

How Can The Church Mission Address And Combat Global Poverty?

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As a spiritual leader (pastor) in your church, you desire to develop disciples who are passionately engaged with the God-given mission to care for the impoverished. Yet, it can be difficult to know where to begin when addressing the needs of those around the globe living in severe poverty. How can the pastor use the platform and influence he has regarding global poverty with those in the church? Pastor Put Your Influence Into Action.

Begin to see the topic of caring for those affected by extreme poverty as an important aspect of your sermons, to the whole church. Expose the church people to other cultures, as well as faith-based guides centered on accounts of global poverty or generosity.

Put Information Into Action: Poll your community on what global poverty causes they would like to be engaged with; Create a simple handout of global [poverty facts](#) regarding those topics, Share statistical, [articles or stories about global poverty](#). After you've discovered the specific causes in which your church desires to engage, it's time to choose how you can foster that desire.

Priorities for personal involvement in specific causes are [clean water](#), [child trafficking](#) and children living in extreme poverty. Many churches address these complex areas of need and can come alongside you to equip you to lead your congregation's. But choosing an effective and [trustworthy organization](#) is important. Therefore, taking some time to research before you begin a partnership. In addition to finding a ministry partner, consider seeking cross-cultural opportunities to expose families to the realities of global poverty. This could include providing

opportunities to travel and serve those in need through missions and educational experiences.

The more people are able to feel personally connected to the work they are doing, the more apt they are to stay engaged. Hope is a powerful motivator in the poverty fight. Optimism about ending poverty and about one's role in that effort is connected to engagement. When people believe what they are doing is actually making a difference, they are encouraged and maintain interest.

People who deeply care about and are engaged with domestic poverty are also the ones who express concern about global poverty. Those who donate to missions are more likely to also donate to global poverty. People have room in their hearts (and often in their wallets!) to care about more than one or two issues. Those in the church community who you could approach to help champion this cause are likely to already be highly engaged in other areas. You'll find them praying for others, volunteering, providing food for needy families, helping their neighbors, and church donations, so the church can work tirelessly in poverty-stricken areas to build schools, dig wells, translate books and administer to the needs of the poor. They do so by helping families, putting an end to the persecution of helplessness, providing help to disaster-stricken regions and to allocate emergency resources to destitute people by fighting against poverty.

In conclusion, poverty is a cycle that seems to keep perpetuating itself. Poverty exists in every country, even in the wealthiest ones. Individual's living in poverty face difficult times, but perhaps most importantly they deal with the stigma of being in poverty. Without hope millions of people around the world are defenseless against the unrelenting voice of the enemy, which makes people believe 'Life holds nothing for me.

In missions, then, holism expresses a commitment to serve whole persons, body and soul, in all their relationships.