

## **World Changing Idea: TAKE JESUS ON THE ROAD**

A strategy to provide radical change for our community's children through intentional partnerships and advocacy with the family and the community.

*What does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God? (Micah 6:8)*

### **1. Identify specific goals for the individual child**

**Desired (big picture) Outcome:** Improve the lives of children through adoption, foster care, sponsoring, educating, and reducing hunger.

#### **Goals by 2016:**

1. Create a strong adoption/foster care ministry.
2. Strengthen Church to Church relationship in Ethiopia regarding child sponsorship.
3. Increase academic achievement and life opportunities for students in schools with high mobility rates through resource and information accessibility, family stability, parental involvement, and community support.

**Who is Responsible?:** Educational IMPACT, Beyond Biological, Resource Advocacy, C2C Ethiopia Team

#### **2012 Major Focus:**

Strengthening parental involvement, evaluating school relationship, volunteer training, and identifying community health indicators, kick-off for Beyond Biological Ministry (foster/adoptive support group), strengthen C2C relationship in Ethiopia and determine next step in child sponsorship.

### **2. Support families**

#### **Desired (big picture) Outcome:**

Stabilize families in targeted communities by empowering them to healthy sustainable living and an increased sense of belonging.

#### **Goals by 2016:**

1. Provide job training, adult education, household budgeting training, resource advocacy, adequate housing, access to quality child care, health care, re-entry support, and transportation
2. Identify families in each school to participate in family stabilization ministry and train coaches for each family with the goal of working with 100 families by 2016.
3. Build a coalition of faith communities to partner with in the community.

**Who is Responsible?:** NEW-Family Stabilization Team

#### **2012 Major Focus:**

Work with schools to identify families for pilot phase of the stabilization program. Recruit appropriate number of St. Luke's volunteers to support families.

### **3. Train Laity for Community Re-development Initiative**

#### **Desired (big picture) Outcome:**

Equip laity to be effective in a community redevelopment initiative through training which will prepare them for engaging across class, cultural, racial, and language divides in a way that is empowering and uplifting for all.

**Goals by 2016:**

- 1 Shift mission work from relief to development both locally and globally.
- 2 Create an educational and training process that can be a part of the Building Blocks for Discipleship Grid that will equip laity to be able to work with families and in the community development initiative.
- 3 500 trained laity by 2016.

**Who is Responsible?:** Mission Staff

**2012 Major Focus:** work with other community groups (faith groups, non-profits, and community partners and residents) to secure nationally renowned trainer and conduct a training in Central Florida that will improve St. Luke's ability to work cross-culturally with dignity and respect. 150+ participants

**4. Target one neighborhood for a community re-development initiative**

**Desired (big picture) Outcome:**

Focus St. Luke's diverse local mission ministries in one location for a community re-development initiative that will assist in creating change which can be measured through specific community health indicators through fostering broad participation and the leveraging of community and St. Luke's resources.

Indicators to consider: school mobility rate, attrition rate to higher education, hunger, housing, high school graduation rates, crime rates, community pride (sense of belonging), juvenile delinquency, and teen pregnancy rates.

**Goals by 2016:**

- 1 Create a Community Development Team.
- 2 Become trained in Asset-Based Community Development.
- 3 Develop criteria to determine the best fit for community development initiative.
- 4 Identify at least one neighborhood/community and through focused ministry initiatives change the community health indicators in that neighborhood or community by 2016.

**Who is Responsible?:** NEW—Community Development Team

**2012 Major Focus:**

Develop criteria for community development project and assess possibilities. Explore property options. Assess St. Luke's and community assets.

**5. Eliminate obstacles that cause poverty**

**Desired (big picture) Outcome:**

Address obstacles that prevent children and their families from healthy sustainable lives by collaborating with churches and community organizations in advocacy work including educating about existing resources and being actively involved in policy implementation and/or change.

**Goals by 2016:** Success stories of removing obstacles for individual children or families in poverty or of a changed policy that will benefit those with whom we are working.

**Who is Responsible?:** Advocacy Team

**2012 Major Focus:** Recruit and train team members. Identify priorities for accessibility and policy change.

## **6. Strengthen Our International Mission Partners**

### **Desired (big picture) Outcome:**

Equip our six international mission partners to move from relief to development through training and partnership with denominational level support in the United States and in each country.

### **Goals by 2016:**

1. Increase participation of those St. Luke's disciples (and our community and mission partners) who are feeling called to serve God through intense daily service that is possible through mission experiences (weekend or weeklong), 3-12 month individual volunteer opportunities, or missionary service for 3-6 years.
2. Expand our current understanding of relational mission partners to include a sustainability model for those communities where that is not already happening.
3. As part of the holistic strategy, we want to equip laity to serve in the capacity of trainers so that we can train indigenous trainers.

**Who is Responsible?:** Mission Council and Mission Staff and eventually a Global Mission Team that includes representation from each of the Mission Partner Core Teams.

### **2012 Major Focus:**

Develop and strengthen each of the six core teams.

Evaluate each of the six relationships against the framework as approved by the Mission Council.

Confirm commitment from denominational and partner organization leadership beyond the local church that will enable the sustainability model to be implemented.