



CHURCH PARTNERSHIP Agreement



The South Hampton Roads Mission Project (SHRMP) had a vision for reaching the people of the South Hampton Roads area with the gospel, but soon realized this vision could be used as an evangelism tool for other churches within their communities.

In 2009, the South Hampton Roads Mission Project began working closely with other churches, within the State of Virginia, in an effort to facilitate its vision for expansion to new sites. SHRMP provides a framework for the operation of a weeklong backyard Bible program that fits nicely with those looking to learn how to reach their own communities. Visiting churches benefit from the training and program development that can easily be adjusted, as an evangelism tool, and duplicated in their communities as an outreach mission effort. It has been a successful and fruitful relationship for over a decade and just one example of a proven strategy to reach the local community.

THE CHURCH PARTNERSHIP

The Church Partnership is a joint venture whereby the local church and the South Hampton Roads Mission Project (SHRMP) combine their strengths to reach and connect students to a local church. Here is what each of us brings to Christ as we serve Him in building His kingdom:

THE LOCAL CHURCH TO PROVIDE

- Desire to reach the lost students in their area

- A Church, students can call home
- Resources to help develop effective ministry
- A place for students to serve and exercise their gifts and faith
- A model of local church involvement, biblical leadership, participation, accountability, and various other ministries of the local church
- Lay leaders to guide, direct, and encourage the students and ministry
- A loving environment where students can connect with and benefit from a variety of believers
- The best means of conserving the results of evangelism and developing believers
- A resource for speaking, teaching, and mentoring

South Hampton Roads Mission Project To Provide

- A solid Christian ministry in which students can develop, fellowship, and reach out
- Focus of evangelism and discipleship
- Ministry training for volunteers
- Prayer, missions, vocational ministry, leadership training
- A biblical mission, vision, and plan to reach students in every community
- Innovative and creative approaches to ministry
- Logistical coordination and preparation training
- Experienced staff to help resource churches, volunteers, and students to accomplish the mission

We think this is a win, win scenario. The mission of the church partnership program is to “turn lost students into Christ-centered laborers” by “taking the gospel to every student by trusting God to develop a transformational community.” The South Hampton Roads Mission Project recognizes that we are just a part of the body of Christ. We are thrilled to find others who share the same passion to help fulfill the great commission of Jesus Christ.



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How SHRMP Facilitates Church Partners

The SHRMP team members will provide the following for projects in church partnership:

- A. SHRMP team members offers multiple training programs (one on one or via video) in order to conduct a 5-day Bible School Program. Included in the training package is:
 - Evangelism
 - Personal safety
 - Bible story
 - Registration
 - Dealing with difficult minors
 - Bible school station leadership
 - Developing Quiet time with the LORD
 - Spiritual growth development
 - Following up after a week of ministry
- B. 5-day Bible School materials: Lessons, paperwork, crafts, games, music, recreation equipment
- C. Devotions
 - Pre-mission devotions
 - Mission week devotions
 - Post-mission devotions
- D. Logistics plan
- E. Students and staff to aid the local church in leading the project
- F. Side by side, on-hand training

Requirements For Churches Partnering With SHRMP

- A. A burden to work and reach the lost within the community
- B. An open mind to new evangelism and teaching methods
- C. Must provide a facility or location to support the many stations of a Bible School program.
- D. Must partly provide some of the logistical equipment required for effective ministry in conjunction with what SHRMP team members provide.

- E. Church congregation members willing to come alongside the SHRMP team. Must be a minimum of 10 church members.
- F. Ensure snacks are available for the student participants (can work alongside SHRMP members to provide).
- G. Assist in flyer distribution to the community announcing the week of Bible school and handouts for the post school connection.
- H. Church congregation must be willing to develop and enact a follow up program to continue relationships with the participants in the community. The SHRMP team will provide all the follow up information and will expect a report on the follow up progress.
- I. Complete a survey of the effectiveness of SHRMP.
- J. Fill out and return, the Church Partnership Registration and Covenant information.

The hope of SHRMP is to raise and train leaders from local churches that will lead and own the ministry in their local communities. The local community is like any other mission field. In order for the lost to be reached so that they can worship God, Christians need to be sent to it. The best way to bring students into the church is to first go where the students live in order to build relationships with them. Students are more open to new ideas and people when they are in an environment they are familiar with. Plus, they get involved in activities that fit into their busy schedules.

We pray for great things and expect God to do great things. "Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, and to make you stand in the presence of His glory blameless with great joy,". To Him, we commit ourselves and the outcome of our efforts.



SHRMP CHURCH PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM COVENANT

This must be signed and returned to the SHRMP Staff Representative to move forward in the partnership process.

We acknowledge that, as a representative of _____, we have read, agree, and will partner with SHRMP. We will meet the requirements for the local church, as indicated:

- Provide an adequate facility or location to conduct a week-long Bible School Program
- Provide some logistical equipment (tables, chairs, tents, etc.) in support of the program
- Provide a minimum support of 10 church members.
- Work along with the SHRMP team members to provide daily snacks and drinks for participants.
- Participate in flyer distribution for the Bible school program to deliver prior to the Bible school program week.
- Conduct a follow-up with school participants and report its progress to SHRMP team members.
- Complete a post mission SHRMP survey.

Finally, we understand that a breach of the requirements, as agreed to above, can result in the dissolving of the partnership by either organization. We acknowledge that our relationship to SHRMP is that of providing volunteers, which has as its goal; reaching the world with the gospel of Jesus Christ and giving God the glory. I understand that my activities will be conducted alongside SHRMP team members and volunteers.

My signature on this page evidences the church's voluntary commitment to the objectives of the ministry.

Signature: _____
(Pastor or Church Representative)

Date: _____



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Church Partnership Registration Form

Church Information

Name of Church		Phone Number	
Address			
City	State		Zip Code
Church Email		Contact Person	
Congregation Size		How you heard about SHRMP	

Bible School Information

Event Location Site		
Address		
City	State	Zip Code
Number of expected participants		



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If any of your church volunteers want to lead in the following areas, please check the appropriate boxes. SHRMP will provide all the lessons and materials, as well as an assistant.

#	Area of Interest	Description
1	Bible Story	Bible Story Time engages the children in God's Word through listening to a story from Scripture. NAME: _____ NAME: _____
2	Recreation	Daily activities or games (normally outdoors) that encourage the children to move around and be creative. NAME: _____ NAME: _____
3	Registration	Serves as the vital link between the church, ministry, and the participants. It's your primary source of valuable information about the children attending, and their guardians. This wide range of data includes personal and contact information, additional child registrations, special needs, and medical conditions. NAME: _____ NAME: _____
4	Reading	Helps maintain a child's literary comprehension during the summer. The leader will read books to the class daily and then allow them to take some books home. NAME: _____ NAME: _____
5	Snack Time	A light refreshment and snack to supplement the energy and nutrients needed to participate in all areas of the mission. NAME: _____ NAME: _____
6	Crafts	Teaches children creative expression through arts and crafts. NAME: _____ NAME: _____
7	Modern-Day Hero	Conducted during snack time, a short description of a missionary hero or historical figure whom story resembles that of the Bible Story. NAME: _____ NAME: _____