

PARTNERS IN MINISTRY THE DIGITAL CHURCH



Covid has been like a mission trip for the analog church. We had thought we were going on a short-term trip to a place that felt foreign ... but having arrived there, we had to immediately learn some new languages and methods. As it turns out, this has become more like a long-term mission assignment. And at times, it's been a real challenge!

Even so, since arriving in this digital Babylon, many churches have been reaching people never thought possible. Technologies have actually made discipleship more accessible! In many ways, the pandemic has actually led us to a stronger, more relevant and durable way of doing ministry with analog tools, digital tools, and everything in between.

ABCOPAD understands this challenge and the importance of developing a communicative strategy in its mission. As such, in recent months the region has provided opportunities for monthly ZOOM gatherings for Women in Ministry and Student Ministry Leaders, as well as a number of educational webinars, including:

- *Worth It* ... a 7-session study for girls 5-12th grade, to discover your value and identity in Jesus Christ.
- *The Nones* ... exploring the opportunity and challenges of ministry among those who are unaffiliated with any organized religion.
- *Building an Effective Church Website* ... training local church webmasters in the development and design of church websites.
- *Building an Effective Church Facebook Page* ... training local church Facebook administrators in the purpose and benefits of social media.
- *Tempered Resilience* ... a 3-session study examining the process of naming and navigating resistance, and becoming a resilient leader.

All of this is to say that ABCOPAD is committed to supporting church leaders in fulfilling their local ministries. When you support **Partners in Ministry**, you make regional connections and communications possible. And there's nothing more important than getting the Word out!



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