

## Activity: Meeting the Leadership Council

### Who Are The Leadership Council?

In each 410 Bridge community, a Leadership Council (LC) is established of primarily local pastors and leaders. Each council identifies assets and gifts in their community, as well as the community's greatest needs, both physical and spiritual.

### Purpose

The first meeting with the LC is to introduce the team to the people who are spear-heading the transformation in the community, hear what their community was like before partnering with The 410 Bridge, how far they've come, and their vision for the future.

### Goal

Learn about the community from influential community members and spend time in prayer.



### How It Works

- Meetings with the Leadership Council (LC) typically are the first activities a team will do in a community and the last activity as a debrief meeting.
- Not every team will meet with the LC in a formal, sit down fashion but your team will most likely interact with different members of the LC throughout the week. For example, when visiting a business, or a family, at church, or during a service project.
- Meetings typically occur in a school or church building.
- As many LC members as possible try to attend.
- At the introductory meeting, expect to hear about the community, what it used to be like, where it is now, some things they struggle with, how far they've come and any ongoing projects.
- You will be welcomed to join for the week as a guest in the community.
- Teams should introduce themselves- name, favorite Bible verse, share if you have spent any time in the community before, and as a team pray over the LC.
- At the debrief meeting at the end of your trip, you will discuss with the LC what went well, any areas of improvement you see, share stories from the week, any time you saw God working in your team or the community.

### Things To Remember

The relationships you build with the Leadership Council are defining ones, in that you are there to walk alongside these leaders and spur them on in the good work they are already doing in their community. As the primary decision makers in influencing transformation in their community, we ask that you invest deeply in encouraging them throughout your time spent together.