



The Path to a Million Villages-

A Message from Terry Dalrymple



In the Psalms, David frequently spoke of paths in his life. In Psalm 25:7, he asks of the Lord to “Show me your ways, Lord, teach me your paths”. When I think of paths, I often reflect on a path in Papua New Guinea which brought peace to two warring tribes because of the work of Community Health Evangelists. We, as a church, have a path to follow--The Great Commission to go to the ends of the earth with the gospel. We have a clear path ahead and will follow God’s lead.

In order to achieve our goal of gospel-driven community transformation in a million villages, we will all need to work together to mobilize and equip local ministries around the world to catalyze movements of change among the rural poor. **From start to finish that will involve:**

1. Holding Million-Village Consultations

Million-village consultations bring ministry leaders from a country or region and challenge them to adopt villages and pledge to initiate transformational community development work in those villages. MVC consultations have already been conducted in Western Europe and the Balkans, South Asia, Southeast Asia, West Africa, East Africa, the Middle East, and Latin America. As a result of these consultations, local ministries have adopted more than 19,000 villages in 65 different countries.

If you would be interested in hosting a Million Village Consultation, please contact [Terry](#). He will send you information about how to conduct one for your region or country.

2. Equipping local ministry staff

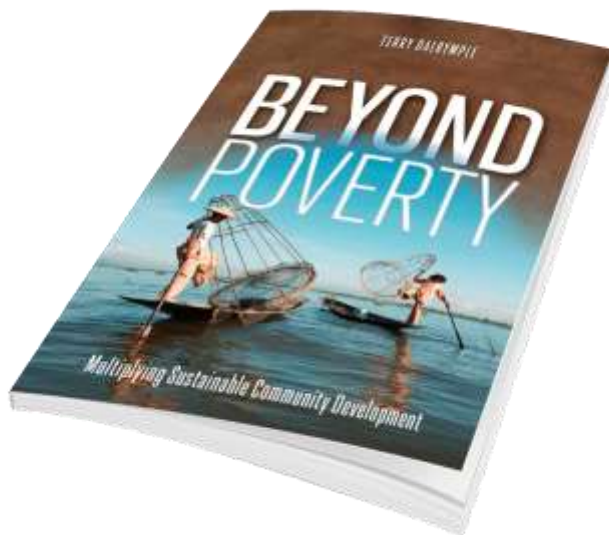
Facilitating transformation in village communities will require both training and preparation as well as a three year commitment to facilitate transformational development in the target communities.

If you have staff that you want trained, please contact, terry@chenetwork.org. His staff can help get you connected with trainers in your country that speak your language.

3. Catalyzing Transformational Movements

If we view our mission as projects to finish, rather than movements to start, then we have lost sight to something fundamental to our calling. We must work in ways that not only ring people to faith in Christ and lift communities out of cycles of poverty and disease, but multiply that success to villages around.

If you would like to learn more about catalyzing transformational movements in your country or region, you will want to read "Beyond Poverty". This book is available as hard copy, or as a digital ebook at [Amazon](https://www.amazon.com) or through [MissionBooks.org](https://www.MissionBooks.org).



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