



We are a church that has been embraced by a God with longer arms than we could ever imagine. Wrapped in that security, we are dedicated to introducing people of other cultures to the light and love of His embrace. As you may know, human need is great across the planet.

Consider that...

- training and resources are desperately needed by 2,000,000 pastors in spiritually impoverished parts of the world
- 95% of the least evangelized live in a concentrated area that stretches across North Africa, the Middle East, India, and Asia
- there are 10,000,000 AIDS orphans, and in the minute you've spent reading this, 28 more street children have died

Although the needs are great, boundless opportunities exist to see God's glory revealed in the nations of the world. Connecting with leaders around the globe, the BRIDGES team is striving to meet needs and win the world for Christ. Our global initiatives and opportunities for service are listed on the panes of this brochure. Whether you travel abroad on a mission expedition or focus your efforts on prayer here at home, we invite you to be involved. As hundreds of people at IBC can attest, spiritual vitality swells when you participate in God's global activity. We invite you to join the BRIDGES team and help carry the light of Christ to a world who needs Him.

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#### Partnerships

An old African proverb says, "If you want to go fast, walk alone. If you want to go far, walk together." IBC has joined hands with dynamic leaders and outreaches around the globe. Our goal? To equip national leaders with needed resources and information that will assist them in reaching and teaching their own people.



#### Children at Risk

In a world that ignores the needs of forgotten children, the church is called to be a source of refuge and help. Working with organizations dedicated to transforming the lives of children at risk, we want to meet their physical, emotional, and spiritual needs with the hope that these same children will impact their own communities for Christ.



#### Kutchi Outreach

Join this team as they research and strategize new ways to reach and minister to our adopted people group. The Kutchi primarily reside in NW India. After surviving a devastating earthquake, they are now particularly receptive to the good news Jesus Christ offers. Their villages, cities, and souls are waiting to be reborn.



#### Field Care

Wherever our missionaries call home, we want them to feel connected to IBC. As a part of that effort, we send them Christmas presents, birthday cards, encouraging emails, sermon tapes and worship music...all to "shorten" the distance between us.



#### Launch

Considering a career in missions? Join Launch, a support group led by veteran missionaries. Learn how to raise support and what to expect when you cross into an unfamiliar culture. Network with other candidates and share ideas. IBC will help prepare you for your field assignment.



#### Global Exposure

We want everyone at IBC to learn about God's heart for the world – from the little ones in the nursery to the seasoned saints. We offer a variety of classes, conferences, and seminars all designed to foster "global thinking."



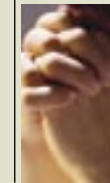
#### Student Mobilization

At no time are lives more open to the Lord than when people are young. We have a team devoted to engaging youth in hands-on mission activities. Whether it's attending a national conference or actually experiencing the mission field first-hand, we want to develop global mindsets in our young people and then launch them to bring the light of Christ to a dark world.



#### Prayer Ministry

To accomplish God's global purposes, we are called to total reliance on God in prayer. Each missionary and every outreach of IBC is prayed for by committed people in a variety of small group settings. Won't you join us as we ask the Lord of the harvest to send and equip more laborers?



#### Welcome Team

Whether our missionaries visit IBC for weeks or months, a welcome team is on hand to assist them when they arrive. This team arranges for meals, lodging, and transportation. Furlough time needs to be relaxing and our aim is to insure that it is.



#### International Student Outreach

Why not consider developing a friendship with an international student from the University of Dallas? Loneliness can be a real challenge for foreign guests. Who knows, maybe your friendship will lead them to the beginning of a friendship with Jesus Christ?



#### Mission Expeditions

We long to serve our overseas partners with humility and the attitude of Christ. Each year IBC is invited to many parts of the world to help with everything from building buildings to building disciples. We share encouragement and we share our resources. So, if you can swing a hammer, teach the Bible, share the Gospel, or hug a child... there is a place reserved for you on an IBC Mission Expedition.



And they sang a new song: "You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, because You were slain, and with Your blood You purchased men for God from every tribe and language and people and nation. You have made them to be a kingdom and priests to serve our God, and they will reign on the earth."

Revelation 5:9-1



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