

# Why does HART Support National Pastors/Ministries?

*“More than half of those who go to the mission field fail to serve more than two years!”*

*The enormous waste and poor stewardship are obvious when one considers the financial resources that are required to place a Christian worker in another country and the fact that unfamiliarity with language and culture usually severely limit what can be accomplished in the first couple of years on the field.”*

Tony Campolo, Carpe Diem.

The implications of this statement are clear. North Americans are squandering large sums of funds on failed Missions strategies.

Since our inception almost 10 years ago HART has been on the leading edge of a movement focused on supporting home-grown ministries.

Our strategy is to support indigenous ministries and competent National leaders who are ready and willing to

serve. We DO NOT send full-time North American missionaries to Eastern Europe.

Why? Here are a couple of sound reasons in support of this strategy:

- ❶ **Economics:** National pastors and missionaries require a fraction of the support Western missionaries receive. We can support 30-40 National Pastors or Ministries for the same price as one North American missionary!
- ❷ **Practical:** National workers know the language, culture, traditions,

character and mentality of their own people.

- ❸ **Necessity:** Many Eastern European countries are now closing the doors to Western missionaries, therefore it is imperative that indigenous leaders are trained to carry on the work.
- ❹ **Effective:** National church planting ministries are the most fruitful. The passion they have for Christ and for the lost; their walk with God in holiness, their prayer lives and their daily Christian witness are rarely seen in North America.

If we in the West are concerned about stewardship and world evangelism (and we should be!) it's clear the best option would be to direct our resources and financial support to this new movement of training and supporting National pastors, missionaries and ministries.

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