



Million Village Challenge Update

Poverty alleviation often begins with health. When a population lacks health and strength, they struggle to be productive. The pandemic has brought this home, even to the wealthiest countries. One study claims that the pandemic reduced the number of working hours in Europe by 14.6% and in the Americas by 13.7%.

While we are talking about the pandemic, let me appeal to you to ***pray with me for our brothers and sisters in India***. In a second wave of COVID-19, infection rates have risen to 375,179 new cases per day, with 53,485 deaths in the last 14 days.

As we focus on the poorest of the poor, 85% of them in rural villages, we often must begin by helping them find solutions to the illnesses that cause children to die before the age of five and rob those of working age of the energy they need to work. It helps understand why the strategy our network uses to facilitate poverty alleviation is called Community Health Evangelism. It also explains why we often begin with issues of water, sanitation, hygiene, and nutrition.

Our efforts, however, must not stop there. If the problem is malnutrition, the solution will be agriculture. Agriculture cannot be separated from business and trade. None of this can be separated from education. Our experience teaches us that development workers that enter communities with the goal of lifting the poor out of cycles of poverty and disease must be generalists rather than specialists that deal with all the deprivations holding people in poverty.

This may sound impossible, but CHE training is designed to help you become that kind of development worker. If you want to be trained in CHE, please click through to the [GCN website](#) and explore options. If you do not find an option there, contact jeannie@chenetwork.org and we'll do our best to help get you connected.

Celebrating our Success

- International Facilitator for Transform World, Ricardo Luna, reports that his association of churches in Latin America has set a goal of 2033 model villages by 2033. He reports that 230 high level denominational leaders have completed the first 24 hours of training. As part of the training, each leader will be involved in a village work together with a team. They have already engaged 66 villages, with the expectation that will rise to 230 very soon.
- International Intercessor Iman Santoso reports that 120 leaders have been trained, 12 Regional Councils set up and work has begun in 41 villages. They have a national goal of 700 villages by 2025.

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Terry presents the challenge of moving Christian servants of God beyond sustainable development work in a single village to transformational movements, with a goal of reaching one million mission villages where the remaining unreached people groups and the poorest of the poor live.

--Luis Bush, PhD, International Intercessor, Transform World

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