

# The Importance of Partnerships



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In Philippians 1:3-5, the apostle Paul begins his letter to the church in Philippi by thanking God for their “partnership in the gospel from the first day until now.” The word translated as “partnership” is the Greek term *koinonia*, a word often rendered as “fellowship” in the New Testament. Yet *koinonia* goes beyond mere association or relational warmth. It carries the idea of shared life, shared purpose, and shared labor for the sake of the gospel.

When WHMI speaks of partnership, this is the vision we have in mind. Partnership is not simply cooperation in logistics or alignment around strategy. It is fellowship in the gospel that results in sustained, cooperative effort to fulfill the Great Commission together. As is often said in Christian ministry, we are better when we labor together for the glory of God and the good of the global church. WHMI’s work is built on this conviction.

Over the years, God has been pleased to strengthen our ministry through a growing network of partnerships that expand our capacity to serve pastors and churches around the world. In recent years, WHMI has established partnerships with organizations (see list below). Each of these partnerships reflects a shared commitment to theological faithfulness, pastoral formation, and long-term investment in local churches.

These partnerships are not uniform in structure or scope. Some are regional, others denominational, and others oriented toward specific ministry needs. Yet all of them serve the same end: equipping pastors and leaders with sound doctrine, practical training, and resources that strengthen the church from within rather than imposing solutions from outside.

In addition to these regional and ministry-specific partnerships, WHMI has also become an associate member of the International Council for Evangelical Theological Education, a global community of evangelical theological educators who share a commitment to faithful, contextual, and accessible theological training. This relationship has further strengthened WHMI’s ability to collaborate with like-minded institutions across the world.

One of the most significant recent developments flowing from this relationship has been the establishment of a partnership with Kairos University. Through this partnership, WHMI is now positioned to offer fully accredited theological education pathways in regions where pastors are required to pursue formal theological credentials in order to serve effectively. This represents an important step forward in our ongoing commitment to combine theological depth with practical accessibility, ensuring that pastors are equipped not only to meet institutional requirements, but to shepherd Christ’s church faithfully in their local contexts. God willing, we will begin field-testing this new development in late 2026.

At every level, WHMI’s partnerships reflect a shared conviction that the work of training pastors and strengthening the church is not meant to be carried out in isolation. We are grateful for these relationships and remain committed to cultivating partnerships that embody true *koinonia* for the sake of the gospel and the flourishing of the global church.

## A FEW OF OUR PARTNERS:

(SOME PARTNERSHIPS REMAIN CONFIDENTIAL FOR SECURITY REASONS; THIS IS A REPRESENTATIVE LIST.)

- African Baptist Theological Education Network (ABTEN)
- Asian Pacific Baptist Fellowship
- Baltic Pastoral Institute
- Baptist Convention Seminary of Botswana
- CURE Hospitals
- Design Outreach
- International Ministerial Fellowship
- International Mission Board (multiple affinities)
- Jesus Film
- Multiplication Network
- Shema Madagascar
- Zimbabwe Council of Pentecostal Churches