

# An M2DMM Partnership with Croatia

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# PARTNERSHIP CONSIDERATIONS

## *Vision*

To see a multiplicative movement of God in Croatia.

## *Our Goal*

Our goal is to partner with DMM practitioners who share our vision and will be committed to clear communication and fruitful collaboration in order to advance the kingdom of God in Croatia.

## *Disclaimer*

Even though we seek to partner and align in vision, let's agree not to speak for each other's vision, but rather encourage direct communication for those outside of the coalition who want to know more.

## *The Value of Partnership*

- Partnership helps bring the big picture into focus.
- Partnership increases effectiveness.
- Partnership enhances everyone's ability to undertake bigger goals & vision.
- Partnership improves stewardship while reducing duplication and waste.
- Partnership enhances unity and with it, strengthens witness.
- Partnership frees parties to invest more in their areas of strength.

## *A Bit of Partnership Theory*

- Partnership is an investment of time and resources from all sides. It should be entered into only after careful consideration and prayer.
- No one partners with everyone and this is actually good.
- Partnership should only be entered into when everyone is convinced that each party is truly needed and adds value to the specific, agreed-upon vision and goals.
- Experts say that it's important to grow into partnership as a gradual progression in order to gain momentum and to build relationship and trust.
- Trust and accountability in partnership are essential and *are not opposites*.
- Partnerships should be periodically evaluated, if possible with metrics, and this evaluation should be based upon the effectiveness of the partnership to advance the common vision/goals.

## *Big Questions Based upon Partnership Theory*

Are we aligned in vision?

- If not, we will gladly ask that God bless you as you pursue the vision and mission He has given you.
- If we are aligned, let's talk about what it might look like to partner together.

Are we truly convinced that we need each other?

- We recognize that this mission is huge and that **we need** like-minded partners in order to see a movement here.
- You will have to answer whether or not you believe that **you need** us as well. Will we really add value to what you are doing or want to do here?

### *What We Have to Offer*

- A clear vision and commitment to see multiplying disciples and churches reach this generation as we seek to obey and fulfill the Great Commission
- Significant (and improving) tech experience, strategies, and resources—including thousands of hours (via our Global Partners) invested in creating a holistic system that keeps the big picture in mind
- Firsthand guidance from (and access to) some of the most experienced, fruitful DMM practitioners worldwide
- Firsthand guidance from (and access to) some of the most experienced, fruitful Media2DMM practitioners worldwide
- Strategic connections for projects
- Tools to maximize collaboration
- Metrics to guide and assess progress toward fulfilling our goals
- Persona Research – the gathering of local believers' stories to determine how God is bringing non-believers unto Himself
- Tools for Persona development

### *What We Need from Partners*

- Like-minded passion to reach this nation, this generation
- Eagerness to embrace accountability, communication, and the ongoing development of best practices
- Local coaches (disciplers/trainers) for Scripture-centric engagement of social groups
- Persona Research
- Linguistic and cultural skills
- Administrators—websites, P4C, Facebook, dispatcher-type overseers (accountability)
- Media-Content creators—pictures, memes, videos, etc.
- Researchers
- Several other specific-skill sets related to media+

We ask that you and your team pray as you consider these points. We desire partnership to be rewarding and fruitful for all involved, while propelling each of us toward the completion of the vision and mission He has given us.

# PARTNERSHIP QUESTIONS

please type/write out your responses to the following questions

## *Gifts and Abilities*

- What do you or others say are your spiritual gifts?
- What are you good at doing?
- What do you enjoy doing?
- What are your team's abilities or giftings?
- Where are you experiencing (or have experienced) success or fruitfulness in ministry? Describe.
- If you could be doing anything you wanted here, what would you be doing?

## *Vision*

Do you think that we are aligned in ministry vision and paradigm?

Please briefly describe how we are aligned or ways in which you see we are not.

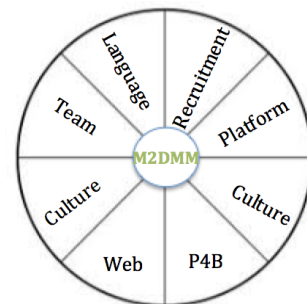
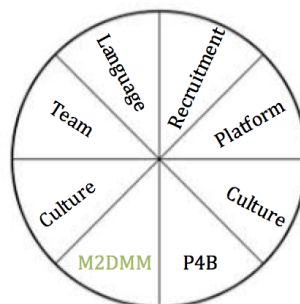
Do you believe that partnering with us will benefit you and/or your team? If so, how?

On a scale of 1 to 10 (10 being all in), how much time and energy do you think you could give to this partnership in light of your other responsibilities and obligations?

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

(circle or highlight one)

Please briefly describe your answer.



# PARTNERSHIP REQUIREMENTS

*We will...*

- Pursue being **disciples worth multiplying**.
- Define success as “reaching this generation” and will pursue **multiplication**, rather than addition, acknowledging that this vision and some of the principles may feel counter-intuitive at times.
- **Love and honor the existing church** as it is while seeking to mobilize it for what it can be.
- Emphasize discipling **groups** and not only individuals.
- Serve under the **leadership** of the follow-up system in matters that relate to *this* partnership.
- Share successes and failures, **communicating and implementing feedback** from follow-up leadership and fellow practitioners.
- Provide consistent, thorough, and prompt **reporting** on all assigned contacts in order to enable partnership, assess progress, and plan strategically.
- Become familiar with online **collaboration software** (if/when this applies to specific partners).
- Commit to **resolving all conflict** as soon as possible, including accepting help from others.
- Seek to be culturally relevant while ultimately believing that **the proclaimed Gospel is the power of God for salvation** for all who believe, not “contextualized” strategies.
- Commit to **ongoing training**.
- Gain familiarity with **DMM tools and concepts**.
- Attend all **M2DMM meetings** (every 3-6 months).
- Pursue higher levels of **language** in order to meet with non-English speakers.

*We will prioritize the following for first meetings with contacts:*

- Get to know them. Ask good questions. **Listen/Learn** about their journey.
- Establish **good DNA** from the beginning—discovering, sharing, obeying.
- **Cast vision** for reaching their family, friends, community and the nations with God’s truth.
- Do not answer all their questions directly, but **teach them to find the answers in scripture** where they can learn directly from God.
- Provide **access to the Word** (giving a book, helping download an app, teaching them how to read/study the Word).
- **Reading the Word** together.
- Introduce an informal **group study model** (ie: DBS) that includes obeying and sharing and encourage them to engage their social group(s).
- **Pray** with/for them.

*We aim for churches that...*

- **Have Jesus as Lord, love God, love others, make more disciples** and multiply churches
- **3+ people** (perhaps a family)
- Meet **3+ times/month**
- Engage in **studying God's Word** together
- Use a meeting model that includes **accountability** (sharing and obeying)
- **Do not have a foreigner "coach" present**
- Receive **coaching**/accountability from one of our partners 2+ times/month (likely through the church group's primary facilitator/leader)
- Are **not dependent upon outside resources** (money, transportation, location, etc.)

## OUR BELIEF

**The Scripture** is God's Word, inspired by God, written by men; it is authoritative, active, eternal, inerrant and trustworthy. It provides knowledge for salvation through faith and repentance and instruction for godly living for all people at all times. It is the supreme authority for the life and practice of individual believers and Christ's Church. (Exodus 24:4; Deuteronomy 4:1-2; 17:19; Joshua 8:34; Psalms 19:7-10; 119:11,89,105,140; Isaiah 34:16; 40:8; Jeremiah 15:16; 36:1-32; Matthew 5:17-18; 22:29; Luke 21:33; 24:44-46; John 5:39; 16:13-15; 17:17; Acts 2:16ff.; 17:11; Romans 15:4; 16:25-26; 2 Timothy 3:15-17; Hebrews 1:1-2; 4:12; 1 Peter 1:25; 2 Peter 1:19-21.)

There is only one true living God who eternally exists in three persons. These are God the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

**God the Father** is creator, sustainer, holy, provider, and ruler He is all powerful, all knowing and sovereign over all things. He is life and gives life. We are created by Him and saved by Him. He is revealed in creation and he is Father in truth to all those who gain access to Him through belief in the Son. (Genesis 1:1; 2:7; Exodus 3:14; 6:2-3; 15:11.; 20:1.; Leviticus 22:2; Deuteronomy 6:4; 32:6; 1 Chronicles 29:10; Psalm 19:1-3; Isaiah 43:3,15; 64:8; Jeremiah 10:10; 17:13; Matthew 6:9.; 7:11; 23:9; 28:19; Mark 1:9-11; John 4:24; 5:26; 14:6-13; 17:1-8; Acts 1:7; Romans 8:14-15; 1 Corinthians 8:6; Galatians 4:6; Ephesians 4:6; Colossians 1:15; 1 Timothy 1:17; Hebrews 11:6; 12:9; 1 Peter 1:17; 1 John 5:7.)

**Jesus Christ is the Son of God**, conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of a virgin, he is 100% God and 100% man. Jesus is eternal, all powerful, the image of God. He is the ultimate prophet, priest and king. All things were created by him and through him. All things are subject to him and held together through him. He came to earth in the flesh, was tempted but remained sinless. Through his life, death and resurrection he reconciles to the Father all who believe in him. He is the one and only mediator between God and man. He will return one day in power and glory to judge the world and save all who believe in him. (Genesis 18:1.; Psalms 2:7.; 110:1.; Isaiah 7:14; Isaiah 53:1-12; Matthew 1:18-23; 3:17; 8:29; 11:27; 14:33; 16:16,27; 17:5; 27; 28:1-6,19; Mark 1:1; 3:11; Luke 1:35; 4:41; 22:70; 24:46; John 1:1-18,29; 10:30,38; 11:25-27; 12:44-50; 14:7-11; 16:15-16,28; 17:1-5, 21-22; 20:1-20,28; Acts 1:9; 2:22-24; 7:55-56; 9:4-5,20; Romans 1:3-4; 3:23-26; 5:6-21; 8:1-3,34; 10:4; 1 Corinthians 1:30; 2:2; 8:6; 15:1-8,24-28; 2 Corinthians 5:19-21; 8:9; Galatians 4:4-5; Ephesians 1:20; 3:11; 4:7-10; Philippians 2:5-11; Colossians 1:13-22; 2:9; 1 Thessalonians 4:14-18; 1 Timothy 2:5-6; 3:16; Titus 2:13-14; Hebrews 1:1-3; 4:14-15; 7:14-28; 9:12-15,24-28; 12:2; 13:8; 1 Peter 2:21-25; 3:22; 1 John 1:7-9; 3:2; 4:14-15; 5:9; 2 John 7-9; Revelation 1:13-16; 5:9-14; 12:10-11; 13:8; 19:16.)

**The Holy Spirit** is powerful, and responsible for great and mighty works. He bears witness about Christ and is the fulfillment of the promise of Christ. He is the guarantee of salvation for all of those who are in Christ and now dwells in them and intercedes for them. The Spirit draws people to the Son and convicts people of their sins. He teaches, guides, and helps believers. (Genesis 1:2; Judges 14:6; Job 26:13; Psalms 51:11; 139:7ff.; Isaiah 61:1-3; Joel 2:28-32; Matthew 1:18; 3:16; 4:1; 12:28-32; 28:19; Mark 1:10,12; Luke 1:35; 4:1,18-19; 11:13; 12:12; 24:49; John 4:24; 14:16-17,26; 15:26; 16:7-14; Acts 1:8; 2:1-4,38; 4:31; 5:3; 6:3; 7:55; 8:17,39; 10:44; 13:2; 15:28; 16:6; 19:1-6; Romans 8:9-11,14-16,26-27; 1 Corinthians 2:10-14; 3:16; 12:3-11,13; Galatians 4:6; Ephesians 1:13-14; 4:30; 5:18; 1 Thessalonians 5:19; 1 Timothy 3:16; 4:1; 2 Timothy 1:14; 3:16; Hebrews 9:8,14; 2 Peter 1:21; 1 John 4:13; 5:6-7; Revelation 1:10; 22:17)

**A New Testament church** is a local congregation of baptized believers, linked by covenant in the faith and fellowship of the gospel; observing the two ordinances of Christ, Baptism and the Lord Supper, governed by His laws, exercising the gifts, endowed in them by His Word, and seeking to extend the gospel to the ends of the earth. Each Church operates under the Lordship of Christ. In such a congregation each member is responsible and accountable to Christ as Lord. (Matthew 16:15-19; 18:15-20; Acts 2:41-42,47; 5:11-14; 6:3-6; 13:1-3; 14:23,27; 15:1-30; 16:5; 20:28; Romans 1:7; 1 Corinthians 1:2; 3:16; 5:4-5; 7:17; 9:13-14; 12; Ephesians 1:22-23;2:19-22; 3:8-11,21; 5:22-32; Philippians 1:1; Colossians 1:18; 1 Timothy 2:9-14; 3:1-15; 4:14; Hebrews 11:39-40; 1 Peter 5:1-4; Revelation 2-3; 21:2-3.)

**Believer Baptism** is the immersion of a believer in water in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. It is an act of obedience symbolizing the believer's faith in a crucified, buried, and risen Savior, the believer's death to sin, the burial of the old life, and the resurrection to walk in newness of life in Christ Jesus.

**The Lord's Supper** is a symbolic act of obedience for Believers, through partaking of the bread and the fruit of the vine, memorialize the death of the Redeemer and anticipate His second coming. (Matthew 3:13-17; 26:26-30; 28:19-20; Mark 1:9-11; 14:22-26; Luke 3:21-22; 22:19-20; John 3:23; Acts 2:41-42; 8:35-39; 16:30-33; 20:7; Romans 6:3-5; 1 Corinthians 10:16,21;11:23-29; Colossians 2:12.)