

FOUR BRIDGES MINISTRY PROPOSAL

Connecting workers with their fields and partners.

TARGET:

Four Bridges Ministry (4b) is currently enrolling the support of a Launch Team made up of intercessors, advisors and donors. Together we will successfully complete this Blueprint Phase. A professionally designed and developed web platform will provide the foundation in cyberspace for the five services of **Four Bridges Ministry** (4b). Those five services are Networking Hub, Information Clearinghouse, Educational Nucleus, Think Tank and Research & Development Lab.

RATIONALE:

The name "Four Bridges" refers to the communication pathways needed to accomplish our mission of *connecting Christian workers with their harvest fields and support partners*. (See more details on the web site www.fourbridges.org)

Four Bridges Ministry (4b) positions itself as a trustworthy source of biblically orthodox information and education in the rapidly changing frontier of the Internet. The four bridges will bring together people, resources and opportunities. These will systematically facilitate more effective discipleship, evangelism and benevolence both locally and globally. Working together we will improve relationships vertically with God and horizontally with people. Lives will surely be transformed. As people get into the Word of God then the Word renews their mind and cleanses their heart. Appropriate actions occur with right motives and this leads to Christ-like character. As the body of Christ is connected more effectively and communicating in various ways then together we will certainly bear much spiritual fruit. These processes and results will bring glory to God.

As a **Networking Hub** Four Bridges serves by pointing to useful resources like: web sites, books, videos, organizations and experts. Then a person will more quickly and easily answer their question, solve their problem or meet their need. The time, energy and money saved can be used on something better than worry, searching and being stuck.

As an **Information Clearinghouse** Four Bridges provides simple summaries of complex information with links and references to the sources to find more details. Then a person can more quickly and easily gather the information used to make wise choices. Those using the web platform will appreciate this user-friendly way of navigating the ever-increasing mountains of information.

As an **Education Nucleus** Four Bridges pioneers an online lay institute. This fills the gap between Sunday school and Bible College. Seminary students and graduates make up the adjunct faculty. This gives those entering ministry a wide open door to exercise their spiritual gifts and communicate the truth in love online. The teachers will have a profile web site where they will enroll intercessors, advisors and donors.

As a **Think Tank** Four Bridges will sponsor a gathering each month. It will rotate so that each quarter a key group is featured ... Partners, Workers and Fields. We will ask what do you need and want? What can we do for you in the next three months? Let us tell you about the other two groups. A CD of these findings will be produced each month and sold individually or to subscribers.

As a **Research & Development Lab** Four Bridges will use the wisdom, insights and contacts from the other four services to discover the kinds of products and services that are needed as society changes rapidly and the World Wide Web causes the globe to shrink. Some probable products include educational DVDs for PowerPoint, Endnote and Bible Works. There needs to be basic and intermediate lessons on public speaking for future preachers and Bible teachers. The various kinds of communication used across the four bridges can be made into proprietary software. This will be licensed as a reasonable rate to seminaries, Bible colleges, mission agencies, denominations and local churches.

FINANCIAL:

The goal for the Strong Start Capital Campaign is \$40,000 with 10K for consultants, 10K for web designers, 10K for hardware and software and 10K for initial payroll.

STATUS:

This ministry has been growing in the heart and mind of the founder for two decades. The nonprofit corporation was register with the state of Texas on April 23, 2004. During these formative days your prayers and donations make a big difference.

ACTION:

Go to the web site at www.fourbridges.org . Explore the site carefully. Pray for the ministry. Donate generously. Contact the founder, John S. Oliver, 214-821-7530 for a face-to-face meeting. Schedule a presentation of Four Bridges Ministry (4b) for your group. Tell many other people about **Four Bridges Ministry**.