

## Village in Action-Criteria for Ministry Partners

“Let us not **love** with words or tongue, but **with action** and **in truth**” (1 John 3:18)

### A ministry partner organization is:

- A follower of Jesus
- Demonstrates a willingness to share the gospel in words and actions
- Mission and vision aligned with the VCB Strategic Plan
- Fiscally sound
- Classified as a 501(c)(3) with not for profit status with the IRS
- Focused on a holistic approach to improving the lives of people (i.e., through opportunity, empowerment and support, clients are encouraged to be self-sufficient)
- Providing opportunities for VCB members and attenders to serve in various activities (not just financial support)
- Willing to develop and engage in relationship building
- Communicating their needs regularly to us
- Able to describe how any financial support would be utilized
- Willing to invest time to train our volunteers
- Small enough that our financial support would make an impact
- Multiple VCB members are currently **actively** participating (internal champions are ready and available)

### What can a ministry partner expect of us?

- A yearly review of support
- A willingness to participate in volunteer activities
- A forum to promote their ministry/mission (pulpit time, LLEC time, VCB news, e-news)
- Time to develop our relationship
- Open communication and dialogue
- A liaison to be the primary contact at VCB (internal champion)

### What can we expect from a ministry partner?

- Fiscal responsibility and wise use of our support
- A willingness to communicate their mission and needs to both our leadership team and the congregation
- Opportunities to serve for VCB members and attenders, along with any necessary training
- A single point of contact to interact with our liaison
- Sharing stories and testimonials with us to communicate with the congregation

“Moving out in Christ’s love; making a difference in people’s lives”