

Vision for Four Bridges

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

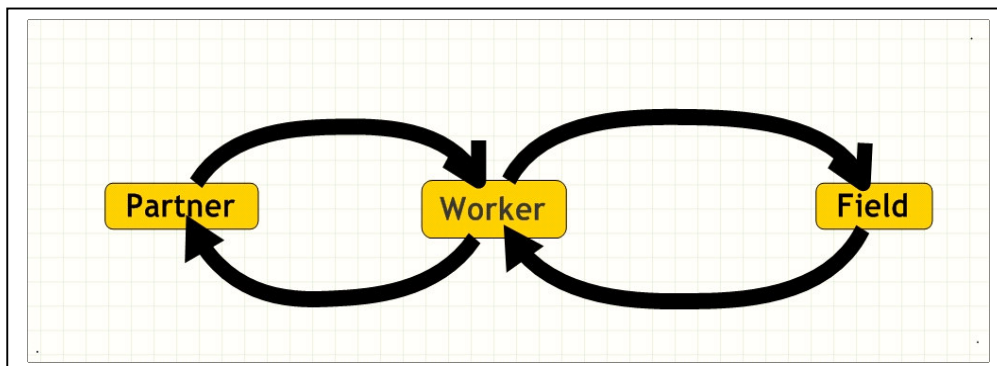
Every year hurricanes hit the USA. Each hurricane brings major property damage, injuries and some deaths. Immediately after any hurricane, a large number of people in small region are facing the same major challenges. The residents that have been there for decades may have experienced one or two such events. Yet there are those who work with the disaster relief agencies and move from one disaster to another year after year. Over the years the agency has discovered predictable patterns of what is generally needed and how to meet those needs. They have developed training manuals for their staff and volunteers. They have various kinds of literature and other media for the public. Every situation is unique and each person is special. But guidelines based on previous situations that were similar can guide the plans and actions along the predictable path from Relief to Recovery and on to Rebuilding.

Americans are generally good at quickly replying to those in need. However they are not well known for consistently responding with the support needed for the long term. The Recovery and Rebuilding phases can take months or years. There are external repairs to be made as well as internal healing to happen.

Four Bridges is not competing with the relief agencies like the Red Cross and Salvation Army that excel at bringing short-term aid. We respect and admire the good works they do. But after a while their job is done and they go on down the road to the next community in crisis.

Four Bridges seeks to serve the greater Body of Christ as its eyes and ears among those in pain and need after of each hurricane. This is done by presenting plenty of photos, audio and video reports on the Internet and quarterly CDs. Then Christians all over the world will see, hear and feel what it is like for those in the midst of climatic transitions. They will be invited to pray, send things, send money and volunteer to serve the evacuees and rebuilders. Also Four Bridges will serve the family and friends of those impacted by the hurricane.

The name Four Bridges refers to the four communication connections that link the Christian workers with their harvest fields and support partners.



There are more details about each of these bridges and other facets of the ministry on the web site www.FourBridges.org