

COMPASSION MINISTRY

Compassion ministry incarnates Jesus Christ among people living anywhere, in any circumstance. It causes people to be more trusting and open. Incarnate ministry gives temporal blessings which can then provide openings for eternal blessings. This is especially true when storying strategies are intentionally wedded with compassion projects to provide natural opportunities to share Bible stories with listening groups. The following list includes just a few examples of such opportunities:

- Clean, accessible drinking water—It might seem incredible that so many grievous problems that have been evident for centuries could have a simple solution. But the solution is simple: it's water. One in five people in the developing world—1.1 billion people—struggle in abject poverty for want of this basic natural resource. Investing in water resources also provides a good economic return. Once people have clean, accessible drinking water, many good things like agricultural, business, hygiene, sanitation, economic, health, personal relationships will follow.
- Community health projects—Provide or participate in medical, vision, and dental clinics and seminars dealing with hygiene, sanitation, AIDS treatment and prevention, food preparation, and waste disposal.
- Wood efficient stoves—In many places, deforestation has contributed to a growing shortage of cooking fuel. Many times, the cooking devices used are very inefficient and consume lots of fuel. Teach how to build efficient wood burning stoves.
- Agriculture—Soil erosion removes valuable top soil needed to grow food and raise livestock. Seminars convey simple principles of soil conservation and crop and livestock production.
- Vocational training and micro lending—Economic opportunity can be nurtured through basic job skills and low interest business loans for as little as \$50 per loan. Repayments are used to fund other loans. Seminars convey simple Christian business principles to create effective business models that will supply local demands for products and services.

Compassion ministry provides opportunities for partners to send short-term mission teams, as security permits, to meet their team and build up the trust of their listening groups and communities.