



## ***THINKING BEYOND THE WALLS: WHAT IS OUR NEXT STEP?***

### ***Hints for Continued Faithfulness and Fruitfulness***

- God is at work and wants you to participate in further building the Kingdom
- Point people to Christ
- Serve the greatest invisible and underserved needs
- Participate and serve with youthfulness and hearty spirit
- Plan but be flexible and responsive to the Spirit's leading
- Network and build (rebuild) the connection
- Express appreciation often
- Unite and cooperate
- Pray and pray and listen
- Communicate – communicate – communicate
- Encourage and affirm one another

### ***Be Mindful of Potential Stumbling Blocks***

- Nostalgia: Don't be misled. Too much focus on the past can make it difficult to see into the future.
- Avoidance: Don't avoid the hard conversations. Be truthful about present realities, and trust God.
- Self-Focus: Don't become self-centered. Live out the Great Commission and seek mission beyond self.
- Pastor-Centered Ministry: Don't think that ministry is only for professionals. An over-reliance on pastors will diminish God's call upon the lives of all people. Enable and empower all people to contribute their gifts for the mission.