

Partner Evaluation Guide

Use this chart to evaluate mission partners or new potential partners. A ministry that scores all 3's is the ideal mission partner. A ministry with several 2's may need some work to fit as a partner. A ministry with 1's is not a viable partner.

Questions	1	2	3
Member Involvement Does the ministry allow or request our church members to be involved? Do opportunities exist beyond financial support?	The ministry does not involve our members nor are there realistic opportunities to serve.	The ministry has needs but they are not clearly defined, or the opportunity for our involvement hasn't arrived yet.	Ministry involvement for our church members is strong, and serving opportunities arise often.
Relationship Basis Does our church have a strong relationship with the ministry?	The ministry does not communicate regularly or clearly about its mission.	There is some communication, but the relationship is mostly financial.	Communication is very clear, and the relationship is strong and growing.
Development Orientation Does the ministry have merely a relief focus, or does it increase people's capacity and develop them both physically and spiritually?	The ministry does not have a clear focus on development, or it mainly works in relief efforts.	A development program for spiritual and physical care is a portion of the ministry or is being put in place.	Spiritual and physical development is strong and demonstrable.
Equipping Focus What has been the track record of growth? Are they fulfilling their mission and seeing lives changed for Christ?	There seems to be no evidence of growth, or there is difficulty in demonstrating measurable results.	There are signs of growth, but a difficulty exists in demonstrating measurable results. This could exist because the ministry is new or exists in a hostile environment.	The ministry is continually serving and meeting the deep needs of the community around them.
Sustainability Does the ministry have a plan in place for continued service and leadership? Are they clear about their mission and plan of ministry?	The ministry plan lacks focus or has changed rapidly over the last several years.	The ministry leadership and plan are stable, but the future of the ministry is somewhat uncertain.	The future of this ministry is intentional and well planned. The ministry focus is clear.