



identify & develop local leaders

Create Christ-centered churches

Advance agriculture & clean water systems

Restore health to the sick & safety to the vulnerable

Educate all out of poverty

The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me to bring good news to the poor; he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound. - **Isaiah 61:1**

At i-61 Ministries, we see poverty as the result of global crises in *undeveloped leadership, spiritual confusion, world hunger, environmental decline, poor health and disease, educational inequalities and human injustice*. The gospel in action through the local church is the solution!

In June of 1998, all heads of the U.N. agencies signed a statement defining the term “poverty.” The statement read: *“Fundamentally, poverty is a denial of choices and opportunities, a violation of human dignity...It means not having enough to feed and clothe a family, not having a school or clinic to go to...It means insecurity, powerlessness and exclusion of individuals, households and communities. It means susceptibility to violence, and it often implies living in marginal or fragile environments, without access to clean water or sanitation.”*

Let's be the church who CARES and make a positive impact, transforming communities around the world.

The mission of i-61 Ministries is to equip and mobilize the local church for justice and compassion worldwide.

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IDENTIFY & DEVELOP LOCAL LEADERS

The turning point for nearly all global decline is securing righteousness at the head of every nation; a righteousness that can only come as a result of an authentic fear of God. The Church needs to be at the forefront of developing godly leaders within communities worldwide.



"Jesus didn't claim special privileges. Instead, he lived a selfless, obedient life and then died a selfless, obedient death—and the worst kind of death at that—a crucifixion." (Philippians 2:8)

THE VINEYARD'S APPROACH TO REPRODUCING LEADERSHIP:

IDENTIFYING POTENTIAL LEADERS

For qualities of a good leader, see 1 Timothy 3:1-13
The male or female leader should be a person of peace

RECRUITING LEADERS AND WORKERS

Good leaders will want to lead for the right Kingdom reasons (eternal salvations & discipleship) and not external rewards (money, titles, or position)

Trust the Lord to bring the right leaders. If it's meant to be, it will happen in God's timing.

TRAINING LEADERS AND WORKERS

Provide coaching and prayer support for how they can reach their communities

Collaborate with other like-minded churches to provide training. Training can be done in groups or individually.

Training should not just be theological, but provide practical ideas (based on real needs) for reaching their communities in culturally-relevant methods.

Encourage ongoing growth by studying God's word, having a daily prayer life, and learning new team-leading skills (communication, conflict/resolution, money & time management, etc.) * See i-61.org/icare for resources.

DEPLOYING LEADERS AND WORKERS

Church-planters in developing world contexts may need some financial assistance to put the time and energy needed into reaching their community. Consider helping them be sustainable by having a plan to wean them off financial support after a few years, so that they are motivated to create streams for generating their own income. This will allow the finances to continue to support more and more church plants, and/or support new church planters.

MONITORING LEADERS AND WORKERS

Ask for updates from them so you have an accurate evaluation of how things are going. What is God doing? Number of salvations & baptisms? Religious or ethnic persecution? How many gather together? Discipleship challenges and victories? Personal struggles? Taking trips to see them is the best way to build trust and relationship.

NURTURING LEADERS AND WORKERS

Checking in on your missionary/ church planter is very important. They need coaching, faithful prayer, counseling, and support to know that they are not alone.

Encourage them to have a support network

For more extensive Vineyard leadership training and coaching, visit Vineyard Institute or Logan Leadership online at i-61.org/icare



CREATE CHRIST-CENTERED CHURCHES

It is estimated that over 4 billion people have yet to put their hope in Jesus Christ as their personal Savior. In our broken world, the only antidote to a defeated spirit is one that has been regenerated with authentic faith in their Creator. The solution, therefore, to all world crises hinges upon the proclamation of the gospel, both through word and action. The Church is the answer!



“Jesus said to him, ‘I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.’” (John 14:6 ESV)

BEGINNING WITH PRAYER, PARTNER WITH OTHER CHURCHES TO BEGIN PLANTING NEW CHURCHES IN UNREACHED COMMUNITIES.

LOOK FOR MEN AND WOMEN OF PEACE TO BE THE PASTORS OF THOSE CHURCHES. THEY CAN BE RESIDENTS OF THOSE UNREACHED COMMUNITIES OR THEY CAN TRAVEL THERE OR MOVE THERE.

(See "Identify" card for more on choosing leaders)

PASTORS/ LEADERS CAN BEGIN WITH MANY DIFFERENT APPROACHES, DEPENDING ON THEIR PERSONAL GIFTS, SKILLS, COMMUNITY NEEDS, AND LEADING BY THE SPIRIT:

- Offering prayer to families in the community
- Sharing stories of Peace (see below)
- Giving food and clean water to families
- Offering children an educational program
- Teaching Bible Studies
- Providing vocational training (such as sewing classes)
- Holding worship and prayer gatherings
- Remember that church isn't the building, but the people. You can gather anywhere to worship, pray, and teach God's word.
- Develop a consistent, available, and trustworthy presence to people in the community. They will begin to come to you and your church as they feel they can trust you and ask you questions.

Example of Passing the Peace:

"Once we have approached God with gratitude, listened for His perspective, [acknowledged] our thoughts, and checked them for peace and truth with ourselves and God's people, we are ready to pass the peace. Most people don't know what God's peace is like so we will need some words."

See the booklet "Passing the Peace After Crisis" for training and stories of how to share the peace of Christ with all unbelievers.

Booklet & other video resources available at i-61.org/icare



ADVANCE AGRICULTURE & CLEAN WATER SYSTEMS

As the global population grows and the earth's resources begin to diminish, world hunger and the health of our creation teeters on the brink of disaster. Jesus warned that in the last days there would be great famines and pestilence, but he also said that we are blessed if we feed the hungry. More than one billion people walk at least three hours a day to collect a 5-gallon bucket of water. Entire developing world villages are annually buried in mudslides due to deforestation as a result of charcoal production and illegal lumbering. As our environment suffers, the poor are the first to suffer. Let's be the church Christ calls us to be, and minister to the poor worldwide through offering solutions to the food and environmental crisis.



Jesus said, "For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me." (Matthew 25:35-36 ESV) Whatever we do for the least of these, we do it as unto Jesus.

ASSESS BASIC NEEDS OF THE COMMUNITY:

Is there clean, safe, accessible water nearby?

Is there nutritious food available to all families?

(if not, you will see health issues, malnutrition, child mortality, and community-wide disease)

Brainstorm helpful solutions that can be offered through the church. Take inventory of the resources available (talents, gifts, finances, local materials, surplus food to give away, donations to drill wells, etc.) and determine the most effective and sustainable way to bring health to the local food and water crisis.

IDEAS FOR WATER PURIFICATION:

Community BioSand Filter (be advised that they require careful maintenance to be effective) *

If there are funds to purchase individual filters, Sawyer water filters are highly effective and can be purchased online.

Much has been discovered about the health benefits of growing Moringa plants for nutritional benefits worldwide. Moringa is very rich in vitamins, minerals, highly-digestible proteins, and phytochemicals. It may not be all that much better in nutrition than other leafy greens like spinach, but it will grow where other vegetables won't. Moringa trees are incredibly fast growing and productive, and will grow in the dry tropics and arid regions of the world; areas where there can be a lack of nutritious foods that grow well. Moringa leaves can be dried and retain most of their nutrition, so it can be stored for a long time. Every part of the tree is useful for humans and animals: the leaves, roots, bark, seeds, and seed cake can be used for a wide range of applications; from food to medicinal purposes and water purification.

IDEAS FOR PRODUCING HEALTHY AGRICULTURE:

Make Lactic Acid Bacteria, which increases plant, animal, and your own ability to absorb nutrients while increasing disease resistance *

Learn how to collect your own indigenous microorganisms for use in increasing soil fertility and disease prevention for very little cost and labor *



** Video resources & demonstrations can be found at i-61.org/icare*



RESTORE HEALTH TO THE SICK & SAFETY TO THE VULNERABLE

In today's world the issues of inhumanity and injustice are escalating as the value and sanctity for life declines. Issues of human trafficking for forced labor and sexual exploitation, child soldiering, and mandatory abortion are all on the rise. Over 800,000 people are illegally trafficked across borders every year, fifty percent of whom are minors. It is estimated that some 10 million children are victims of the sex slave industry worldwide. According to the UN, there are 200 million children living and working on the streets due to an escalation of poverty, war and AIDS. Nearly two million children die every year as a result of diseases caused by unclean water or poor sanitation (a rate of five thousand every day). Many of these death-related illnesses do not need cutting-edge medical assistance to be solved. They just need willing Christians who have been equipped to administer basic care and training. The church CAN make an impact to CARE and restore health and safety to communities worldwide!



"They brought [Jesus] all the sick, those afflicted with various diseases and pains, those oppressed by demons, those having seizures, and paralytics, and he healed them." (Matthew 4:24 ESV)

LOCAL CHURCHES CAN HELP PROTECT THE VULNERABLE!

PROVIDE EDUCATION AND AWARENESS ABOUT HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Human trafficking is any situation of exploitation that a person cannot refuse or leave because of threats, violence, coercion, deception, and/or abuse of power.

For resources in educating, prevention, and signs of trafficking, please visit i-61.org/icare

Provide job training to the vulnerable to help get them out of desperate poverty, so they don't have to become targets to trafficking.

Provide classes in sewing, jewelry-making, computers, English classes, raising livestock, small business, and any other vocation that will help them earn an income.

Recognize the signs of when someone has been trafficked and help them escape and recover safely.

LOCAL CHURCHES CAN SAVE LIVES BY MEDICAL EDUCATION

Host free medical clinics at your local church

Teach about proper sanitation and hand-washing

Use glitter to represent germs and show how they spread and only come off with running water & soap. **(See details for this simple lesson at i-61.org)**

About 1.8 million children under the age of 5 die each year from not washing hands properly and spreading diarrheal diseases and pneumonia
(The top two killers of young children around the world).

Teach about dehydration with the Diarrhea Doll lesson **(see details for this simple lesson at i-61.org)** This lesson demonstrates how diarrhea causes dehydration and shows people how to replace fluids. Dehydration caused by diarrhea is one of the biggest single killers of children in the modern world, and diarrhea itself is one of the major causes of nutritional loss and poor growth. This year, about 2.2 million children will die of dehydration caused by diarrhea - 80% of them in the first two years of their life. That's 6000 children per day or 4 children every minute.



EDUCATE ALL OUT OF POVERTY

At a time when education is rapidly becoming a prerequisite for human survival, nearly one billion people have entered the 21st century unable to read their own names; 544 million of them are women. If poverty is a lack of options, then education clearly offers options to every person. And what better source for options than a local church who believes in giving hope to all people!



*“And Moses summoned all Israel and said to them, ‘Hear, O Israel, the statutes and the rules that I speak in your hearing today, and you shall learn them and be careful to do them.’” (Deuteronomy 5:1 ESV)
God’s heart is for all people to learn, especially when it comes to learning His scripture.*

YOUR CHURCH CAN PARTNER WITH OTHER CHURCHES AND TAKE AN ACTIVE ROLE IN EDUCATING YOUR COMMUNITY:

- Start a library at your church
- Start an educational computer lab at your church
- Offer reading lessons to students, starting with a general reading assessment
- Read aloud to students using books with pictures
- Offer financial literacy classes teaching basic math and finance concepts
- Offer English as a second language classes
- Take donations for uniforms to help children go to school
- Offer transportation to school for those who are far away
- Start a career-mentoring program where adults with careers can mentor youth

- Put up a “Dream Board”, where youth can individually draw (or use a stencil) to portray their dreams. This helps them imagine a life being who they want to be and doing something they enjoy, not held back by poverty. Then, church leaders can help coach them in how to achieve their dreams. (Picture below is from the girls at Eden Ministries) .

