

# CHURCH PARTNERSHIPS

## *An introduction*



**"It's a great opportunity to gain insight into another culture, and it is one the whole church community can share in..."**

*Kinmel Bay Church*

"I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus."

**1 Philippians 3-6 NIV**



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# Benefits of **CHURCH PARTNERSHIPS**

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**Mutual** encouragement and prayer

**Growth** of a mission mindset within the UK church

**An opportunity** to empower, equip and train UK Christians for mission

**Growing awareness** of being part of the worldwide church

**Support** from TEN who have years of experience in establishing partnerships between churches in the UK and our partner countries

**Transforming** the lives of people in Eastern Europe



“We, as individuals and as a church, have been massively blessed by this relationship. It brought to life a vital mission interest in many people, not only those who have been out to Bulgaria.”

*Hillview Church, Gloucester*

# WHAT DOES A PARTNERSHIP LOOK LIKE?

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## Local church will give:

- » A nominated UK church contact
- » Consistent and regular time for prayer for the European partner
- » A commitment to publicise the partnership within the local UK church
- » Establish a visit programme—approximately every other year
- » Time to communicate and build a relationship with the partner in Europe
- » Annual financial support prayerfully, generously and as you feel able. Churches typically commit to make a regular monthly or annual gift towards support for the partner

*85% of any financial support goes directly to the church in Europe and 15% covers the indirect partnership support cost*

## Local church will receive:

- » A choice of a partner from a range of countries that fit your values and mission
- » At least three newsletters per year
- » Opportunities to visit the partner and run mission trips
- » Free access to support for planning and delivering teams trips
- » Cost-effective trip insurance
- » A face to face review meeting with TEN every two years
- » Offer of a speaker from TEN for church services
- » Support from TEN in managing the relationship with the church in Europe

# Next STEPS

**Prayerfully consider** what type of partner you are looking for

**Contact** the TEN office

**Consider** country options presented by TEN

**Agree** a partner

**A TEN visit** to the UK church

**Make a visit** to potential partner

**Decide** on level and length of commitment

**Present** to leadership for agreement

**Complete** partner/supporter agreement

**Annual review** with TEN

*...off you go!*



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"The church feels very connected to the church in Moldova and there's a real warmth to the relationship which perhaps would not be there, if the link was merely financial, or if we were one of hundreds of supporters of Lucian's work. We feel a great responsibility to develop the partnership in a way which will continue to be mutually beneficial."

*Kimmel Bay Church*

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