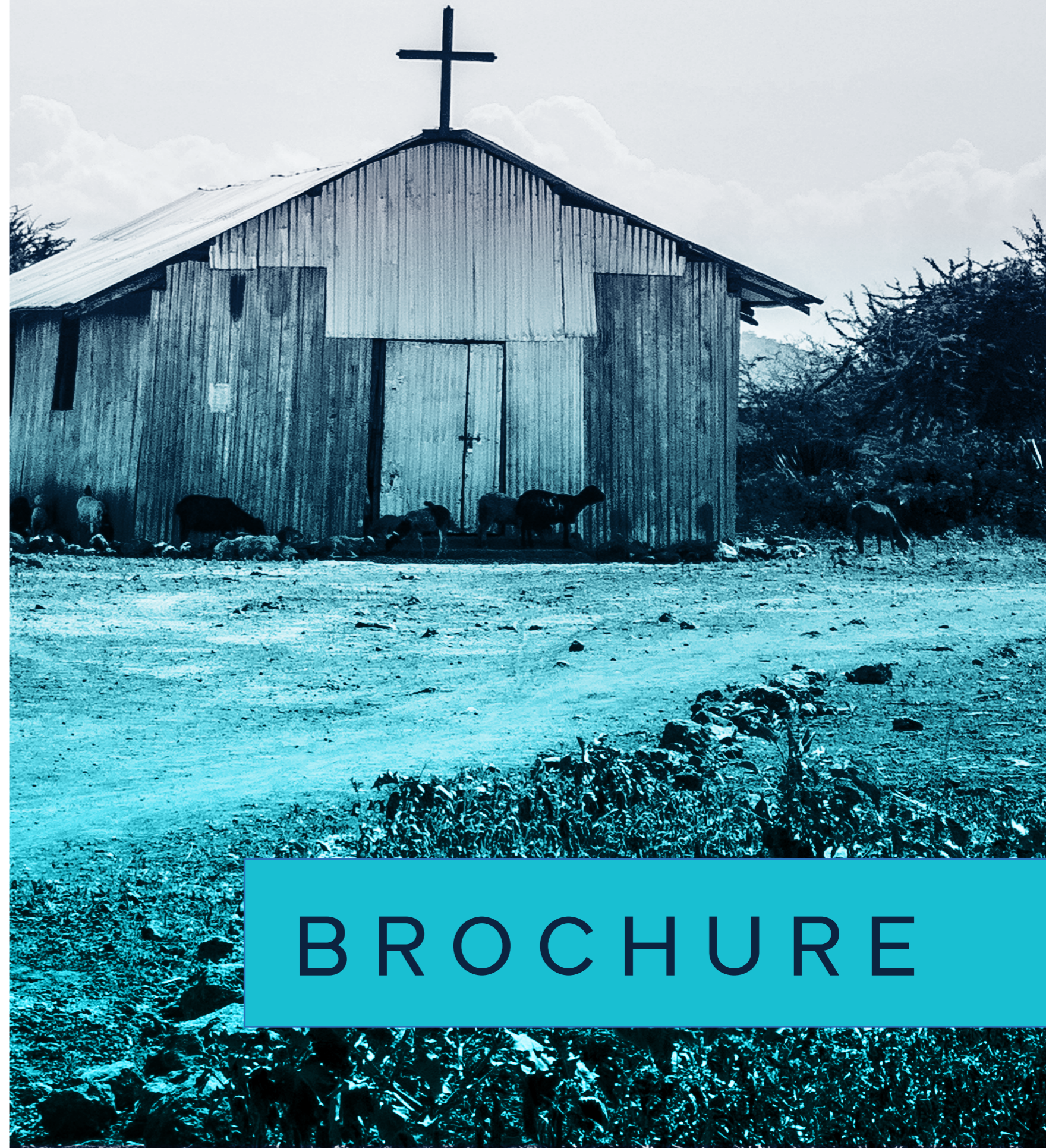


CHURCH PLANNING MANUAL



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WHAT IS A CHURCH?

The Church is the invisible and universal, and the visible and local body of Christ-followers.

Key Distinctions of a Church

It is Not a Building or an Act of Worship

Church does not signify a place of worship or a time of the week which has been set aside for worship. As such, the meetings of the Church can take place in any context. It can be in a more traditional building, or under a tree. It can be a gathering of thousands, or just a small group.

It is an Organized Fellowship of Believers

The local church is organized with elders and leaders. It is led by those with the spiritual gifting to see it grow. It is built around fellowship/communion, prayer, apostle's doctrine, and mission.

It is a Gathering of Disciples

It is our belief that churches are born when disciples are made, not the other way around. We don't seek to plant churches in order to make disciples, instead, we make disciples in order to birth churches.

It is Expanding

The purpose of the church is not to only grow up, but to grow out. In other words, the emphasis in scripture is on multiplication of disciples and church bodies. We want to see Jesus magnified by intentionally multiplying churches around the world.

INITIATE A MOVEMENT THAT MATTERS.

Why we believe in the CPI Model

We believe that God created our bodies with muscles, bones, and ligaments to work together in harmony. He also created the Church with the same functionality and intended it to move, grow, and multiply out to the ends of the earth. That is why we are working to establish self-reliant, multiplying local churches which are transforming lives and communities through Church Planting Initiatives.



WHAT IS A CHURCH PLANTING INITIATIVE? A CPI?

It is a four stage process intended to train indigenous church planters to plant new multiplying, self-sustaining churches in unreached areas of their country.

4 STAGES *of* CHURCH PLANTING



Discover



Train



Launch



Sustain

HOW DOES CPI WORK?

Key Roles & Elements of CPI



What is a CPI Director?

The CPI Director must be a mature Christian, an experienced preacher, and a recognized spiritual leader in his region. He must have proven himself to be effective in making disciples and planting churches. His oversight will include the entire CPI team in his region. The CPI Director will be Gospelink's main connection with the church planting team and will provide Gospelink with quarterly reports of the team's productivity and compliance, which Gospelink will provide to all ministry partners.



What is a Church Planter?

The church planters must be mature Christians, capable communicators, and experienced in evangelism. During Phase 1, each church planter will move to their targeted village or town, build a relationship with a “man of peace” (Luke 10:6), make disciples, start a church, and train at least two church planters to be sent forth to start two more churches. The church planter will serve under the oversight of their CPI Director and will provide him with quarterly reports of their progress.

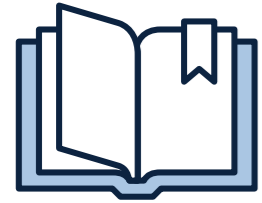


What is the Criteria for a Church Plant Location?

The locations for the church plants must be surveyed for need and selected. Two key priorities are considered:

1. Are there any unreached or unengaged people groups in the location?
2. Are there any evangelical churches already in existence in the location?

OUR PROCESS



Objective 1: Discover & Train

The Initial stage of a CPI is to bring together the pieces of the project. The first priority is to locate a key leader to serve as the CPI Director. This individual has the vision, experience and influence to lead a group of church planters. Next the CPI Director will recruit a team of qualified church planters to carry out the work. Together the team will determine the strategic plan for which areas to target and begin to the work together.



Objective 2: Launch

Once the CPI has been organized, Gospelink will then begin to secure the ministry partners necessary to launch the CPI team. The ministry partners will be connected through their giving of resources and the communication from the CPI Director. Once the CPI is launched, each church planter will also seek out and begin training future church planters.



Objective 3: Sustain

The CPI is intended to be a time-based initiative. Most initiatives will begin as a 3-year period. It is during this time that church planters will be training up disciples to plant new churches. As they are trained and prepared, these new church planters will be launched into new areas. This creates the essential component of multiplication. Each church plant begins to plant churches strategically as part of its core identity



Stage 1



DISCOVER

We discover church planters who are specifically called to plant churches in unreached communities. Through this process Gospelink is mobilizing the global church to understand and pursue their unique calling in God's Kingdom efforts.

Stage 2

TRAIN



Gospelink helps to train church planters and Christian leaders to reach their fullest potential in Christ through theological training, Spiritual encouragement at pastoral conferences, and one-on-one mentoring

Stage 3



LAUNCH

Trained, Gospelink preachers are connected with a targeted area and deployed with the support, tools, and resources to start a new church. This means that the gospel can take root in a new community. There is now an opportunity for someone to hear the gospel, possibly for the first and the

Stage 4



SUSTAIN

Founded, the church begins the process of forming the necessary structures to sustain the ministry. We support this process, and continue to provide accountability, training, and encouragement as their ministry develops.

PROJECT FUNDING

Project Name

Sample

PRE-LAUNCH CHECKLIST

- Ministry Plan Approved**
Completed by US Field Director in Partnership with National Director and approved by Gospelink Administration
- Funding for Launch Complete**
See sample funding worksheet
- Church Planting Team Assembled**
Team Members have been recruited, oriented to the CPI program, logistics planned, and pre-entry training has been completed
- Location Scouted**
The area has been scouted in detail by the team and a target location has been approved by the US Field Director

SAMPLE FUNDING WORKSHEET – Complete Funding CPI Project

	CPI DIRECTOR	CPI PLANTER
Contract Duration	Ongoing	3-year contract (renewal option available at the completion of a project and upon agreement to plant another church)
Funding Allocation	Personal/Family, Travel, Communication, Administration, Accountability, Training/Strategy, Equipment, & Program Expenses	Personal/Family, Church & Outreach, Administration, Annual Conference, Training
Sample Total Funding Needed	\$25,200	
Funding broken down by title & funding increments		
Monthly Funding (36 x 1 month cycles)	\$500	\$200
Annual Funding (3 x 1 year cycles)	\$6,000	\$2,400
Project Funding (1 x 3 year cycle)	\$18,000	\$7,200

Transform lives and communities by

BECOMING A PART OF THE CPI LAUNCH TEAM

When you join with Gospelink, you're joining with thousands others around the world who have a passion to see all the ends of the earth remember and turn to the Lord and all the families of the nations worship before Him (Psalm 22:27). You're joining a global movement that is tested and strong for impact for the kingdom of God. The task is greater than ever!

