***Serve* Outcomes**

In the book Toxic Charity, the author points out that

1. We do not approach Christian service with an “us and them” mentality since the grace of God has appeared to all and we are all image bearers of God. We approach service realizing all relationships were broken by sin (to God, ourselves, each other, and to all creation) and in need of transformation by his grace and the Gospel.
2. Through outlined outcomes we articulate the impact God is leading us to and can evaluate that impact thoroughly, refining our efforts and advancing the Kingdom. Without outcomes we risk doing more harm than good.

A week of Serve or acts of service can be a spiritual momentum maker in the life of

Host Church(es): Advancing or enhancing the…

1. Ability of the congregation to identify community assets and needs.
2. Personal relationships in the local community with Gospel centeredness.
3. Org/gov’t relationships expanding the congregation’s reach into the community.
4. Prayer efforts for the community and next generation that last throughout the year.
5. Volunteer recruitment.
6. Leadership multiplication and training.
7. God-given mandate that church leaders teach others what they have learned by . sharing their passion and strategies with the sending church leaders and students.

Servers (Sending Church leaders and students): They increase in

1. Becoming doers of the Word and not hearers only.
2. The ability to learn from and see those in need as image bearers of God.
3. Understanding innovative outreach by seeing how the Host Church combines their passion for the Lord and compassion for others. The students/adult leaders will have a wider answer to, *What does your/the church do?*
4. Justice conduct and consciousness, completes tasks that meet the needs/desires of others while being introduced to root causes and concerns.
5. Involvement in their home church and community. After being invited to serve a Host Church for a week they connect the dots and respectfully engage with their church leadership to serve at home the rest of the year.
6. Intergenerational relationships and discipling.

“Recipient” of the service/work. They will

1. Be affirmed of their value to God and value to followers of Christ/the Host Church. They will build a sense of enjoyable connection building an environment for wanting more.
2. Be able to share their story and life lessons and be a giver/teacher not “merely” a receiver.
3. Have a felt need or desire of lifestyle met. This level of service is not life saving but does provide for dignity sharing and exhibit God-honoring stewardship.
4. Have an opportunity to deepen a long-term relationship or enhance their relationship with local community of believers.