and leaders in the majority world are the focus of 21st century mission."

Across the globe God is raising up Spirit-filled leaders in the most challenging parts of our world who desire to bring the good news of Jesus to their own communities and regions.



Jesus first sent his disciples to be his witness in their own regions and then in concentric circles of influence – eventually to the ends of the earth (Acts 1:8). Today, eager followers of Jesus desire to make an impact in the least reached parts of our world, places where they already live, work and play. They know the language, and they are willing to take great risks to share their faith and demonstrate God's love to people often trapped in hopelessness and despair. God is on mission through His people.

Mission has also changed in Canada. Many years ago Charles Studd wrote: "The light that shines farthest shines brightest at home." Many Canadian churches have taken seriously the call to reach the increasing diversity of people moving into their own communities. Local mission has become a hallmark of healthy churches in Canada. The same is true for the church worldwide. Churches that were once small cross-cultural pioneer outposts of Christian witness are raising up passionate, outreach-minded disciples. They are exploding with incredible impact in difficult to reach places.

What might this mean for mission agencies in Canada? More than 3 billion people on our planet today live where there are little to no opportunity to learn about Jesus. The predominant model for more than a century was to send cross cultural missionaries from "the west to the rest".

Global Mobilization is about raising up leaders everywhere to reach, teach and equip people to love and follow Jesus.

Today's focus must shift to identify and mobilize spirit-filled leaders who are called by God to minister powerfully in their own cultures and contexts.

Strategic global mission in the 21st century must focus upon identifying mission leaders globally. Today, the global church is awakening to bring the good news of Jesus to every tribe, language and nation by mobilizing leaders to reach their own language, culture and communities. The places where many cross-cultural missionaries simply cannot go or where challenges are so great they do not stay.

We can help your church:

- **Develop a vision for church-planting in the most challenging parts of our world.**
- **Align your congregation's understanding of global mission with how you might reach people in your own communities.**
- **Discover the joy of unity and mutuality in genuine partnership with a global leader serving courageously despite challenging circumstances.**
- **Develop meaningful relationships with global partners who will inspire, encourage and exhort your congregation in sacrificial obedience.**
- **Maximize the effectiveness of your global mission donations by investing in local leaders who are effectively serving in severely under-resourced places.**
- **Engage in meaningful and effective prayer for global brothers and sisters who you will know by name, and grow to love as you serve together.**

PARTNERS INTERNATIONAL IS PASSIONATE IN HELPING TO RESOURCE THE CANADIAN CHURCH BY BUILDING IMPACTFUL PARTNERSHIPS WITH GLOBAL CHRISTIAN LEADERS WHO ARE POISED AND ENERGETIC TO BUILD THE CHURCH AND TRANSFORM COMMUNITIES IN THE LEAST REACHED PARTS OF OUR WORLD.

WHO IS PARTNERS INTERNATIONAL CANADA?

75 YEARS OF

WE PARTNER WITH LOCAL LEADERS IN CHALLENGING PLACES WORLDWIDE TO BUILD THE CHURCH AND TRANSFORM COMMUNITIES IN THE NAME OF JESUS.

JOIN WITH LOCAL LEADERS

In 1943, through the vision of one local leader in China, our mission grew to over 150 local evangelists in its first six years. These bold Christian leaders faced incredible persecution and even death. Yet it was their courageous witness that helped to form a powerful movement of the Holy Spirit in China that continues today.

Your church can join with dynamic local leaders who are strategically serving in the most challenging places in our world. Amazingly, partnering with these leaders costs a fraction of what it costs to send cross-cultural missionaries.

EXTEND YOUR REACH TO THE UNREACHED

There are more than 6600 people groups, representing over 3 billion people with little or no access to the good news of Jesus. 86% of all Hindus, Buddhists and Muslims don't personally know a Christian.

Did you know that 90% of Western cross-cultural missionaries and 97% of our resources (finances, expertise, materials) go to places where the church has already been established?

There are places in our world that are desperately in need of the transformational power of the gospel yet they are largely ignored by the church in North America. We partner with local leaders serving in over 30 countries, many of which are on the top 10 lists of most difficult or dangerous places to be a Christian.

MINISTER TO THE WHOLE PERSON

God's desire is for the transformation of the whole person. God loves all people, and has made them in His image with dignity and worth. An Integral Mission approach incorporates the breadth of the good news of Jesus – in both word and deed, transforming and reconciling the spiritual, physical, emotional and social aspects of a person and entire communities. This leads to lasting change and an eternal impact.

INSPIRE YOUR CHURCH THROUGH PROVEN MINISTRY OUTCOMES

Jesus invites us to participate in faithful ministry regardless of the outcomes. Yet he also told us that the harvest is ripe! While the ground where we work is often parched and dry, through the Holy Spirit our partners are seeing miracles and the outcomes of our model of mission are tangible:

IN A 5 YEAR PERIOD:

OVER 3,000 CHURCHES PLANTED
OVER 13,000 MINISTRY LEADERS TRAINED
OVER 950 LOCAL MISSIONARIES MOBILIZED
ALMOST 60,000 NEW CHRISTIANS
OVER 6000 BAPTISMS

PARTNERSHIP

Hear from current Canadian Church Partners

"The Peoples Church has been in mission partnership with Partners International for decades. Partners' model of connecting global leaders serving in their national settings has strengthened the international church in fulfilling its mission and allowed for a truly kingdom model of mutual resource sharing. These global relationships have helped us to learn and grow in our mission focus and initiatives."

Sandra Ryan, Missions Pastor
The People's Church, Toronto



"When I found Partners International, I knew I had found a gem! As we partner with leaders that are already fluent in the local language and culture, connected into the community we are being great stewards of what God has blessed us with. My team and I have been so impressed with the solid partners we are able to support through Partners International. Partners does all the vetting, training and reporting in such a way that we have full confidence as we partner in far off places that God's work is being accomplished."

Tracy Minke, Missions Pastor
CrossRoads Church, Red Deer





BUILD AN EXTRAORDINARY PARTNERSHIP

HOW CAN YOUR CHURCH TAKE ACTION?

We are inviting your church or ministry group to build an extraordinary partnership with a Local Leader who is building the church and transforming communities in the name of Jesus.

STEP 1

Prayerfully consider a specific global partner

We work with local leaders in many of the most difficult places in the world. Some of the leaders we partner with can openly partner with your church and have visibility in your online presence. Other leaders cannot be identified by name, specific location or picture. For these leaders, your church is invited to courageously come behind closed doors with us. A Partners International representative would be glad to introduce your church to one of a number of strategic leaders that are ready to partner with you.

STEP 2

Discern your church's level of financial partnership

Your church or group is invited to resource the vision of a local leader who is building a dynamic ministry in a particular region and place. A Partners International representative can work with you to determine the appropriate level of financial investment for your church. Your recurring gifts will help this leader build a team, create a ministry and sustain ongoing, holistic, church based approaches to transformation.

STEP 3

Build a meaningful relationship

Your financial investment is only one small part of an extraordinary partnership. Your church is invited to build a lasting relationship that will educate, inspire and challenge your congregation. Field reports, videos, videoconferencing and discovery trips are all a part of building a great partnership. Let us share with you stories of how other churches are actively engaging in meaningful partnerships with the global church.

CONTACT YOUR PARTNERS INTERNATIONAL REPRESENTATIVE TODAY!

If you would like to learn more visit our website at partnersinternational.ca/partner or contact us at team@partnersinternational.ca

Meet some of our Global Leaders around the world



Meet Bhim Lal and Kalpana, local leaders sharing the gospel with the least reached people groups of Nepal.



Meet David and Hope who are building a community of evangelists, church planters and disciplers in Nigeria.



Meet Raul, a local leader reaching out to the tribal villages of the Peruvian Amazon.

OTHER WAYS WE CAN HELP YOUR CHURCH HAVE A GREATER IMPACT THROUGH PARTNERSHIP



1. Meet with local leaders serving on the front lines of God's work in our world As your church builds a relationship with a local leader, Partners International can create venues for your congregation to meaningfully connect. Engage virtually, have groups visit your partner, or invite your partner to share with your church when possible.

2. Invite one of our Canadian team members to speak at your church or to your group Invite a gifted communicator to join your congregation for a Sunday and deliver a message, show an inspiring video and encourage your congregation about God's work around the world. We also love to speak to senior's groups, youth groups or other groups in your church. We can provide a team member who can speak or preach in English, Cantonese, Mandarin, or Spanish.

3. Realign your Mission Strategy Our team members are gifted coaches and consultants who can walk with your church/committee through the critical issues facing global mission committees and teams in the 21st century. This can be done through a virtual meeting or by scheduling a visit to your church.

4. Host a Workshop or Seminar Invite one of our team members to lead a workshop or seminar on a topic relevant to your ministry and the things you are thinking about in global mission.

5. Lead a Virtual Prayer Event for the Persecuted Church Reach out to us and we can help your church to plan a virtual (or live) prayer event with video interviews, testimonies and encouragement from leaders serving in some of the least-reached and often dangerous parts of our world.

6. Participate in Discovery Trips (physical or virtual!) As part of a new 21st century approach to global mission, your church may want to consider a new way of doing Short Term Mission, and join (or create) a Discovery Trip. These trips are possible to be arranged for small to medium sized groups and will educate, inform, and inspire participants as they learn about some of the amazing ways God is working through the church in the midst of great difficulty. These are not Short term work projects, but rather opportunities to partner in an environment of mutual learning and encouragement. Can't travel? Ask us about a Virtual Discovery Trip!

7. Launch a Christmas Campaign Your church is invited to utilize the Partners International Gift Catalogue and join our annual Christmas Campaign for Canadian churches. Reach out to one of our team members anytime during the fall season so that we can collaborate in planning a Christmas campaign focused on blessing the global church.



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