



There are a number of partnership opportunities for churches or groups to sponsor a small business venture or assist in a new church plant. AIM would provide communication between the sponsors, individuals starting the businesses, and new ministries. Churches can also undergird an existing growing church, assisting with providing Bibles and other needed supplies. Personal investment and involvement enhances the relationship and allows the church to know the individual prayer needs and pastors of these churches.

Church Planting:

- Equipping pastors to take the gospel into unreached regions
- Church Planting Mentorship, Accountability, and Partnership
- Opportunities for partnership with pastors, church plants, and existing churches

Pastor Training:

- 12 month training program
- Covering topics of entry strategy, evangelism, discipleship, church formation, and leadership development
- Low-cost due to the bi-vocational role of the pastors

Skill Development:

- Job training for bi-vocational pastors
- Enables pastors to provide for the families while pastoring
- Leads towards self-sufficiency

Business Projects:

- Start-up business allowing pastors to be bi-vocational
- Opportunities for funding of small business loans
- Acts India equips with other resources to undergird these businesses

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As ACTS India Mission continues to grow and expand, evaluating the current needs and challenges is an ongoing, ever changing process.

AIM is discovering that even those with good Bible knowledge and training are struggling because they lack skills of how to start a church, how to grow a church, and how to deal with the interpersonal needs involved in discipleship and marriage issues, etc. of the congregations.

In addition, small congregations cannot financially support a full time pastor so the pastors struggle to find employment that does not entail long, hard hours making ministry very difficult.

ACTS India Mission and the newer charitable organization under AIM, called AIM Innovations, want to develop programs and initiatives to assist with leadership training, discipleship training, marriage, and pastoral counseling so the leaders or pastors will be equipped to grow and develop the churches

The other area of focus is job training and business development so that the pastors, can be self-sustaining as they learn to be bi-vocational. This means they have the ability to maintain their business and pastor a growing congregation at the same time.

If a pastor grows his congregation to the point where they can support him financially, the business can be turned over to someone else at a later time.

This model of business training, set up, and other expenses along with the mandatory church development training, would cost an estimated \$65.00 USD per month, per pastor. The estimated time from start to financial independence would be about three years.

ACTS India Mission will continue to plant churches, but will step back some and make sure existing churches have the skills needed to survive and thrive.

We need to expand our giving base to meet the demands of this growing ministry and to be able to accomplish the tasks that God has laid on our hearts. We covet your prayers as we continue to grow and meet the needs of God's church in India.

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