



Chenies Link is a ministry within Chenies Baptist Church that has the specific purpose of enabling us, as a local worshipping community, to develop deeper relationships with current and prospective individuals or organisations that have been sent to advance the Gospel within their own contexts, whether in the UK or abroad.

1. Prospective Partners Procedure

Step 1 – Proposal document sent to the leaders of Chenies Link.¹

Step 2 – Initial contact with the organisation or individual/individuals (i.e. Skype or phone conversation). The aim of this call is to provide an opportunity for the organisation or individual/individuals to offer further information regarding their ministry. After this initial contact the leaders of Chenies Link will make a preliminary assessment and discern whether to advance to the next step.

Step 3 – Secondary contact with the organisation or individual/individuals will be made for the leaders of Chenies Link to ask more intentional questions; for example regarding strategy, vision and resources etc.

Step 4 – Once all the information is gathered the leaders will provide the deacons with an overview of the prospective partner and reasons why they would like to partner with the organisation or individual/individuals in question. Then, a decision between the leaders of Chenies Link and the deacons will be made as to whether to forward to the Church membership for partnership.

Step 5 – Finally, the leaders of Chenies Link will provide a presentation on the prospective partnership and the church membership will make a final vote as to whether we begin a partnership with the organisation or individuals/individual in question.

¹ Leadership and members of the group: The group will be headed by a person designated by the deacons at CBC. The group will also contain a minimum of one person from the church membership who will act as a representative of the church members.

2. Partnership Commitment

a) Duration

CBC will enter into a maximum 2 years commitment with the mission partner rather than an open-ended arrangement. After 2 years, the partnership will be reviewed for further commitment with the option to extend or to conclude the commitment.

b) Accountability and Stewardship

During the 2 years, four 6-month reviews will take place. This will benefit both parties in that: the mission partner has accountability with respect to the financial support offered by CBC and CBC has the opportunity to steward its finances responsibly.

c) Support

Whilst offering financial and prayer support, during this 2-year commitment it is advisable that one visit in person take place. Either the mission partner visits CBC or a member from CBC visits the work there. The visit by the CBC worker overseas is to be funded by CBC.

Finally, once every two months an update with regards to Chenies Link will be presented by the leaders in the Sunday morning gathering. The aim of this is to encourage the members themselves of how the Lord is operating outside of our walls and it is also an opportunity to share specific prayer requests from the specific missions partner in question.²

² The presentation within the Sunday gathering once every two months will focus on one specific missions partner.