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INTRODUCTION

Four Bridges Ministry is admittedly a huge and complex enterprise. Yet there are a few simple elements that are at the core of all these matters. And these can be stated in the following few sound bites.

CONNECTING THE BODY OF CHRIST

The four communication bridges are for connecting the Christian workers with their harvest fields and support partners. These communication bridges exist today in a small measure. But just as interstate freeways connected the country better than state highways or local roads, likewise Four Bridges bring new possibilities.

COMMUNICATING THE TRUTH IN LOVE

Across these four bridges flows the truth and love of God. The truth sets people free. The love of God nourishes the soul. Amidst the many wants in this life, the real needs are for God's truth and love.

IMPROVING STEWARDSHIP OF TIME, TALENTS AND TREASURE (things and money)

A biblical worldview points to the fact that every believer will sometime give an account to Jesus Christ for the stewardship of their time, talents and treasure. He will justly judge and generously reward. Therefore it is wise to develop healthy habits and make commitments from an eternal perspective.

BRINGING TOGETHER PEOPLE, RESOURCES AND OPPORTUNITIES

People need people. In our excessively busy society it can be difficult to find people that could lead to meaningful relationships. There is an over abundance of resources so that it can be difficult to locate the best items. And we all need opportunities to minister the truth of God in love.

RAISING UP LAY LEADERS

We all begin as sheep in the pasture (field) of the Lord. We receive from preachers and teachers. Then we are invited to partner with workers by praying, helping and giving. At some time God opens doors to serve Him as a worker. Then the last step is to become a servant leader that brings together and serves the partners, workers and fields. The shortage locally and globally is for effective lay leaders.

FACILITATING FUNCTIONAL COMMUNITIES

As we harness the current and future technologies then we can come together locally and globally in the name of Jesus. This can be done online and off line. The hardware and software are just tools that can serve the purposes of God. Lord Jesus Christ can work through all this as the head of the body of Christ.

GLORIFYING GOD IN BEARING MUCH FRUIT

The Four Bridges will systematically facilitate more effective discipleship, evangelism and benevolence. That will improve relationships horizontally with people and vertically with God. By the grace of God lives will be transformed as people get into the Word of God, the Word gets into them. His Word with the Holy Spirit renews their mind, changes their outlook and leads to Christ like character.