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Beyond Partnership Team Leaders

Building Relationships and Church Buildings

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A Little Background

The Lord has called us work with Beyond Partnership, a ministry of Missions Door (formerly Missions to the Americas). We will be leading short term Mission trips, working under the leadership and guidance of National Christians in Central America and Cambodia, and perhaps Inner City North America, helping them to fulfill the vision that God has given them for their own people. In addition, we help the North American Christians who are on the trip to see their Majority World brothers and sisters in a new light, recognizing that Jesus is at work in their lives as well, perhaps in a different way than in their own, yet still in alignment with His will and His Word.

We partner a North American church with a poor church in a Majority World country for a personalized project, and *both groups of Christians get to see how each church enriches each other*. The national Pastors provide the list of needs, and Beyond Partnership provides the itinerary to get the job accomplished. We emphasize relationship building while on the project, most of which include helping to build a church building, a children's ministry such as Vacation Bible School, as well as an evangelistic outreach. We also conduct Medical Mission Trips to poor villages that have no access to medical care and where the local churches are already evangelizing and trying to plant a church.

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Short Term Mission Trip Testimony

The faith of our Cambodian brothers and sisters in Christ is amazing to behold; materially they have very little, but they are extraordinarily rich in faith. God taught me lessons in Cambodia that have changed my life forever. If you're thinking of going on a short-term mission trip, I have one word of advice for you: GO!

Scott Watson: Dover Baptist Church Elder and Short Term Mission Trip Leader



An Observation

This past weekend, Ruth & I spent 3 days at an amazing Missions Conference, sponsored by Woodlawn Baptist Church in Pawtucket, RI. I estimate that there were more than 50 Missionaries sharing their work. It was a great encouragement to see so many of the ways that God was moving among His people to spread His Word. I was moved to tears to even be in the same room as so many great people of God, and to even think that we were also part of His great plan. We are ready to do our part, and we could not even think about being able to do so without your help.

Ephesians 1:15-16 "For this reason,... I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers"

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