

Vision Sunday

Power of Collaboration

1. Introduction

- Greeting and welcome to in-person and online attendees
- Purpose: A Scriptural reminder about something we're already doing (collaboration)
- Thank you for the ongoing efforts in collaboration

2. Collaboration: The Power and Purpose

- Definition of collaboration: More than just working together; creating something new
- Overview of the Chad initiative, with a focus on the consortium of churches and their efforts over the past 2+ years

3. The Power of Collaboration: Two Key Fronts

- **First Front: Creating Something New Together**
 - Consortium of churches joining forces to reach Chad
 - Every church bringing people and finances to the table without a personal agenda
- **Second Front: Collaborating with the Chadian Church**
 - Partnership with local Chadian believers in N'Djamena and southern Chad
 - The challenge of reaching 92 unreached, unengaged tribes in Chad

4. The Biblical Basis for Collaboration

- **Romans 15:5-6:** "Living in harmony with one another"
 - Collaboration as the pursuit of unity and harmony in Christ
 - The purpose of collaboration: To glorify God with one mind and one mouth

5. Harmony and Unity: Beyond Conformity

- The challenge of unity in the early church in Rome (Romans 15 context)
- Collaboration requires mutual submission and focus on God's mission
- The difference between agreement and unity
- God's gift of harmony and the importance of prayer in collaboration

6. **Mutual Submission in Collaboration**

- **Romans 15:7-9:** Christ's example of serving both Jews and Gentiles
 - Accepting one another as family, not merely tolerating differences
 - Glorifying God through mutual submission for the mission

7. **The Goal: Glorifying God with One Mind and One Mouth**

- Christ's mission for both Jews and Gentiles to glorify God
- Collaboration between the consortium churches and the Chadian church to see disciples made and God glorified

8. **The Role of Prayer in Collaboration**

- The importance of covering the collaboration in prayer
- God's provision and guidance through His Spirit

9. **Romans 15:13 – Paul's Prayer for the Church**

- Biblical hope: Confidence in God's promises, not wishful thinking
- Assurance that the Chad initiative will succeed by the power of God's Spirit

10. **Conclusion**

- Recap: The power of collaboration, mutual submission, and the pursuit of God's mission
- The joy of partnering with God's Spirit to reach the unreached
- Final prayer for hope, joy, peace, and the glory of God to be proclaimed among the nations

Closing Prayer

- Prayer for God's continued work in Chad, in collaboration, and in the hearts of all believers.