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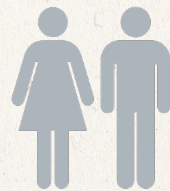
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Based in NZ and regularly travelling overseas



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- Guidance and practical support
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- Providing a secure platform for receiving donations
- Enhancing awareness and encouraging engagement in mission
- Producing information and publications



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GOOD NEWS FOR THE POOR



**How Rich
Are You?**



How Rich Are You?



- What is the average annual income in
 - New Zealand?
 - Pakistan?
 - Nigeria?
 - Brazil?



How Rich Are You?



- What is the average annual income in
 - New Zealand? \$80000
 - Pakistan? \$2500
 - Nigeria? \$3500
 - Brazil? \$13000
 - Somalia \$1000



How Rich Are You?



- What is the average life expectancy?
 - New Zealand?
 - Pakistan?
 - Nigeria?
 - Brazil?



How Rich Are You?



- What is the average life expectancy?
 - New Zealand? 82.3
 - Pakistan? 66.2
 - Nigeria? 52.7
 - Brazil? 72.8
 - Chad? 52.6



How Rich Are You?



- What is the average years of education?
 - New Zealand?
 - Pakistan?
 - Nigeria?
 - Brazil?



How Rich Are You?



- What is the average years of education?
 - New Zealand? 10.8
 - Pakistan? 6.4
 - Nigeria? 7.6
 - Brazil? 8
 - Niger? 3



How Rich Are You?



- What is the most corrupt country to live in?
 - New Zealand?
 - Pakistan?
 - Nigeria?
 - Brazil?

The Corruption Perceptions Index (CPI) is a global ranking of countries measuring the perceived level of public sector corruption on a scale of 0-100



How Rich Are You?



- What is the most corrupt country to live in?
 - New Zealand? 15
 - Brazil? 64
 - Pakistan? 71
 - Nigeria? 75
 - Somalia? 89



What is Poverty?



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World Vision

What is Poverty?

- Poverty is a state of deprivation where people or communities lack access to resources & basic necessities needed to live a healthy & dignified life.
- Living in poverty means not being able to afford medical care or access to basics such as electricity, shelter, and food.
- Improper nutrition can cause stunting and wasting, permanently impacting children's development.
- Poverty in countries lacking access to clean water & sanitation leads to the spread of preventable diseases & unnecessary deaths - especially children.
- Historically, poverty has been calculated based on a person's income and how much they can buy. Multidimensional measures consider holistic factors impacting people's quality of life.



Multidimensional Poverty

- Multidimensional poverty acknowledges that poverty isn't solely about income. Even if a person's income is above the poverty line, their family may still not have basic services such as electricity, access to clean water, sanitation, and education.
- The index considers 10 key indicators: nutrition, child mortality, years of schooling, school attendance, cooking fuel, sanitation, drinking water, electricity, housing, and assets.
- If a person is experiencing deprivation in three or more of these standards, they're considered multidimensionally poor.



Poverty Cycle

- Poverty can be a trap that is difficult to escape. Without opportunities, it can turn into a cycle that persists for generations.
- When families lack the means to send their children to school, their children struggle to earn an income as adults.
- Communities lacking access to clean water force women and children to spend hours gathering water daily, leaving little time for school or work.
- Lack of nearby medical facilities makes families lose income when they must take time off work to care for sick loved ones.
- Natural disasters and conflict can exacerbate this cycle, putting vulnerable communities at greater risk.



Global Poverty: Fast Facts

- 719 million people — 9.2% of the world's population — live on less than \$US2.15 a day.
- Children and youth account for 2/3 of the world's poor.
- Extreme poverty is largely concentrated in sub-Saharan Africa.
- 24% of the world's population, which equates to 1.9 billion people, live in fragile contexts, characterized by impoverished conditions.
- About 63% of people older than 15 who live in extreme poverty have no schooling or only some basic education.
- 1.2 billion people in 111 developing countries live in multidimensional poverty, accounting for 19% of the world's population.
- 593 million children are experiencing multidimensional poverty.



Poverty

“Like slavery and apartheid, poverty is not natural. It is man-made and it can be overcome and eradicated by the actions of human beings. And overcoming poverty is not a gesture of charity. It is an act of justice. It is the protection of a fundamental human right, the right to dignity and a decent life.”

Nelson Mandela

("Make Poverty History" Campaign, UK – 2005)



Biblical: Luke 4:16-19

¹⁶ And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up. And as was his custom, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and he stood up to read. ¹⁷ And the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written,

¹⁸ “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, ¹⁹ to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”



Biblical: Isaiah 1:16-17

- ¹⁶ Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean;
remove the evil of your deeds from before my eyes;
cease to do evil,
- ¹⁷ learn to do good;
seek justice, correct oppression;
bring justice to the fatherless, plead the widow's cause.

Biblical: Psalm 82:1-3

- ¹ God has taken his place in the divine council;
in the midst of the gods he holds judgment:
- ² “How long will you judge unjustly
and show partiality to the wicked? Selah
- ³ Give justice to the weak and the fatherless;
maintain the right of the afflicted and the destitute.

Biblical: Deuteronomy 15:7-8

⁷ “If among you, one of your brothers should become poor, in any of your towns within your land that the LORD your God is giving you, you shall not harden your heart or shut your hand against your poor brother, ⁸ but you shall open your hand to him and lend him sufficient for his need, whatever it may be.



Compassion

- Christian compassion is a profound and active expression of love and empathy, inspired by God's love for humanity.
- It goes beyond mere sympathy or pity.
- It involves entering into another's suffering with a desire to alleviate their pain.
- Christian compassion reflects the heart of Jesus, who demonstrated compassion throughout His earthly ministry.

Compassion

- Christian compassion is unique in that it is rooted in the character and actions of Jesus Christ. It is:
 - Rooted in Divine Love: It is an overflow of God's unconditional love for humanity (1 John 4:19). Christians are called to love others because God first loved us.
 - Self-Sacrificial: Following Jesus' example, compassion often involves personal sacrifice and a willingness to put others' needs above our own (John 15:13).
 - Empowered by the Holy Spirit: Christian compassion is not merely a human effort but is empowered and guided by the Holy Spirit (Galatians 5:22-23). The Spirit enables believers to love and serve in ways that reflect Christ's love.
 - Holistic: Christian compassion addresses both physical and spiritual needs. It seeks to bring healing and wholeness.



Compassion

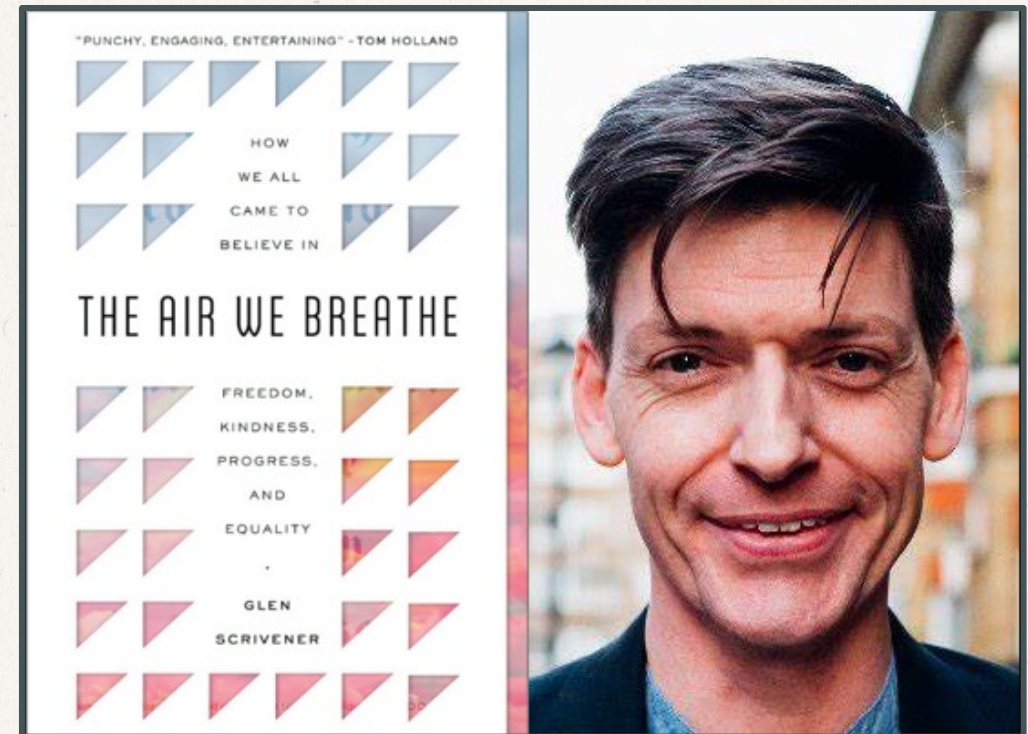
- Matt 9:36-37 - When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few”
- Luke 10:33-34 - But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was, and when he saw him, he had compassion. He went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he set him on his own animal and brought him to an inn and took care of him.
- Colossians 3:12 - Put on then, as God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience
- James 1:27 - Religion that is pure and undefiled before God the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained from the world.



Compassion

“Pull on that thread. You believe in compassion? Keep pulling on that thread because there's someone at the other end of that.” And he's so much better than an abstract moral value. He is kindness himself who sacrificed himself for you, the weakest that you, the weakest might survive and more than survive, thrive.’

Glen Scrivener

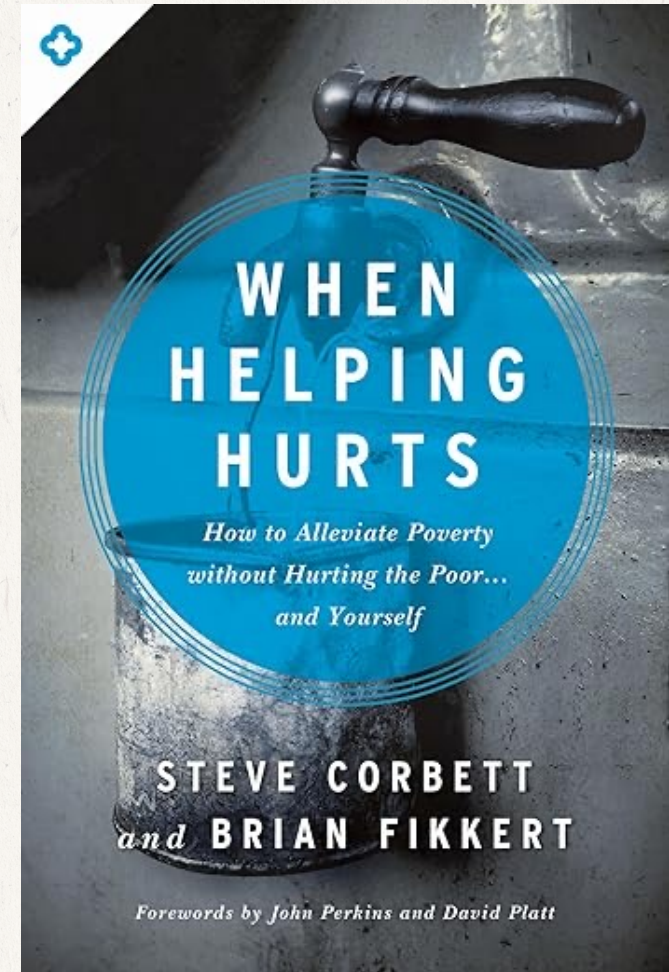


Beyond Charity

“Poverty is rooted in broken relationships, so the solution to poverty is rooted in the power of Jesus death and resurrection to put all things into right relationship again”

“If they need help, give it; but if they do not, your giving may do harm.”

“One of the biggest mistakes that North American churches make – by far – is in applying relief to situations in which rehabilitation or development is the appropriate intervention.”



Beyond Charity

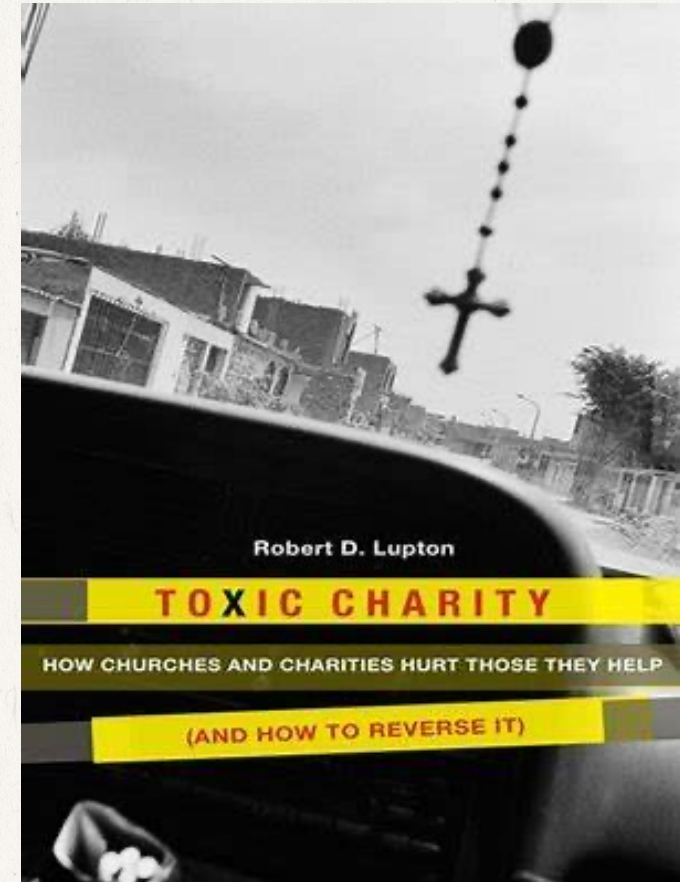
- Understanding the four levels of engagement in transforming individuals & communities that determine how we get involved & the timeframes:
- **Relief**
 - Relief is a response to a crisis such as a tsunami, war, drought or famine. It is about meeting short-term unexpected needs. This can take months or years.
- **Rehabilitation**
 - Rehabilitation typically follows a relief situation. It focuses on returning people to the kind of life they had before the crisis. This tends to take years.
- **Development**
 - Development is about lifting an entire community out of poverty and addressing the core issues that give rise to poverty. This takes decades.
- **Reform**
 - Reform is about changing the cultural, political and economic systems that allow poverty to perpetuate. This can take generations.



Beyond Charity

The Oath for Compassionate Service

- 1) Never do for the poor what they have (or could have) the capacity to do for themselves.
- 2) Limit one-way giving to emergency situations.
- 3) Strive to empower the poor through employment, lending and investing, using grants sparingly to reinforce achievements.
- 4) Subordinate self-interests to the needs of those being served.
- 5) Listen closely to those you seek to help, especially to what is not being said – unspoken feelings may contain essential clues to effective service.
- 6) Above all, do no harm



Addressing Poverty

How do we respond?

Addressing Poverty

- **Microfinance Initiatives:** Microfinance institutions provide small loans to impoverished individuals, especially women, to start or expand small businesses. These loans empower people to become self-sufficient and break the cycle of poverty.
- **Education Support Programmes:** Education is a powerful tool for social mobility. Supporting underprivileged children with scholarships, school supplies, and mentorship can make a significant impact.
- **Agriculture and Urban Farming:** Effective agriculture, community gardens and urban farming projects promote food security. They allow people to grow fresh produce and share resources.



Addressing Poverty

- **Healthcare Access:** Lack of access to healthcare perpetuates poverty. Initiatives that provide medical services, preventive care, and health education are crucial.
- **Vocational Training and Job Placement:** Equipping individuals with practical skills and connecting them to employment opportunities can break the poverty cycle.

Good News for the Poor: In Pakistan



Good News for the Poor: In Pakistan



Good News for the Poor: In Cambodia



Good News for the Poor: In Cambodia



Good News for the Poor: In India



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Change made possible

When faced with something bigger than ourselves—like poverty—it's natural to feel overwhelmed. And yet, as every single life impacted by the Christian Missions Charitable Trust shows, change is possible.

Be the change



Good News for the Poor: In India



Good News for the Poor: In Liberia



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