

## First Things First

Biblical Ministries Worldwide exists to assist your church in fulfilling the Great Commission. You are not here for us; we are here for you. Why do we feel this way?

### *The Centrality Of Local Churches*

It is clear from Scripture that God has chosen local churches as the focal point of His ministry today.

Thus, although extra-biblical organizations like missions and colleges endeavor to serve the universal Church, the Body of Christ, we exist primarily to assist *local churches*.

### *Leaders Train Leaders*

It is also clear from Scripture that the job description of every leader is to be a mentor to others – to develop new leaders.

Since local churches constitute the focal point of God's work today, leadership development is best done in the context of those churches.

Local churches are the source of future Christian leaders – pastors, teachers and missionaries – and pastors are to be the *primary* trainers. They are to equip the saints to do the work of the ministry.

### *Need A Companion?*

For these reasons, BMW is seeking to become a Companion with local churches and to help them prepare the next generation of leaders for ministry in the church and around the world.

## *BMW's PASSION*

*BMW's passion, in companionship with local churches, is to produce more disciples, leaders and churches worldwide.*



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# The COMPANION CHURCH CONCEPT

**Partnering With Churches  
For Tomorrow's Harvest  
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## Goal – 500 by 2010

The role of Biblical Ministries Worldwide is to serve local churches by helping them accomplish their vision for world missions.

By the end of the year 2010, we are seeking to intensify our working relationship with 500 local churches that are doctrinally compatible.

## Churches With A Vision

It is our desire to link arms with local churches that aspire to the following goals:

1. The church is actively involved in producing new leaders and missionaries from within the congregation.
2. The church is actively involved in preparing missionaries and evaluating their readiness. BMW will provide evaluation tools and resources to help facilitate leadership development (*see box to the right*).
3. The church and BMW are compatible in philosophy of ministry (i.e., teamwork, accountability, discipleship, leadership development, and effective evangelism).
4. The church is actively involved in ownership of their missionary's financial support by taking on a substantial portion of their missionary's support and assisting them to raise the remainder.
5. As the church sends out missionaries from its own congregation, it would consider BMW as a mission with a compatible philosophy of ministry.
6. The church would desire to be actively involved in providing accountability for its missionaries and have a vibrant intercessory prayer ministry for those missionaries.

## BMW—A Resource For You

Some of the products and services BMW provides its Companion Churches *free of charge* are as follows:

- ❑ **The Companionship Letter**  
A bi-monthly letter to church leaders, with enclosures, dealing with one aspect of leadership development in each issue
- ❑ **The Change Workshops\***
  - **Mentoring For Ministry**  
A foundational workshop for church leaders on developing the head, heart and hands of emerging leaders in your local church
  - **Charting Your Course**  
A workshop to help your church leaders deal with foundational issues - developing Purpose, Vision and Strategic Planning
  - **Tradition & Transition**  
A workshop for pastors and church leaders on managing organizational change
- ❑ **Partners In Sending Out Missionaries**  
For companion churches sending out BMW missionaries:
  - The pastor visits BMW's offices during Candidate Orientation to meet the Board, Administration and office staff.
  - Thereafter, BMW funds the pastor's trip to the field during the missionary's first term.
  - Reports and evaluations of missionaries are shared with their sending church.
- ❑ **Consulting Services**  
BMW provides seminars, assists with conference planning, helps churches start churches, and coordinates short-term mission trips.

## No Strings!

The Companion Church Concept is just that – it is a concept – it is not an organization. It is *free of charge* and *free of obligation!*

We simply desire to be a partner – to link arms with your church in preparing the next generation of leaders for the harvest fields of the world.

## Join the Vision!

All of this is intended to serve your local church. Yes, we may benefit in time because we believe that the *best* missionaries are the ones who have been “home-grown” and equipped within the local church.

We look forward to hearing from you!

*\* Please see the Change Workshop brochure for further details or contact Jerry Smith at (770) 339-3500.*

