

## 1. Begin to pray

- For wisdom
- For others who might join you in this project
- For God to raise up this ministry, for it is not by our abilities, but by His Spirit that it will come about (Zech 4:6)

## 2. Gather a few interested people over coffee to discuss the possibilities of what could be done

- Do not worry about gathering an army. If you have 2 or 3 people that is a strong start and may be plenty for this stage of the work!

## 3. Your meeting

- Make sure everyone has a pencil and paper for taking notes later during the discussion
- Begin by reading Luke 10:25-37 and then spend a few minutes discussing the following questions.
  - How does this relate to us as we walk on this journey of life?
  - What would have been the outcome if the Samaritan were ill prepared for the journey (didn't have bandages, or a donkey, or oil...)?
  - How does this relate to disaster response?
- Pray together using the prayer list above, including other things as they come to mind.
- Use the following discussion questions to brainstorm the possibilities for this project:
  - What could we do? Make a list. If one thing is on the list that is ok. Start there.
  - What tangible items would be needed for each activity on the list? You might want to label things as: "bottom line", "if we can get it", or "our big wish".
  - Realize that it can grow from the bottom line to the big wish.
  - What intangibles would be needed (e.g. continued prayer, added information/training, determination...)?
  - What are our questions and concerns?
- Now go back to that list and ask yourselves these questions:
  - How could we get the tangibles on our list? Try for multiple options and always include prayer on your list. Be creative! Think outside the box!
  - How do we feel about the intangibles?
  - Where can we get some input concerning our questions and concerns? What are our resources for these (the pastor, Network of Hope, the internet...)?
- Determine the next steps
  - Working on the tangibles
  - Finding resources to answer the questions and concerns
  - Committing to prayer for all of these areas
- Determine who is going to follow up on what. Everyone should write it down.
- Brainstorm on people you might ask to join you. Who's going to talk to these people?

## Guidelines for Starting Network of Hope Ministry Teams

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- Pray together for all of these things. Pray for those who will experience the devastation of disaster this coming year. Thank the Lord for choosing you to minister to those whom He loves.

#### **4. Before you end the meeting**

- Make sure you all exchange contact information
- Determine a date and time for your next meeting. Everyone should write it down!
- Thank each other for being concerned for others in need and for the desire to be like the Good Samaritan. Acknowledge that the Lord is pleased with this.