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BLUEPRINT: GOD'S DESIGN FOR EVANGELISM

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READ PROVERBS 31:8

Texas has over 34,000 children in the foster care system. Faith Fosters Texas desires to recruit and equip the local church to engage in foster care and adoption ministry.

What can you and your church do to help?

- ✦ Encourage those in your church to become foster families.
- ✦ Provide respite care, or provide a meal for foster families.
- ✦ Collect diapers, clothing, or furniture for foster families.

Visit faithfostertexas.org to find free resources to provide ideas for how churches can support current foster families as well as provide information about becoming a foster home.

Because you give:

- ✦ Training is provided for church ministry leaders and volunteers as they encounter children broken by trauma, equipping leaders to include these children in the church's children's ministry.
- ✦ Adults can provide a safe place for children who have experienced trauma.

Pray for:

- ✦ Churches to realize the extent of the need.
- ✦ God to raise up foster and adoptive families.
- ✦ The church to mobilize in support of those currently in the child welfare system in Texas.

READ ROMANS 10:14-15

High-end apartments house tens of thousands of professionals who do not attend church. Many include young professionals from around the world. The Center for Missional Engagement has contact with 100 urban properties desiring a church on their premises. The Center has offered to provide pastors with stipends of \$500 per month to start these congregations.

Funds from the Mary Hill Davis Offering® will be used to purchase Bibles, discipleship materials, bilingual gospel tracts, provide training, and support key church-starting events.

Because you give:

- ✦ \$20 provides 20 bilingual gospel tracts.
- ✦ \$30 provides discipleship materials for new believers.
- ✦ \$5 provides a new Bible for someone who has never owned a Bible.

Pray for:

- ✦ Open ministry opportunities as gathering restrictions are ending.
- ✦ God to call pastors to start new churches.

READ PROVERBS 3:5-6

What can be done to help breathe new life into the many Texas Baptists churches that have plateaued or are in decline? The Center for Church Health has planned Church Health Strategy Gatherings in different areas of the state to provide a forum for hearing the needs of hurting, struggling churches; sharing available resources; and providing a trained consultant/coach to help craft a personalized process to equip pastors and leadership with revitalization resources.

Because you give:

- ✦ \$100 provides customized resources for a local church to begin their church health journey.
- ✦ \$500 enables a church to receive customized consulting to train their leadership in effective church health best practices.

Pray for:

- ✦ Pastors of struggling churches to know there is hope.
- ✦ Lay leaders who need training, encouragement, and direction.
- ✦ The Center for Church Health to develop a statewide network of local church advocates who will lead other churches toward health and revitalization.

READ MATTHEW 25:40

Community Care represents a broad spectrum of missions and ministry, supporting areas such as community development and health care, and serving groups such as the homeless, unemployed, refugees, children, and those struggling with addiction and mental health issues. Through this allocation, churches and ministries can receive resources to better serve their communities. As ministry partners shine the light of Christ, true transformation occurs for those who are served.

Because you give:

- ✦ \$200 provides a single mother escaping domestic violence a fully stocked pantry.
- ✦ \$60 provides food-insecure children with breakfast on the weekend.
- ✦ \$7.50 provides gas or a bus pass for a person in need to travel to doctor's appointments and job interviews.

Pray for:

- ✦ True transformation in the name of Jesus Christ as communities are served.
- ✦ People to experience spiritual renewal as their physical needs are met.
- ✦ Believers who are sharing the love of Christ and transforming communities.

READ DEUTERONOMY 6:6-7

God's design for ministry begins with the family. While most ministry events are exclusive to parents or students, this ministry seeks to equip the whole family to share the gospel. Training events equip families to follow God's design to guide children to share the gospel as a lifestyle. These families will also be encouraged to "adopt" other children whose families do not participate in church.

Because you give:

- ✦ 17 pennies equal one gospel conversation.
- ✦ \$12 provides evangelism training for one person.
- ✦ \$30 provides a complete evangelism training experience for an entire household.

Pray for:

- ✦ Sensitivity to the Holy Spirit as He leads this project.
- ✦ Churches to see the need to train families in evangelism.
- ✦ The people who will hear and receive the gospel.

READ PHILIPPIANS 4:9

Embrace is a mentoring opportunity for young women ages 24-35 who are active in their local churches and communities. The program seeks to:

- ✦ Equip young women for ministry.
- ✦ Help them identify their calling.
- ✦ Mobilize them into an area of ministry.

The young women meet in small groups for a six-session experience, employing small group, one-on-one mentoring, and personal study time. Featured speakers lead each small group session. The launch of **Embrace** in 2019 saw fifty young women impacted. The goal is to encourage young women to be active and connected to a local body of believers.

Because you give:

- ✦ \$10 will provide a simple meal for the monthly small group experience.
- ✦ \$20 will provide curriculum for one young woman to participate.

Pray for:

- ✦ Wisdom to promote mentoring relationships with young women for ministry.
- ✦ Young women to be empowered to fulfill their calling.
- ✦ Mentors to join the cause of discipling the next generation of women.

READ PSALM 16:8

Sports is a universal language that can open doors for relationships across cultures, making sports evangelism an effective tool for sharing the gospel. With help from the Mary Hill Davis Offering®, the book *La Maño de Dios* and other printed and digital materials for witnessing and promotion are produced. Snacks and equipment are also provided for use at soccer clinics and tournaments.

Because you give:

- ✦ \$15 provides snacks for 15 soccer clinics or tournament participants.
- ✦ \$100 will purchase a set of soccer goals for a church.
- ✦ \$100 will purchase the uniform for one child to participate in a tournament.

Pray for:

- ✦ Churches serving and ministering to their communities through this ministry.
- ✦ Those that are leading these ministries in their communities.

READ MICAH 6:8

The Christian Life Commission plans to host **Micah 6:8** conferences across the state in churches, universities, and Texas Baptists sponsored events. These gatherings are designed to equip, empower, and educate on issues related to justice advocacy, community transformation, and holistic biblical community development and service. Attendees will be challenged to develop innovative approaches to live the Christian faith in word and deed.

Because you give:

- ✦ \$25 provides scholarships for students and pastors to attend a conference.
- ✦ \$1,000 helps with funds for college students to launch new community initiatives to serve marginalized people and spread the gospel.

Pray for:

- ✦ Those attending **Micah 6:8** conferences will hear God speaking to them.
- ✦ Holistic, sustainable ministries to emerge from the conferences.
- ✦ The speakers for **Micah 6:8** to share a message that will bless, challenge and convict.