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A GUIDE FOR PLANNING LOCAL PROJECTS

INTRO

At Deep Impact and DI Kids, it is our goal to equip students, children, and their leaders to serve others in Jesus' name and share the life-changing message of the gospel.

Each summer, DI offers opportunities for students, children, and adults to do just that. DI participants serve across NC, in urban centers outside of NC, and internationally with that end in mind.

It is our prayer that students and children will return to their hometowns with a sense of urgency regarding evangelism and service. Our hope is that students, children, and their leaders will engage their communities through projects similar to those that they participate in at DI and DI Kids camps.

We understand, though, that planning local projects can be time-consuming and difficult to do with all of the other responsibilities and duties that come with being a student or children's ministry leader. Sometimes the most frequently asked question is, "where do I even begin?" It is with that question in mind, along with our commitment to the Great Commission, that we have developed this resource.

We hope this brief overview will serve as a guide for you as you seek to find opportunities for your students and children to be involved in missions locally. As always, we are here to serve you. May God bless your ministry as you become the hands and feet of our Savior in your community.

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STEP 1:

IDENTIFY NEEDS

The first step in planning your local missions project is to seek and identify the needs in your community. In order to do this, it is important to ask yourself questions and make observations.

What difficulties do people in your community face? Is there food insecurity? Is there a lack of resources for elderly residents? Are there just simply some people who need some encouragement? Questions like these will help to get the gears turning when it comes to finding the needs in your community. It is also important to work with your community partners. Maybe your local school or law enforcement authorities know of needs that they see every day, but that no one is helping take care of. Consider the questions below as you observe.

What problems or difficulties do I see?

Where is the gap? Why does the problem still exist?

Can our ministry help fill the gap?

STEP 2:

SET YOUR SCOPE

Once you have identified a need (or a few needs) that your student or children's ministry could help meet, take some time to figure out the scope of your project.

It is important to consider the gifts and talents of your students, children, and adult leaders. You don't want to end up on a project that requires a skill that is absent from your group's dynamic. Remember, God has given us all unique gifts. It is also important to consider the size of your group and the cost of the project. Make sure not to over-commit your group in either area. Consider these questions.

What are the gifts that God has given our group?

What needs can be met with those gifts?

What cost can we afford? How many participants can I plan on?

What access do I have to community resources?

STEP 3:

PLAN A PROJECT

Now that you have identified the needs and set the scope, you can focus on planning the project. This whole process takes a team, and this step relies heavily on that team.

Consider the following questions when planning your project.

When and where will our project take place? What dates and times will yield the most participation and effective ministry?

Who will lead our team or teams? Who will get us there? What transportation is needed?

What supplies do I need? Where do I get them?

What snacks or meals need to be offered for our students? Are we working at meal times?

What facilities are available at the worksite? Are there restrooms? Is there shade for outdoor projects?

STEP 4:

EVALUATE

After you've completed your mission project, take some time to evaluate it. This should include input from students, adults, and any other players in the project. If you served with a partner ministry, such as a soup kitchen or clothes closet, make sure to ask the leader of that ministry what he or she thought.

Consider the following questions during evaluation?

What was the best part of the mission project? What stood out as a success?

What needs to be done better? What things did not go as planned? Were there unexpected bumps to prepare for next time?

Did the project remain on budget and within the planned scope?

How was the identified need met? How was it not met?

Most of all, was the gospel shared, and was God glorified? How?

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

We hope that this guide has been of assistance to you as you think about ways to serve your community. By no means is this a fully comprehensive guide, because each community is unique. However, these questions should get you well on your way to finding ways to reach people in your community for the expansion of the Kingdom of God.

You can find project ideas and inspiration by visiting Deep Impact and Baptists on Mission online. As you serve, we'd love to hear about it and see how God is working through your groups. You can tag us in your posts, and you may just find them showing up on other DI platforms.

Please remember that we are here to serve you. Thank you for serving with us. We cannot wait to see you and serve with you soon!

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