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Teaching Leaflet



Understanding Poverty

Lesson Six: What Can One Person Do About Poverty?

“Organizations Ending Poverty”

Poverty is a big, worldwide problem, but it is not so big that a difference cannot be made. Many organizations are working to end poverty around the world, from working one-on-one with people living in poverty to working to change systems that make it difficult for people to rise out of poverty. Below is a list of organizations working to end poverty around the world. These organizations provide helpful information as you are discerning your own call to be involved in making change in this world. Many times it is helpful to join our voices and actions together with others who are concerned about the same issues. By partnering with organizations like these, it is easier to see how one more voice and one more set of hands can make a difference.

Bread for the World – <http://www.bread.org>

Bread for the World is a collective Christian voice urging our nation’s decision makers to end hunger at home and abroad. By changing policies, programs, and conditions that allow hunger and poverty to persist, we provide help and opportunity far beyond the communities in which we live. This website provides information so that you can learn more about hunger and lists ways that your church can be involved in advocating for change.

World Vision – <http://www.worldvision.org>

World Vision is a Christian humanitarian organization dedicated to working with children, families, and their communities worldwide to reach their full potential by tackling the causes of poverty and injustice. World Vision provides many different ways churches can be involved in making a difference including ways to learn about poverty and other problems around the world, sponsoring a child, helping with disaster relief efforts, or providing micro loans.

Heifer International – <http://www.heifer.org>

Heifer envisions a world of communities living together in peace and equitably sharing the resources of a healthy planet. Heifer’s mission is to work with communities to end hunger and poverty and to care for the earth. Heifer’s strategy is to “pass on the gift.” As people share their animals’ offspring with others – along with their knowledge, resources, and skills – an expanding network of hope, dignity, and self-reliance is created that reaches around the globe. Churches can participate in the work of Heifer International and help build sustainable communities by giving the gifts of animals and trees as well as training for families to know how to make the most of their livestock and land.



Together For Hope, The Cooperative Baptist Fellowship –

<http://www.thefellowship.info/togetherforhope>



Launched in 2001, Together for Hope (TFH) is a long-term commitment to working with people in 20 of the nation's poorest counties in order to effect change and break the cycle of economic disparity. The ministry is about establishing long-term relationships, listening, learning and walking alongside local leaders. The hope is that communities will be transformed as will the churches and individuals who serve in focal counties. Churches can be involved in this initiative by giving financially or by giving of their time in short-term missions opportunities.

Sojourners – www.sojo.net

Sojourners' mission is to articulate the biblical call to social justice, inspiring hope and building a movement to transform individuals, communities, the church, and the world. Sojourners provides regular updates through emails and on their website about social justice issues around the world. They also provide many resources for congregations interested in being involved in advocating for change.

Jubilee USA Network – www.jubileeusa.org

Jubilee USA Network is an alliance of more than 80 religious denominations and faith communities, human rights, environmental, labor, and community groups working for the definitive cancellation of crushing debts to fight poverty and injustice in Asia, Africa, and Latin America. Congregations can become Jubilee Congregations and receive a number of resources that provide education on Jubilee and helps for how to be involved in the process.

Micah Challenge USA – www.micahchallenge.us

Micah Challenge USA is a Christian campaign that is part of a global Micah Challenge campaign. Their aim is to deepen engagement with impoverished and marginalized communities and to challenge leaders to achieve the Millennium Development Goals, thereby halving absolute global poverty by 2015. Micah Challenge offers prayer guides, Bible studies, and other resources designed to help your congregation be a part in bringing an end to global poverty.