

Building a Meaningful STEP Partnership

Now that we've signed on to be a STEP Partner, what part can we play to be an active partner?

PRAYER

- Pray for your STEP partner and their country regularly.
- Add prayer points to your church bulletin, and church website, include it in your weekly prayer as a congregation.
- Start a daily prayer chain for the STEP country and its leaders.
- Learn more about the CBM field staff working in your STEP country and pray for them regularly – sign up for Direct Link Prayer Network (DLPN) on our website, www.cbmin.org to get a monthly list of field staff prayer requests.

LOCAL COMMUNITY

- Identify and get involved with local ministries in your community or within Canada that support people from your STEP country.
- Host a dinner about your STEP country at your church to raise awareness about your STEP partnership. Use it as an opportunity to educate on the history and culture of your STEP country.

CORRESPONDENCE

- This may be something to help the children's ministry to feel connected. Though not all partnerships function solely in the English language, the children can draw pictures of your church and church family and send it to your STEP country, via CBM global field staff.
- Simple letters of greeting, prayers and well wishes can be sent along to help build relationship as well.

EXPERIENCING THE COUNTRY AND STEP PARTNER COMMUNITY

- Go on a short-term missions trip to your STEP country.
- Find out more about your STEP country history and current events.
- Create a display for your congregation to view and find out news about the STEP country.

EDUCATING YOUR CONGREGATION

- Read CBM's quarterly publication, *mosaic* for stories and updates regarding your STEP country.



- Check out <http://news.bbc.co.uk/> (BBC website) for news about your STEP country; designate someone to give updates to your congregation.
- Clip articles from the newspaper about your STEP country – share them with your congregation by putting them into your church bulletin, website or newsletter.
- Start a church STEP blog, post photos from your STM, updates that come from CBM, news and current events on the country etc.

GET PROACTIVE FOR EFFECTIVE CHANGE – starting in Canada

- Organize a letter campaign asking our government to respond to issues in your STEP country.
- Contact news media drawing their attention to the issues of the STEP country – write articles.

