



Ideas for Planning a World Impact Project

March 2008

What Kind Of Projects Would We Be Looking For?

- ❖ The project should, ideally, be **in a mission field that our church is already investing in**. That way, we can solidify, build upon and reinforce the ministries we're already supporting rather than further scattering our efforts.
- ❖ There must be **a point person or organization in the United States** with expertise and working relationships with those on the mission field who can give direction, provide accountability for the use of funds and supervise the implementation of the project on the mission field.
- ❖ Projects should **contribute to a long-term development plan and strategy** for that field rather than provide short-term relief or simply stand alone.
- ❖ Projects should **include and support the vision and mission of the national church**. We want to humbly come alongside to provide resources that will allow them to accomplish the mission they believe God is calling them to.
- ❖ We want each of the projects to have a **clear objective** and **defined end** somewhere between six months to eighteen months. However, we will recruit a team to continue contact and support with those helped by the project.
- ❖ We desire for the project to meet both the **spiritual and physical** needs of people.
- ❖ We want the scope and financing of the project to be such that it will stretch our congregation but can be **owned primarily by our church**. In some cases we might partner with one or two other churches. Practically, this means project budgets from \$75,000 to \$150,000.
- ❖ Ideally, projects will involve **short-term mission teams** to view the need and share in the work.
- ❖ Whenever possible, projects will include a **significant ministry to children** and their needs providing a connection point for the children of our congregation.

How Would This Benefit Our Congregation?

- ❖ This would put **our entire congregation** - children, youth and adults - more in touch with the needs of the world providing a better perspective on our world, greater sense of responsibility and deeper appreciation of the abundance we enjoy.
- ❖ Our church family would learn to make **personal sacrifices to meet the needs** of hurting people therefore being better stewards and laying up treasure in heaven.
- ❖ Our church family would **feel a greater sense of being part of God's mission** around the world because of the visibility of these projects.
- ❖ **Families** would be learning and discussing the needs of the world together and involved together in addressing them.
- ❖ Many in our culture today are skeptical of church but value and respect ministry to hurting people. This would be **a wonderful witness** and attraction to our church.

Ideas produced by Arlington Heights Evangelical Free Church, Arlington Heights, Illinois

DualReach does not necessarily endorse all of the positions and activities of the organizations listed above.

For more ideas on mobilizing your church for global impact, subscribe to DualReach's *Synergy Newsletter* at www.dualreach.org.