



EQUIP YOUR
YOUTH TO

MAKE DISCIPLES

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ABOUT US

13 years ago, a small group of Christian youth began a simple experiment - they made a commitment to walk alongside and disciple one child each. This was the first group of “Alongsiders” and their “Little Brothers and Sisters”.

Today, those first Alongsiders are mature Christian leaders who know how to make disciples. Their churches are growing and thriving - even multiplying.

And their Little Brothers and Sisters? Many have now grown up and become leaders in those churches and communities too. They have become Alongsiders themselves.

That grassroots discipleship movement has now spread all over the nation and into multiple countries in Asia and Africa. Thousands of young Christians are being equipped to make disciples using our simple comic book curriculum. Children are being reached. Churches and nations are being transformed.

The Alongsiders International Headquarters was set up in South-East Asia to create resources and strengthen these movements in different countries. We are a team of ten different nationalities, working together with one goal - to help your churches equip one generation to reach the next.

WE WANT TO SERVE YOU

Discipleship is the key to a healthy and growing church.

Yet across the world, churches are facing a growing challenge: evangelism and discipleship are too often seen as only the pastor's job.

Meanwhile many young people are leaving the church because they lack a compelling vision worth laying their lives down for.

Jesus' command is for every Christian to go into all the world and make disciples.

We passionately believe that if Christians are not taught to make disciples when they are young, they will be unlikely to make disciples when they are older.

The time to start is now.

Throughout history, young people have been at the forefront of every movement for change. Now, we are seeing a youth discipleship movement rise up like a wave across the Non-Western world.

We invite you to be part of what God is already doing.

Alongsiders International exists to serve you by partnering to envision and equip your young people to make disciples in their own communities.

We develop training materials in your language and create mobile phone apps and other resources to take advantage of new technology - all with the purpose of igniting your youth leaders to grow in their leadership and discipleship skills.

Read on, for more details about how Alongsiders International can serve your church network.

Join us in equipping one generation to reach the next.

OUR PRESENCE

The Alongsiders discipleship movement spread first through multiple countries in South-East Asia and then into India and Pakistan.

As God began to stir up more interest around the world, new movements have risen up in different parts of Africa.

Perhaps your country or church network could be next?



CONTACT US

We are committed to training our partners. Contact us via email or our website to discuss a partnership with your church network or denomination.

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WHAT COMMITMENT WILL YOUR YOUTH BE ASKED TO MAKE?



1. To **pray** for their Little Brother or Sister. *(This action teaches faithfulness, prayer, humility & faith.)*



2. To **visit** their Little Brother or Sister at least once a week. *(This action teaches social skills & commitment.)*



3. To **encourage** and love their Little Brother or Sister. *(This action teaches compassion, patience & listening skills.)*



4. To **meet** each month with the other Alongsiders in the church to go through the Discipleship Training Manual. *(This action teaches faithfulness & leadership.)*



5. To **read** a new comic each month with their Little Brother or Sister. *(This action teaches discipleship skills.)*



6. To **participate** in occasional workshops or seminars. *(This is an opportunity to learn a wide range of life skills.)*



7. To **attend** the annual camp together with their Little Brother or Sister. *(Lots of fun & learning!)*



8. To **invite** their Little Brother or Sister to church. *(This action teaches evangelism and faith.)*

“ The first time I learned about God was when my Alongsider invited me to church. Now I am a Christian.”





WHO CAN BECOME BECOME AN ALONGSIDER?



Christian



Single or married



Aged between 16-30



Male or female



Must have a good reputation
and permission from the
pastor



Volunteer only,
there is no salary

WHAT ARE THE STEPS TO BECOME AN ALONGSIDER?

Once Alongsiders International has a partnership agreement with a network of churches, individual churches in that network can invite the Coordinators to present the vision to their youth. If the youth wish to participate, these are the steps to joining:

- 1** A group of young people from the same church form themselves into a group of at least 5 and choose a group leader.
- 2** The group seek permission to participate from their pastor. Each individual member must be approved.
- 3** Each one prayerfully discerns who they would like to invite to be their Little Brother or Sister. They seek permission from the child's family.
- 4** The young people fill in the application form and sign the Child Protection Policy. Then they can be registered by the Coordinators.

“ My Alongsider is like a good-hearted friend to me.”



WHAT IS THE CRITERIA FOR CHOOSING A LITTLE BROTHER/SISTER?



The child will be the same gender as their Alongsider.



The child will not be related to the Alongsider.



The child will be aged between 6 and 15 years old.



Usually, the child will be at risk in some way, due to poverty or family problems.



The child will be living close to the Alongsider, within 1 kilometre.



The child will usually not already be part of the church.

HOW WILL THE ALONGSIDERS MOVEMENT BENEFIT YOUR CHURCHES?

Your young people will be equipped to make disciples and trained to face life's problems.

You will gain access to a specially developed curriculum of 27 comic books developed in your local language and artwork. Using this curriculum, your youth will learn crucial discipleship skills and cover a wide range of training topics such as:

- Salvation and God's Love
- How to Pray and talk to God
- Service and Leadership Skills
- Compassion and Forgiveness
- Study Skills and Goal Setting
- Courage and Perseverance
- Integrity and Self-Discipline
- The Dangers of Drugs and Porn
- Managing your Emotions
- Caring for the Environment
- Decision Making

Neighbourhood families will join your church.

We have found that one of the best ways to reach out to the wider community is to begin with children. In some places, up to 94% of Little Brothers and Sisters choose to join the church and their parents and extended family are much more likely to connect as well.

Your church and community is transformed.

By equipping your young people to serve and reach out to their own neighbours, you will begin to see whole communities transformed by God's love.

*If you want to transform a nation, you start with one generation.
If you want to transform a generation, you start with one life.*

WHAT DOES ALONGSIDERS PROVIDE FINANCIALLY?

Alongsiders International does not provide any funding or financial support.

However, Alongsiders International offers the following resources free of charge so that you can start your own Alongsiders movement:

- Online or DVD training for your appointed Coordinators through our **Alongsiders Leadership Training Academy**.
- **The Discipleship Curriculum** consisting of 27 specially developed comics in your own language and cultural style.
- **Mobile Phone Apps** for your Coordinators and Alongsiders to use.
- **Ongoing support via WhatsApp or email**, with encouragement and mentoring of your appointed leaders so that they can grow and develop in their role.



WHAT IS YOUR CHURCH NETWORK'S COMMITMENT?



1. Appoint Coordinators

A discipleship movement needs passionate local leaders to mobilize and train your youth. Depending on the size of your church network, you will appoint and financially support at least 2 Coordinators (Master Trainers) who will receive our Academy training.



2. Provide Office Space

Your appointed Coordinators will need a space to work alongside the other staff in your network as well as the usual management oversight.



3. Cover Running Costs

There may be other expenses associated with running your discipleship movement, such as travel or food costs. These running costs are covered by your local churches or head office.

Join us in equipping one generation to reach the next.



WHAT ARE THE NEXT STEPS TOWARDS PARTNERSHIP?



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Study online or by DVD
in your own language at:
www.alongsiders.org/learn



With our help, start
your own Alongsiders
discipleship movement!

