

Village Adoption, “Building Eternal Relationships!”

As Paradise Bound continues in our Lord’s calling upon us, we are excited to share with you our Village Adoption outreach. Strategically incorporating; Mission Teams, Village Impact, Village Wellness, Pastoral Training, and Church Planting, each outreach builds upon and spiritually strengthens the previous program in the remote villages we target (are called to). Mission Teams are generally the initial impact, with Village Adoption greatly multiplying that initial impact, bringing spiritual maturity and raising up national missionaries for generations to come.

With the words of Act 7:34 within our hearts; “*Come now, I send you...*”, PBM and the adopting US organization work together to bring each village into spiritual maturity over the course of a decade. Ultimately, as with any adoption, seeking to raise them up and then send them out “*unto the uttermost*”, mature in our Lord Jesus Christ.

Village Adoption fulfills PBM’s dual calling of 100% to those being ministered to, and 100% to those our Lord calls to minister alongside of us. Prospective adopting organizations should recognize that Village Adoption will likely impact their own organization as much as or more than the village being adopted. Embracing the village as part of their own organization or family, not simply an outreach of, is paramount to each adoption...not unlike adopting a child into a family.

Sending financial resources to a village without Eternal goals is often detrimental. “*Building Eternal Relationships*” is our heart and those relationships are key within Village Adoption. Relationships take time and effort, the goal of each; an Everlasting or Eternal Relationship that can only occur in our Lord HIMself and through HIS promises!

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- Village Adoption represents a minimum 10-year relationship between PBM, the adopting organization and the adopted village. Therefore, PBM requests that all potential organizations seeking to partner with us and adopt a village first engage in 30 Days of Prayer, fasting, and discernment before applying. PBM can provide resources to assist and guide you in your 30 Days of Prayer, as “*Prayer does not equip us for the greater work, it IS the greater work!*”
 - A discernment to adopt should involve as many members of the organization as possible. A process that challenges members (not just management) to engage and invest prayerfully, thus taking ownership of this “*Investment in Eternity*” from the very beginning.
 - “*Building Eternal Relationships,*” throughout the 10 years should be understood as far more important than financial/resource investment by the organization. Building relationships through time investment (physical, emotional, and spiritual presence) within the village is imperative. PBM will facilitate opportunities for your organization to visit and engage in each adopted village.

- A “*Leadership and Empowerment Team*” should be recruited within the adopting organization on the front end of the commitment and remain engaged throughout the 10 years. Members of this team may change, however, consistency in leadership and holding to the overall vision is critical.
- The financial/resource investment (see below) should be viewed as a minimum. The commitment should stretch the organization beyond what may be comfortable, to a place of full dependency on our Lord to provide above and beyond, believing and living out that HE “*will accomplish infinitely far more than we can ask or even imagine...*” (Ephesians 3:20-21)
- A “Covenant” versus a contract is provided, emphasizing the importance and value of the “relationship” and partnership between PBM, the adopting organization and the adopted village.

Our 10-year Covenant

Our Covenant involves many of the components that make up the PBM outreach ministry to Guatemalan villages. This includes, but is not limited to; Mission Team Impact, Village Impact, Village Wellness, Pastoral Training, and Church Planting. Listed below is a short summary of how each adopting organization leads or assist with these initiatives/outreaches:

1. **Mission Teams** by the adopting organization are often the initial impact with each remote village. This includes the adopting organization building homes and/or providing a medical clinic/outreach in the village, the “Initial Impact” or the beginning of “Building Eternal Relationships.” Other Mission Teams (apart from the adopting organization) will also participate in this initial impact, however the adopting organization will begin to play a greater role once the adoption occurs.
2. **Village Impact** (mission team impact extended) begins immediately upon the adoption of a village and continues throughout the 10-year covenant. Village Impact includes;
 - Discipleship (family by family), in time growing into New Testament House Churches.
 - The Action Bible Program.
 - Outreaches by those being discipled to reach others within their community and neighboring villages.
 - PBM’s Aviation Program (where applicable), as it accelerates the Discipleship, House Churches, the Action Bible Program, and the Outreach initiatives.
3. **Village Wellness** continues the earthly work of our Lord HIMself as we tend to the physical needs of those within the adopted village while intricately interweaving the Gospel throughout. This includes; Additional Medical Clinics, our Long Term/Critical Care Program, Clean Water (a water filtration plant), and possibly an Agricultural Program.
4. **VBS and Customized Mission Teams** begin in the early to mid-stage of the village adoption process. These Mission Teams (unlike the Initial Impact Teams) may include; VBS, The Action Bible, Clean Water, or other initiatives designed specifically to more deeply develop “Eternal Relationships” between PBM, the adopting organization, and the adopted village. Adopting organization is responsible for raising financial support for room, board, and travel. Most adopting organizations commit to 1 team every year or every two years.

5. **Leadership and Pastoral Training** (through PBM’s Bible Institute) begins mid stage of the village adoption with the heart to develop Leaders and Pastors that will eventually lead the village spiritually. It is critical that development begins around year 5 to ensure their spiritual development and maturity by the tenth and final year of the village adoption. Pastors and leaders from the adopting organization play a central role in encouraging, praying for, and building up these leaders.
6. **Church Planting** began with the first Initial Impact Mission Team and is an ever-present vision within our Village Adoption program. The Church Plant may take place within the first few years, but generally an adopted village is ready by the fifth or sixth year (this is determined through Prayer). The Church Plant includes all of the above outreaches, but now incorporates PBM’s Church Plant Team of Senior Pastors walking alongside the adopted village’s leaders and pastors in training. Construction of the church building will take place when deemed ready and will involve the adopting organization.
7. **Completing the Call** occurs around the tenth year of the Covenant. Similar to adopting or raising a child within your own family, the day will come (after years of pouring into them) to step out on their own, as in Psalm 127:4; *“Like arrows in the hand of a warrior, so are your children...”* This does not mean that they cease to be family as they will forever be a part of you, instead you release them to set out and create their own family, ever expanding the Kingdom of God! At this point financial commitment generally ends (or changes), they are encouraged to make their own decisions, and become their own person...now mature in Christ Jesus our Lord. PBM maintains counsel and spiritual oversight as needed or desired, but they will no longer be dependent upon PBM or the adopting organization.

Financial Overview, “Investing in Eternity”:

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| • Mission Teams: The “Initial Impact” (building homes and providing the initial medical clinic/outreaches) are financially separate from the Village Adoption and are not included. | |
| • Village Impact (Discipleship, House Churches, Action Bible, Aviation, Outreach) | \$33,130 |
| • Village Wellness (Medical Clinics, Critical Care, Clean Water (filtration plant)) | \$ 9,870 |
| • Agricultural Program (see notes below) | \$ 0 |
| • VBS & Customized Mission Teams (materials provided; room/board, & travel are not) | \$ 0 |
| • Leadership & Pastor Training (2-year course training/graduating 3 to 4 Pastors) | \$ 7,000 |
| • Church Plant (Pastor salary of \$275/month for 60 months) | \$16,500 |
| • Church Construction | <u>\$32,000</u> |
| Total Village Adoption Investment | \$98,500 |

Notes:

- Agricultural Program includes a 3-year program (currently with MSU) overseen by a Junior Agronomist living within the village full time, oversight by a Senior Agronomist visiting one weekend each month, all seed, seedlings, and fertilizer. Initial results raise the annual income of villagers substantially (depending on location and markets), while at the same time teaching them new agricultural practices and land/forest conservation.
- To add this program is an additional \$24,000 total.
- Adopting organization's financial commitment may be monthly, annually, one lump sum, or a combination thereof, provided that a minimum of 1/10th of the total investment (\$9,850.) is provided each year of the Covenant, and/or the church construction costs are available at the time of construction unless other arrangements are made.
- Any project unmentioned or covered within the programs listed above that are implemented by the adopting organization will be prayed through and the investment quoted prior to implementation.
- Financial commitment by an adopting organization ends with the Total Adoption Costs provided to PBM and the adopted village, and/or at the end of the 10 Year Covenant.
- Components and programing of the Village Adoption Program may be altered or changed based on new revelations, discoveries, or initiatives by PBM or the adopting organization. Adopting organizations must remain flexible and adaptive to village or ministry needs. Likewise, however, each adopting organization is also in a partnership with PBM and the adopted village to bring about positive change, furthering, strengthening and advancing the Village Adoption Program through Christ Jesus our Lord.

