



The Poor – How are they defined:

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| <p>Assets:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have incredible resiliency • Great Sense of Culture • A fuller picture of who God is • Positive force who have been given gifts to be used by God | <p>Cons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have incredible odds against them • Never see themselves as positive agents (of change) in the world • If they don't have any money they think they don't have anything to add |
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Danger of the Influential (those with money) to those without.

- When a suggestion is made it is heard as a command.
- When a question is asked, it can be interpreted as an order.

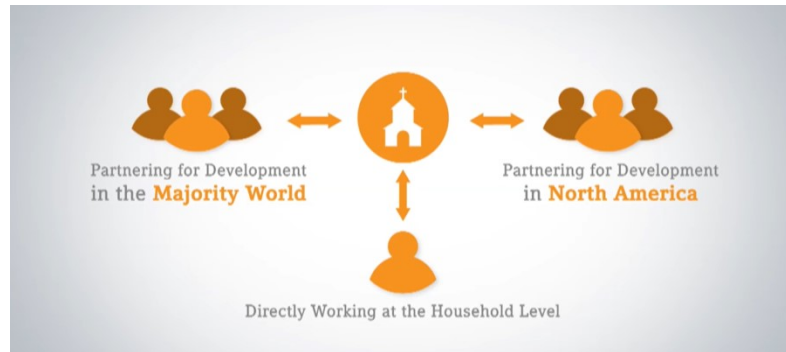
How to Correct....

- It takes a long time of humble walking
- We meet on a level playing field
 - We all need God
 - We all need each other
 - We are mutually interdependent on each other.

What Should we be Doing?

Goal: To foster reconciliation

How To Partner Well: (Asset-Based)



The Role of Suburban churches partnering for development in materially poor neighborhoods in North America is generally to be supportive.

Plans

- Hung out with kids
- Got involved
- Pursued their dreams

Role of suburban churches for development in North America

Pray
Provide money for staff salary and expenses
Offer words of encouragement
Help conduct and pay for asset-mapping
Provide jobs to community residents
Link residents to your networks
Serve on organization's board
Provide counsel when asked

Principles for Healthy Relationships with Ministry Partners

- Relationship focused
- Interdependence
- Shared Control
- Skin in the Game

Most Important thing:

The First Step for Effective Ministry is Repentance.

Repentance of

1. Pride
2. Materially understand the world
3. Embrace the Good News of Jesus

We are all broken and God can change the world.