

# Church2Church Partnerships Available in the Rio Grande Valley Baptist Association

Would your church like to partner with a church to create a long-term, sustainable ministry? Churches in the Valley need assistance in the area of:

## Church Health

## Leadership Training

## Church Starting

We are looking for healthy churches to walk along side churches in the Valley. Church Health involves assistance with strategic growth and strengthening of ministries. Leadership training includes mentorships and ministry training. Church Starting assists a church to start a new church. God is calling your church to make a commitment to partner by building relationships with multiple mission trips, year after year, through inviting the Valley Pastor and other staff to meet with your church and share the vision. Also, if your churches demographic have changed to Hispanic a C2C Partnership in the Valley can assist you in reaching your local Hispanics.

**When Helping Hurts** - Church2Church Partnerships work best in a 4 year commitment. The best way to help a church without hurting:

Year 1 - Serve as a model for the church that you are partnering with.

Year 2 - Do the ministry/partnership together.

Year 3 - Oversee as the needy church starts to become less needy and begins showing signs of being a helping church.

Year 4 -By the end of the year, invite the church to become a helping church, creating a new partnership with a needy church in the Valley or anywhere.

According to the book, [When Helping Hurts, How to Alleviate Poverty Without Hurting the Poor and Yourself](#), by Steve Corbett & Brian Fikkert, Go to <http://chalmers.org/when-helping-hurts/scope.php> for an overview. This book is great resource for any mission's team. Contact the River Ministry Office for an overview and orientation which includes this book

If you are interested in a partnership such as this please see the attached churches that need partners, a short term partnerships project list and the attached Church2Church Partnership Assessment Form to help you get the partnership started.

For more information on setting up a first time visit and getting started contact:



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