

# A Nurturing and Sending Church

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## Acts 13:1–4

Now there were in the **church** at Antioch...  
While they were worshipping the Lord and fasting,  
the Holy Spirit said, “Set apart for me Barnabas  
and Saul for the work to which I have called  
them.” Then after fasting and praying **they laid  
their hands on them and sent them off**. So  
being **sent out by the Holy Spirit** they went  
down. . . .

How does the church nurture its  
people to persevere with joy?



1. Knowledge
2. Character
3. Skills
4. Care

# Dimensions of a Global Partner

Knowledge

Character

Skills

- Bible and Theology
- Missions
- Crossing Culture
- Peacemaking

# Dimensions of a Global Partner

Knowledge

Character

Skills

- Know yourself
- Know resources that help
- Care from God and others – given and received
- Winsomeness blended with knowledge

# Dimensions of a Global Partner

Knowledge

Character

Skills

- Small Group
- Ministry
- Eldership or Leadership
- Evangelism & Discipleship

# Nurture Program Components

Level 1: Orientation, L1 Application, and Welcome Interview		
<u>Knowledge</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Perspectives</li><li>- Desiring God</li><li>- Future Grace</li><li>- Let the Nations be Glad!</li><li>- Suffering for the Sake of the Body</li></ul>	<u>Character</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Membership at Bethlehem</li><li>- Consistent devotional life</li><li>- Regular worship participation</li><li>- Small Group participation</li></ul>	<u>Skills</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Cross-cultural Relationship Component</li></ul>

# Nurture Program Components

Level 2: L2 Application, Counselor Interview, Pastoral Interview		
<p><u>Knowledge</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Mining God's Word</li><li>- Theological Foundations (I and II)</li><li>- TULIP</li><li>- Sexual Complementarity</li><li>- Interpersonal, Spiritual, &amp; Cross-cultural conflict Transformation</li></ul>	<p><u>Character</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Accountability Partner or Cohort group</li><li>- Missions Fellowship gatherings</li></ul>	<p><u>Skills</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Nurture Program Retreat</li><li>- Evangelism</li><li>- Discipleship</li></ul>



# Nurture Program Components

Level 3: L3 Application and GO Team Interview		
<p><u>Knowledge</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Ministry-specific recommendations by GO Team</li></ul>	<p><u>Character</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Maintaining a life of discipleship while preparing for the field</li></ul>	<p><u>Skills</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Candidacy with a missions agency</li><li>- Barnabas Team and partnership development</li></ul>
Commissioning as Global Partner		

# Nurture Program Requirements

## Courses

Perspectives on the World Christian Movement [www.  
frontierventures.org](http://www.frontierventures.org)

Mining God's Word: How to Study the Bible

Theological Foundations 1: Essentials of Christian Doctrine

Theological Foundations 2: Essentials of Christian Doctrine

[www.thebetheheminstitute.org](http://www.thebetheheminstitute.org)

# Nurture Program Requirements

## Seminars

Suffering for the Sake of the Body

TULIP: The Five Points of Calvinism

Sexual Complementarity

[www.thebethleheminstitute.org](http://www.thebethleheminstitute.org)

[www.bcspress.org](http://www.bcspress.org)

[www.desiringgod.org](http://www.desiringgod.org)

# Books

Desiring God by John Piper

Future Grace by John Piper

Let the Nations be Glad by John Piper

Parts of The Pleasures of God by John Piper

The Peacemaker by Ken Sande

Parts of Recovering Biblical Manhood and Womanhood by John Piper and Wayne Grudem

Essentials of Spiritual Warfare by A Scott Moreau

3 Crucial Questions about Spiritual Warfare by Clint E Arnold

Conflict or Connections by Levi Kiedel

Cross-Cultural Conflict by Duane Elmer

Conflict Mediation Across Cultures by David Augsberger

# Care while on the field

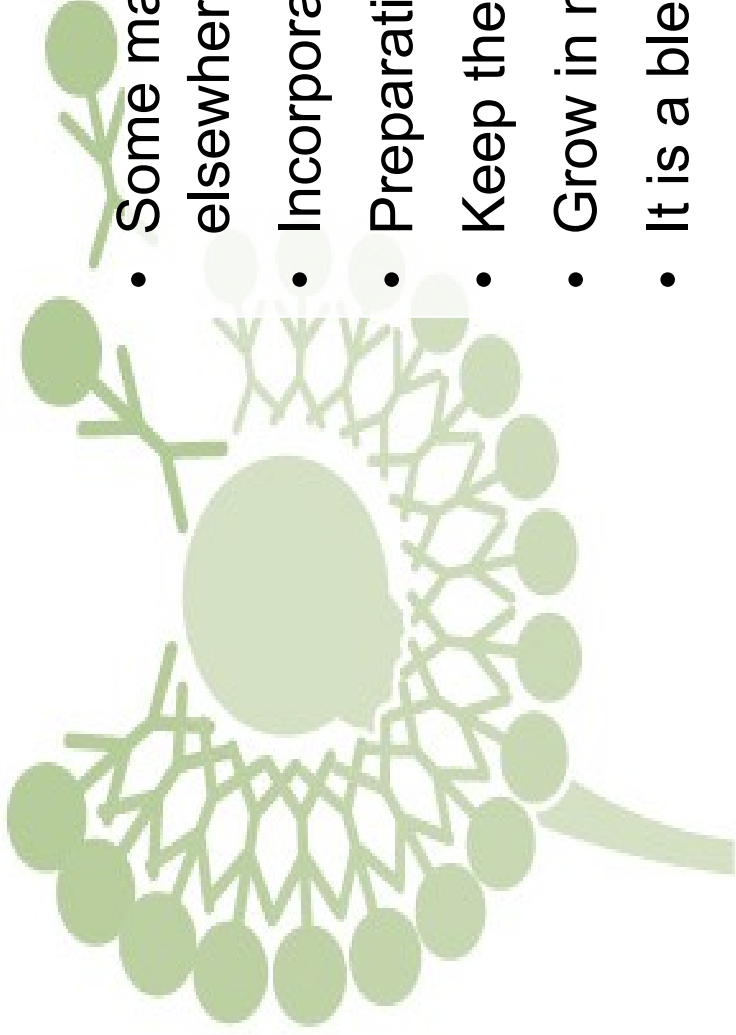


- Pastoral care
- Prayer
- Barnabas Teams
- Church resources
- Global Outreach (GO) Team
- Partnership with Agencies
- Visits on the field

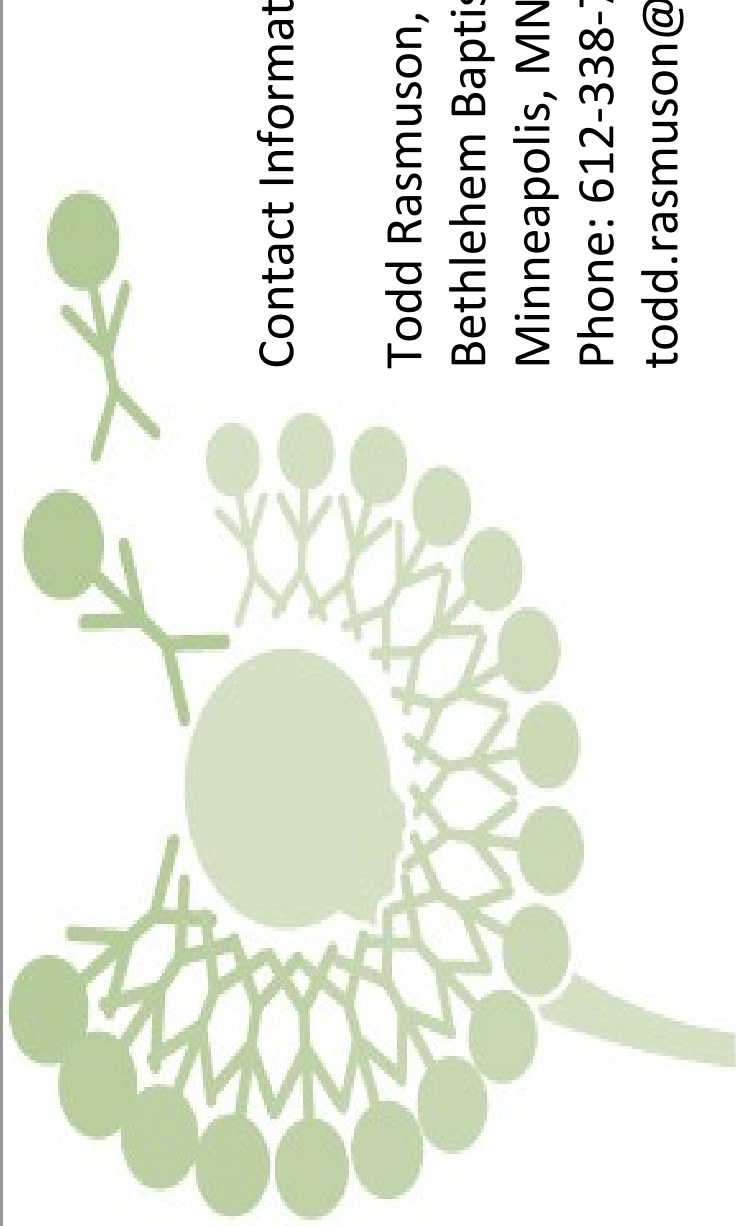


# What I 've Learned

- Some may not be ready or called elsewhere
- Incorporate current Global Partners
- Preparation for suffering is critical
- Keep the program fresh
- Grow in nurturing
- It is a blessing when other leaders believe



# Resource Help



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