

An Invitation to Join a Global Movement that is Multiplying Disciples while Lifting Poor Communities out of Generational Poverty

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Righteousness and justice are two Biblical concepts that belong together. To separate righteousness from justice is to separate being from doing, faith from works, and love for God from love for neighbor. The call to follow Jesus is a call to bring the whole of our lives under the Lordship of Christ through personal integrity *and* sacrificial service.

In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus described his followers as those who would change the world by integrity and service (Matthew 5:1-16). They are the pure in heart that recognize their own inadequacies, mourn the devastating consequences of evil, and hunger and thirst for righteousness (integrity). They are *also* those who show mercy, make peace, suffer persecution, and do good works that bring honor to their Father in heaven (service).

Because of their righteous character, they are the salt of the earth. They have the capacity to influence nations and change the world (Matthew 5:13). Because of their service, they are the light of the world. They exert their influence by doing good works that bring praise to their Father in heaven (Matthew 5:14-16). They reveal God's glory to the nations by their just and compassionate action.

Transform World's Million Village Challenge is a call to the Church for compassionate action among the world's poorest - multiplying disciples while lifting communities out of cycles of poverty and disease using the strategy of Community Health Evangelism (CHE). The Global CHE Network (GCN) is an alliance of denominations, churches, and faith based organizations using the strategy of CHE with a goal to catalyze movements of Gospel transformation in a million villages. Members report there are currently 65,060 workers in 6,825 villages and 126 countries.

GCN will be hosting a Million Village Consultation in Guatemala in collaboration with Ricardo Luna aimed at mobilizing and equipping CHE teams for work in Latin America. In January, GCN will host a similar event in Ghana aimed at mobilizing and equipping for work among unreached peoples in the Sahel.

To join the movement, go to https://millionvillage.org/

For more information about the events in Guatemala and Ghana, please send an inquiry to info@chenetwork.org