



Global Outreach: PARTNERSHIP SELECTION CRITERIA

- **Alignment.** Alignment with Vineyard values and statement of faith with a clear commitment to glorifying Christ and expanding His kingdom through the local church.
- **Maturity.** Demonstrated fruitfulness over a number of years.
- **Financial Accountability.** Adherence to (or a plan working toward) ECFA standards for financial stewardship (www.ecfa.org) and regular audits by an outside third party.
- **Short & Long Term Missions.** Desire and ability to receive and equip short term mission teams in collaboration with VC leadership to achieve longer term goals.
- **Reporting.** Willingness and ability to provide regularly scheduled reports of accountability and progress toward stated partnership goals to VC leadership.
- **Clarity of Goals.** Ability to articulate and measure progress against SMART goals.
- **Serving the Marginalized.** Actively including and caring for those often overlooked by the world (orphans, widows, foreigners, the poor) through a Christ-centered approach.
- **Engagement Levels.** Ability to support Vineyard Cincinnati's Pray, Send, Go strategy. Can people personally engage through prayer, financial support and active participation in the mission?
- **Mutual Partnership.** Eager to partner and invest back into Vineyard Cincinnati, primarily through discipleship tools and training, guest teachers, etc

LEVELS OF PARTNERSHIP & SUPPORT

Invitation determines investment. Generally speaking, the missions ministry expands primarily through invitation and relationship. When a new initiative is under consideration, we look first to see what level of partnership seems most fitting. At varying levels, we come alongside organizations and individuals with financial support, prayer backing, promotion and awareness among our constituency, and through the sending of short-term teams. Extending an offer of support on behalf of Vineyard Cincinnati will only occur once a ministry effort has been evaluated using our priorities and decision-making criteria.

1. Vineyard Initiatives

Ministries and opportunities initiated by the leadership of Vineyard Cincinnati. These initiatives are fully invested in as a ministry of the church and, as such, are subject to the same planning and accountability processes as ongoing ministries.

2. Strategic Partnerships

Organizations and initiatives fully supported in all aspects of the Vineyard Pray, Send, Go strategy. Vineyard leadership maintains involvement and mobilizes the people of the Vineyard to pray for, give to and participate in the ministry. This may involve sending short-term teams, supporting short or long term workers, hosting speakers or attending conferences. A section of the Vineyard Cincinnati web site is being developed to promote the work these partners are doing and encourage our people toward ongoing involvement on a Pray, Send, and/or Go level.

3. Friends of the Vineyard

Organizations with ties to Vineyard Cincinnati who are making an impact for the Kingdom of God. These are ministries with whom we have no official partnership, but with whom we have a collegial, supportive relationship. Friends may receive financial gifts once per fiscal year and limited exposure to the Vineyard community through media outlets. Shareholders or other committed Vineyard

attendees can nominate ministries with whom they are involved to be considered a Friend of the Vineyard.

4. People of the Vineyard

Those individuals who have been Shareholders of Vineyard Cincinnati for at least one year and who receive a pastoral endorsement from the leader under whom they serve may receive support. This support will be determined in line with the priorities and goals of the missions strategy and will be limited to a financial gift once per fiscal year and exposure to the Vineyard community through pre-approved media outlets. In descending order of priority, consideration is given to

- Shareholders supporting Vineyard initiatives
- Shareholders working in support of a Vineyard partner initiative or agency
- Non-Shareholder attendees supporting Vineyard partnerships or initiatives

5. One-Time Support

Rarely, Vineyard Missions may meet a strategic need of an agency, indigenous leader, or project, regardless of ongoing relationship. These one-time offers of support are typically in response to a natural disaster or need for emergency relief.

SUPPORT PRIORITIES

In determining levels of partnership and support, priority will be given to:

1. Church planting and to the equipping and release of indigenous churches
2. Those who have least access to the gospel
3. The care of orphans, widows and other marginalized people
4. The support of missionaries working outside the United States
5. Missions education and mobilization