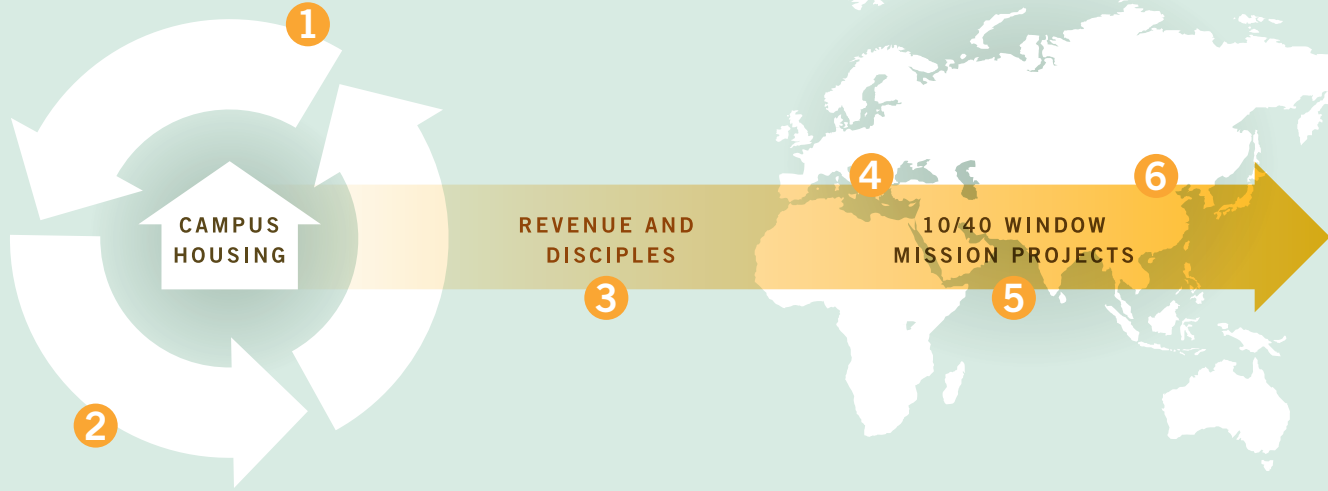


THE LIGHTBEARERS MODEL:

How we mobilize and connect money, prayer and manpower



1 Mobilizing through giving



2 Mobilizing through discipleship



3 Connecting through traveling



4 Connecting through prayer



5 Connecting through funding projects



6 Connecting through sending manpower

1 Mobilizing through giving

[Giving] has just changed our hearts completely—our view of ourselves, materialism, everything. It's changed the way we think about almost all of life. We've changed the way we raise our kids more in the last year than in the previous 12. Any time we buy something, we do it with a completely different approach to decision-making.

—Donor from Fayetteville, Ark.

2 Mobilizing through discipleship

Early in the year, we made it a house goal to follow Christ's command to love your neighbor, in this case the people in our neighborhood. After multiple visits to one specific house, we learned of the death of our neighbor's mother. One night during "family dinner"—a weekly tradition of food and studying the Word—we realized that we would all be together on the weekend, a rare occasion. It immediately became clear to us what we would do. The next day we prepared a meal for Cheryl and her family, and delivered it with words of love and encouragement. They seemed surprised that four girls would continue to build a relationship followed by kind acts of service. I pray that we never stop pursuing Christ-centered community and Christ-driven outreach.

—Discipleship house resident in Springfield, Mo.

3 Connecting through traveling

We have been humbled to see the faith of God's children living obedient lives in the face of opposition. We met an evangelist who got caught in the midst of a tribal war and was stoned. He has a one-inch deep divot in his skull right over his eyebrow. We were told of a young man who came to know Christ and after telling his family was kicked

out of his home and disowned. Another couple we met with spoke of a young woman who began reading the Bible secretly and hid it under her bed. Her brother discovered it and he and her father beat her with steel rods.

In America, we don't often have to pay a price for our faith in the form of suffering. What I knew in my head before I came on this trip, God has put in my heart anew. Now I pray he puts it in my hands.

—Donor who traveled to Calcutta, India

4 Connecting through prayer

We gathered in a dimly lit room furnished with simple mats for a time of solemn worship and intentional prayer. After Pastor Sam from South Asia shared his heart and from the Word, we gathered around him to intercede on his behalf. Lightbearers staff, friends and family purposed together in mobilizing prayer for our partners in the 10/40 window, this time for Pastor Sam. Individuals walked away with a deeper understanding of what it means to pray for those laboring across the ocean in places of great suffering.

—Record of a prayer meeting in Fayetteville, Ark.

5 Connecting through funding projects

Lightbearers provided a sawmill a few years ago and this year funded sports equipment for a community center. We are excited to see our East Asian brethren embrace this initiative toward becoming an indigenous work that can support and reproduce itself. A good number turned out for the first volunteer workday. I sawed the logs in half on the Woodmizer you provided and am making the lumber for framing. Everyone is encouraged by what they are accomplishing together and send their thanks to you for your vital contribution. Grounding these men in

the Scriptures and providing opportunities to build lasting relationships with Christ and each other are what this work is all about.

—Missionary in East Asia

6 Connecting through sending manpower

The four of us were in the heart of an area that had been ravaged by a massive earthquake just 10 months ago. We spent two days picking through the pile of rubble that used to be a man's house to find bricks that remained whole. We then would use a metal tool to clean off the mortar so that he could use the bricks to rebuild. We tried to represent Christ by working hard and not complaining. Twice, we asked our translator, Daniel, who was not a believer, if we could pray for the people hurt in the earthquake. He said it was fine, but stood off to the side.

Then, this morning, during a silent moment, Daniel spoke up and said in broken English, "What does it take to become a Christian?" Talk about being floored. Andy shared some of the truth of the Gospel and Daniel asked some questions. We talked more in the car on the way home, and though Daniel didn't make a decision (like Americans want to see so quickly), he heard the truth for the first time. Apparently, through working hard, not complaining and praying for the people, we represented Christ, and He worked through us.

—Team leader of a discipleship trip to East Asia