

## ***Excellence in Missions***

Crossing Bridges adheres to the following standards:<sup>1</sup>

1. ***God-Centeredness***. We seek first God's glory and his kingdom. This is expressed through our:
  - a. Purpose – Centering on God's glory and his ends in all activity
  - b. Lives – Sound biblical doctrine, persistent prayer, and godliness in all our thoughts, words, and deeds
  - c. Methods – Wise, biblical, and culturally-appropriate methods which bear spiritual fruit
2. ***Empowering Partnerships***. We seek to establish healthy, interdependent, ongoing relationships with those with whom we minister. This is expressed by:
  - a. A primary focus on intended receptors
  - b. Plans which benefit all participants
  - c. Mutual trust and accountability
3. ***Mutual Design***. We plan collaboratively with indigenous ministries with which we work to the benefit of all participants. This is expressed by:
  - a. On-field methods and activities aligned to long-term strategies of the partnership
  - b. Crossing Bridges' ability to implement its part of the plan
  - c. Host ministries' ability to implement their part of the plan
4. ***Comprehensive Administration***. We seek to exhibit integrity in all our activity. This is expressed by:
  - a. Truthfulness in promotion, finances, and reporting results
  - b. Appropriate risk management
  - c. Quality program delivery and support logistics
5. ***Qualified Leadership***. We seek to exhibit and develop capable leadership among those with whom we minister. This is expressed by:
  - a. Character – Spiritually mature servant leadership
  - b. Skills – Prepared, competent, organized and accountable leadership
  - c. Values – Empowering and equipping leadership
6. ***Appropriate Training***. We seek to prepare and equip all participants for the mutually designed outreach. This is expressed by:
  - a. Biblical, appropriate, and timely training
  - b. Ongoing training and equipping (pre-field, on-field, post-field)
  - c. Qualified trainers
7. ***Thorough Follow-Up***. We seek to provide appropriate debriefing and follow-up for and with all ministry partners. This is expressed by:
  - a. Comprehensive follow-up and evaluation

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<sup>1</sup>Adapted from *The Seven US Standards of Excellence in Short Term Mission*, [www.STMstandards.org](http://www.STMstandards.org), Minneapolis, MN.