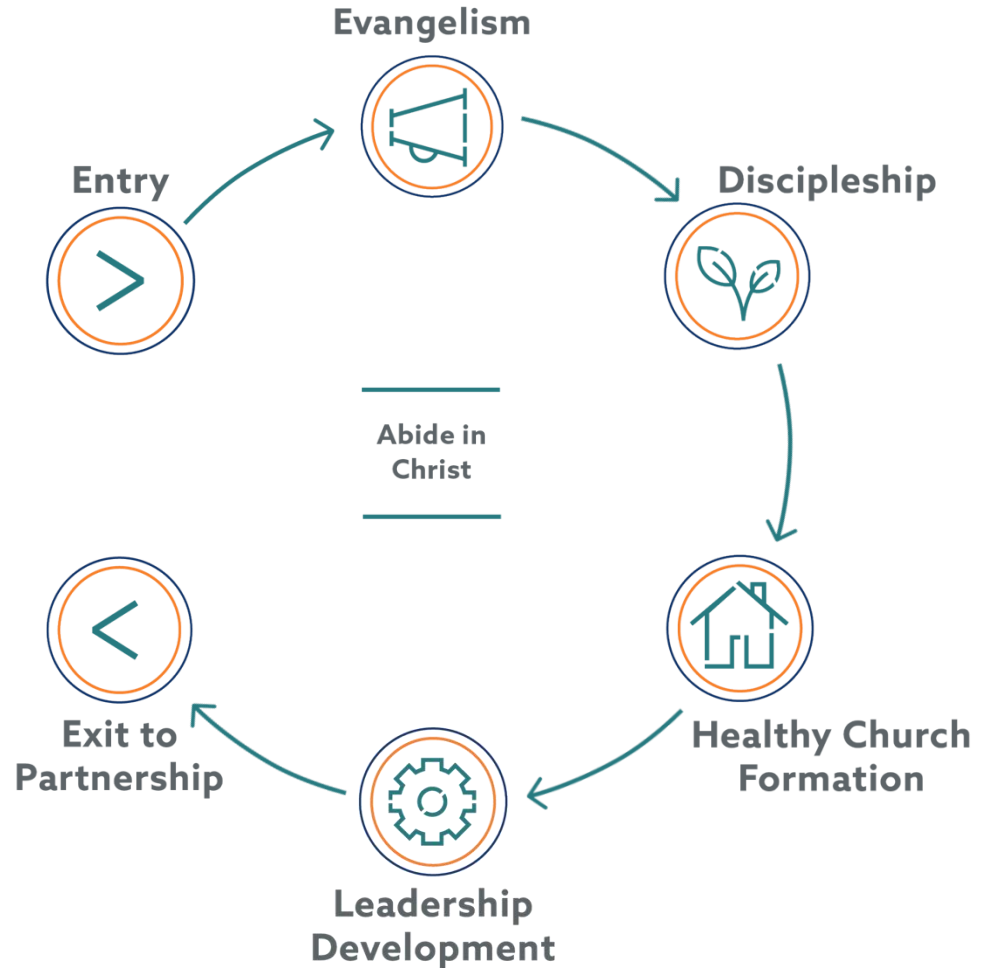


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Our goal is to complete the missionary task in each people group or place and then to exit, with the new churches from the place or people as our partners in the ongoing task of global evangelism. We begin our work with this end in mind, and then continually evaluate toward this end as we go.



# EXIT: QUESTIONS

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1. **Evangelism:** is the work of sharing the gospel within this people group or place being carried out faithfully and effectively by indigenous believers and churches?
2. **Discipleship:** are the churches within this place or people group faithfully and effectively discipling the believers whom God has entrusted to them?
3. **Church planting:** Are the churches within this people group or place healthy churches that display the 12 Characteristics of a Healthy Church? Are these churches faithfully planting other healthy churches on a consistent basis? Are they able to sustain church planting on their own?



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4. **Leadership Development:** Do these churches have trained leaders, and do they have systems in place to continue to train leaders in an effective and biblically-faithful way?
5. **Missionary Involvement:** Are they effectively training and sending cross-cultural missionaries to other people groups or places?



# WHAT ABOUT DEPENDENCY?

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Would our continued presence foster dependency on the part of local churches who are capable of fulfilling all of the tasks of a healthy church movement but who are reluctant to do so out of habit or out of deference to us?





# ONGOING PARTNERSHIP

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Exiting from a people group or place does not mean that we abandon them. Paul's example in the New Testament shows that he revisited churches, he wrote letters to them, and he sent other fellow laborers to them.





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When do we need to begin preparing for **EXIT?**

How can we effectively evaluate the following areas?

- Evangelism
- Discipleship
- Church Planting
- Leadership Development
- Missions Focus

What steps do we need to take to avoid dependency?

## TABLE DISCUSSION:

DEVELOPING AND EXIT PLAN

10:00

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