

Getting to Give: Spiritual and Physical Food

John 6:51 NIV "I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats this bread will live forever. This bread is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world."



Pray For:

- Those who are hungry and don't have food
- Those who want to know more about Jesus, but don't have anyone to tell them
- Those who don't have a Bible of their own
- Opportunities to give food and Bibles to those who need them
- Missionaries to be able to balance immediate needs with long-term needs

When you think about giving to missions:

- When helping someone, it is important to take care of their immediate needs first. Everyone has the immediate need of Jesus, and of basic food and water
- Most every missionary would love the chance to give food, and spiritual food (Bibles), to the people they serve, so these are two easy ways that you can give to missions
- There is a saying, "If you give a man a fish, you feed him for a day (Relief). If you teach a man to fish, you feed him for a lifetime (Development)"
- Giving food is called "Relief." It helps right away, but doesn't last. In missions, we give relief, but work towards development and training to last a lifetime
- Giving food has been a great ministry during Covid!

Questions to talk about:

- What are some easy ways to help in missions?
- What are the things that everyone needs?
- What does "If you give a man a fish, you feed him for a day. If you teach a man to fish, you feed him for a lifetime" mean?
- Why is it important to give Bibles?
- Why is it important to give food? When would it NOT be a good idea to give food?
- How has the pandemic changed the needs of people around the world?
- How can missionaries move from just giving relief to people, to giving training and development?

Something Extra: The YouTube channel "YouVersion" they have a video called "Let's get the Bible to everyone."

Getting to Give: Child Sponsorship

Matthew 19:14 NIV "Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."

WORLD RENEWAL

Child Sponsorship Locations (\$30 monthly)



Brazil: Church planting through Child Sponsorship, called Living Stones (6 different churches) provides LEND: love, education, nutrition, and direction to Jesus through the local church



Kenya: the Mamlaka Foundation, located in the largest slum of Africa, provides for schooling, teachers, meals and emergency medical assistance



Haiti: sponsor an orphan at one of our two orphanages. This provides for housing, meals, schooling, and all the needs of the children



Tanzania: the Mwanzo Mpya Foundation, serving the impoverished Rangi community, provides schooling and many needs of the children at their Academy



Uganda: Trust Future Ministries provides a Christian education, school supplies, meals, and medical care for sponsored children

Worldrenewal.org/sponsor-a-child

Child Sponsorship is a great way to connect with missions:

- Child Sponsorship is supporting a child from when they are young until they finish high school. It is a way to help someone far away, and get to know them a bit
- There are many wonderful child sponsorship programs. World Renewal partners with five different countries for child sponsorship: each one looks a bit different, but all of them are focused on making sure the child has food, education, and medical care. They all invite the children to be a part of God's family
- Some have orphanages, while others are based in churches. Some run their own schools, while others have tutors. Each location takes into account the needs of their own community, and is run by local leaders who love Jesus and the children.

Pray For:

- Children who are in poverty, and may not have food or be able to go to school
- The five child sponsorship partners with World Renewal
- The local leaders who are working with the kids and sharing about Jesus
- More people to sponsor children
- Relationships to be built through child sponsorships

Questions to talk about:

- What is child sponsorship?
- How does child sponsorship make a difference for a child? How does it make a difference for a sponsor?
- Do you sponsor a child?
- Do you know anyone else who sponsors a child? What is it like?
- What are the five countries that have World Renewal child sponsorships?
- What are the things that all child sponsorships do?
- What does child sponsorship do for a community?
- How does child sponsorship tell people about Jesus?

Something Extra: Compassion.com has a lot of great information, as well as their YouTube channel



Getting to Give: Educating and Equipping Leaders

2 Timothy 2:2 NIV "And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable people who will also be qualified to teach others."

Eight CORE VALUES

- INTIMACY WITH GOD
- PASSION FOR THE HARVEST
- VISIONARY LEADERSHIP
- CULTURALLY RELEVANT EVANGELISM
- MULTIPLICATION OF LEADERS
- FAMILY PRIORITY
- FAITHFUL STEWARDSHIP
- INTEGRITY



International Leadership Institute

Seven OUTCOMES

- 1 Unbelievers become FOLLOWERS OF CHRIST
- 2 Followers become DISCIPLES
- 3 Disciples become EFFECTIVE WORKERS
- 4 LEADERS become EQUIPPED
- 5 The needs of the HURTING ARE MET
- 6 NEW CHURCHES are planted
- 7 Lives are TRANSFORMED

Training leaders is a huge part of missions:

- World Renewal believes in local leadership and ownership. American missionaries may work alongside, or train leaders, but the ministry will be led by national leaders
- Child sponsorship and a basic education is an important first step, but training pastors, missionaries, teachers, and leaders is what God calls us to do with discipleship
- World Renewal has many ways of developing leaders: a seminary and Business as Mission (BAM) Project Focus in Brazil, International Leadership Institute (ILI) in Latin America, online classes in the 10/40 window, nursing and sewing school and seminary in India, seminary extensions in Mozambique, and women's training classes in Uganda.

Pray For:

- Missionaries around the world, training leaders
- The places that don't have any strong local leaders yet
- Becoming a good leader yourself
- The resources to be able to train more leaders
- More creative and effective ways to train leaders

Questions to talk about:

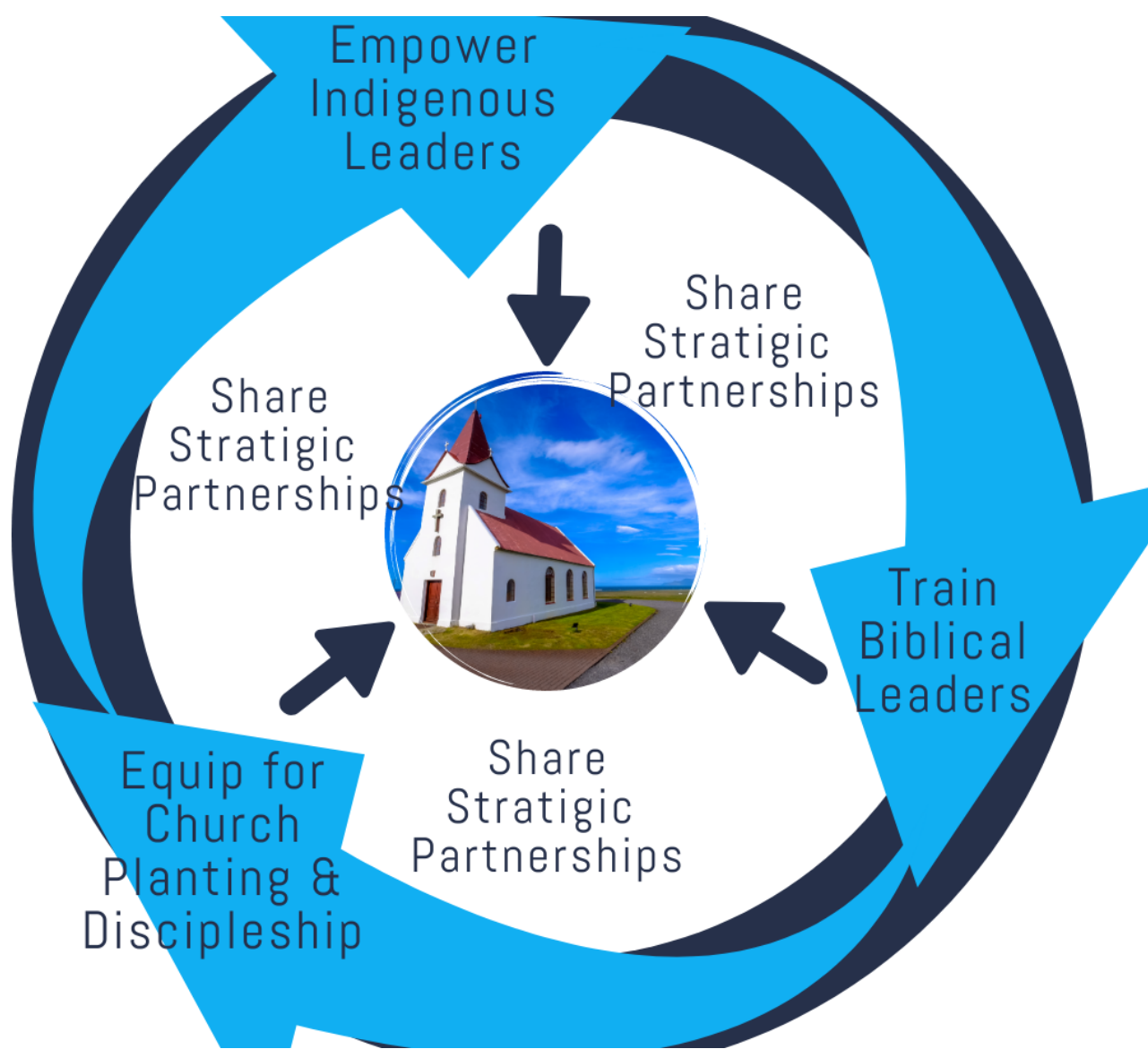
- What does it mean to be a leader?
- What does it mean to train a leader?
- How do you train a leader?
- Why is it important to have local leaders?
- Why is it important to have local ownership? What does that mean?
- What is discipleship?
- How do you pass on what you know?
- What way of training leaders do you connect with? Why do you think it is important?
- How can leaders change their community?

Something Extra: iliteam.org is a great resource for training leaders all over the world



Getting to Give: Church Planting

Matthew 28:19-20 NIV "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you."



Missions is fulfilling the Great Commission:

- God's plan is Revelation 7:9 "there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb"
- The Great Commission (Mt. 28:19-20) is to make disciples of everyone from everywhere. Church is the way God has given us to do this: so one big goal in missions is to plant churches
- Planting churches is not easy, and there is no one way to do it. Some people meet in buildings, others in homes, or under a tree, or street light
- Planting churches means having leaders to lead the church, teachers to teach, helpers to help, givers to give, and many other roles. It requires a lot of training and resources.

Pray For:

- Missionaries around the world who are planting churches
- Churches that want to start other churches
- Leaders to lead church plants
- Communities to be open to starting new churches
- Resources for planting churches
- Patience, flexibility, and creativity in church planting

Questions to talk about:

- What is the Great Commission?
- What does God's plan look like, and how can we help?
- Why is church planting important to fulfilling the Great Commission?
- What is church planting? How do you do it?
- What is your church like? How did it start?
- What do you need to start (and continue) a church?
- What are the things World Renewal does to start a church?
- How long does it take to plant a church?
- What do you think is the best part about church planting?
- What do you think is the hardest part about church planting?

Something Extra: Free 6 lesson download on generosity at stadiachurchplanting.org/generouslikejesus