



Learn to do right!
Seek justice, encourage the oppressed.
Defend the cause of the fatherless,
plead the case of the widow.

—Isaiah 1:17



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Globalink Overview

Globalink... An opportunity for your Church to respond

- Is your church looking for a way to make a significant and lasting difference in the lives of people afflicted by poverty, malnutrition, HIV and AIDS?
- Does your church want to learn more about global justice issues and to actively respond in a holistic way?
- Is your church open to being transformed through a relationship with an overseas community—its people, children and churches?

If so, Globalink is for your church.

What is Globalink

Globalink Church Partnerships offer your congregation the opportunity to extend God’s love and hope to children, communities and churches affected by issues of poverty.

Globalink is a program of World Vision Canada designed to partner a congregation in Canada with a developing community in another country. Through Globalink, World Vision Canada aims to enhance the capacity of your congregation to respond to the needs of the world’s poor and vulnerable through acts of compassion and justice.

For more than 50 years, World Vision has been active in Christian relief, development and advocacy work throughout the world. Your congregation will enjoy the benefits of this wealth of experience as you partner with communities in some of the most disadvantaged regions of the world. Together you will know the joy of making a lasting difference by learning from each other, sharing gifts and offering God’s hope.

What Globalink offers

Globalink offers your congregation the opportunity to:

- Learn more about a holistic response to the needs of the world’s poor and vulnerable
- Help a developing community through financial support and prayer
- Learn more about global justice issues through World Vision Canada’s worship, education and advocacy resources

“It’s been amazing, one of the most impacting trips of our lives, to see what a... church community can do to affect a community right across the world.”

—John and Helen Burns, Pastors
Relate Church, Surrey BC
Globalink partners, Zambia

- Host visitors from your partner community who will share their stories and broaden your understanding of faith, culture and fellowship
- Visit your overseas community to learn about their lives firsthand and to support and contribute to its development

Church Partner Commitments

Globalink offers your congregation the opportunity to:

- Commit for three years
- Financially support the community that you are partnering with.
- Commit to pray for your partner community
- Commit to promote social justice themes in your worship and education programs (World Vision Canada has a number of resources to help you do this)
- Consider sponsoring guest visitors from your partner community
- Consider sending members of your congregation to visit the community you are partnering with

World Vision’s Commitments

As the sponsoring organization, we will commit to:

- Facilitate a long-term, holistic, child-focused ministry in the community you are supporting
- Support your partnership’s ongoing communication and development through a World Vision Canada staff contact person. This person will be available to assist in reporting, fundraising support and other ways to ensure the partnership is a positive experience.
- Provide resources for education, advocacy and financial response
- Contribute organizational and logistical support for visits to and from the community
- Provide annual progress reports for sponsored children and the entire community

Getting Started

Contact your local World Vision Canada representative for a discovery meeting.

905-565-6200 ext. 3648

or email churchrelations@worldvision.ca

Visit www.worldvision.ca/globalink to hear testimonies from Globalink Church partners.

FAQs

1. In a Globalink Church Partnership, who will we be helping?

- A A Globalink relationship partners your congregation with an entire developing community, it’s children, their families and the community.

2. What type of financial support is expected of our church?

- A Child sponsorship is the primary means through which our transformational development programs are supported. Churches are asked to commit to sponsoring children in their partner community. The number of sponsorships depends on the level of partnership and engagement you are desiring. Commitment levels vary between 50–100 sponsorships depending on church capacity and desired frequency of travel between your church and the partner community. Donations towards specific projects undertaken in your community may also be possible. These projects are determined by WV field staff and are available from time to time during the development process. Should your church be interested in raising money for a specific project, your WVC representative can discuss options with you.

3. Will our church be able to visit our partner community?

- A Yes. In fact as a first step your church’s leadership may wish to visit the community to see firsthand the projects your church will be supporting and to aid in

“Globalink has proven to be a tangible way to connect individuals hearts and minds cross culturally. It has not only given us the opportunity to be involved in social justice issues but to build lifelong friendships.”

—Don Read, Pastor
Muir Lake Alliance Church, Stony Plain AB
Globalink partners, Mali

building enthusiasm for the partnership. These trips are called Leaders' Vision Trips (LVTs). Following this your congregation will have opportunity to visit your partner community. Like LVTs, these trips emphasize community and relationship-building, while also providing orientation to World Vision's transformational development practices and the opportunity to visit your congregation's sponsored children. Congregational trips will also provide an opportunity for a hands-on work project as decided upon by wv field staff. The size limit for a congregational trip is approximately 10 people and will be scheduled in consultation with wv field staff.

4. What if our church is already involved in supporting a project in a country and would like to strengthen our engagement there?

A World Vision Canada works in many countries around the world. Opportunities may exist to sponsor children from a country or region that your church is currently supporting. In doing so, your church broadens it's support of the country and also adds a compelling component to your church's overseas trips-that of visiting your church's sponsor children.

5. Can our church develop a special relationship with a church of our denomination in our partner community?

A World Vision is committed to working with the entire church community in your partner community. Developing special one-to-one relationships (denominational or otherwise) are discouraged, as it has the potential to be disruptive to the larger goals of unity and community development. Through a Globalink partnership your church will be supporting the entire church community that World Vision works with.

"I would definitely recommend Globalink—the power of bringing your people together in a team effort towards one region... is going to make this a memorable mission experience for the entire congregation."

—Nelson Jones, Pastor
People's Church, Grande Prairie AB
Globalink Partner, Mali

6. How will our church keep in touch with and monitor the progress of our partner community?

A World Vision will provide annual progress reports for sponsor children as well as annual reports on the community's progress. In addition to this on line updates may be available as well as periodic communication with the community. However given the demands of community-based ministry, and in order to minimize the potential for cross-cultural misunderstanding, we request that your World Vision Canada representative be the point of contact for all communications with World Vision field staff and community members.

7. Can our church host guests from our partner community?

A Yes this is encouraged. As both partners have gifts to share and the ability to encourage, these visits can be rich exchanges for your entire congregation. World Vision will identify appropriate guests who will be accompanied by World Vision field staff. We will work to plan and organize these trips at a suitable time for both partners. It's encouraged that congregations take advantage of this opportunity during a year when a congregational trip is not planned. Should congregations decide to host guests, they agree to finance the trip costs of their guests.

Appendix A

World Vision's Work

Through Globalink Church Partnerships, you will be supporting World Vision's Transformational Development work. Transformational development helps empower children, families and communities to identify and overcome obstacles that prevent them from living a full life. World Vision seeks to enable the people in the communities we serve to enjoy the fullness of life with justice, dignity, peace and hope. World Vision partners with communities in providing access to knowledge and resources needed to combat poverty and to improve the well-being of children. We work with the community to facilitate a range of interventions, including programs in health, water and sanitation, education, economic development, microfinance and agriculture among others. World Vision also responds to disasters in affected communities.

Area Development Programs

Child sponsorship funds are used to run long-term development projects called Area Development Programs (ADPs). World Vision Canada facilitates community development mainly through its ADPs.

As a model of community development, ADPs link villages that work together in regional clusters to help address the root causes of poverty. World Vision Canada supports more than 200 ADPs in Africa, Asia, Eastern Europe, the Middle East, Latin America and the Caribbean. ADPs are child-focused, sustainable development programs for between 15,000 to 100,000 people, divided into smaller community clusters. Generally, World Vision works with communities through ADPs for 10 to 15 years.

World Vision's partnerships provide communities with access to knowledge and resources needed to combat poverty and to improve the well-being of children. We work with each community to facilitate a range of interventions, including programs in health, water and sanitation, education, economic development, microfinance, agriculture and spiritual nurture.

Facilitators, who are usually from the region, are trained to build relationships, help the community to identify needs and possible solutions, provide training to local leaders and encourage networking among civil society and government groups.

To learn more about World Vision's development work, visit www.worldvision.ca.