

SEED PROJECTS

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(1 ½ HOURS)

- OBJECTIVES:**
1. Participants will be able to understand what a Seed Project is and does.
 2. Participants will be able to apply the steps in planning a Seed Project.

OVERVIEW FOR TRAINERS: This is a practical lesson plan that gets the participants involved in planning and then doing a Seed Project.

This lesson can be used as a finale to TOT 1. It intends to give participants ideas about how to enter a community.

METHOD	TIME	KNOWLEDGE
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Role Play: Two church members have just gone through CHE TOT1

- 1st I am so excited about this new thing we have learned – CHE
- 2nd How are we going to get our community to know about it?
- 1st First we need to show them how much we care about them.
- 2nd How are we going to do that?
- 1st We could buy all of them a goat!
- 2nd No that won't work. What can we do?

----SHOWD questions----

- S = What do you See?
- H = What is Happening?
- O = Does this happen in Our place?
- W = Why does this happen?
- D = What will we Do about it?

- I. Introduction
- A. Give introduction.

5"

- I. Introduction
- A. Giving of introduction.
1. A Seed Project is designed to help the local church develop a vision of what God wants to do for and with them so that they can help themselves become self-reliant under God's direction.
 2. The concept of a seed project is designed to help the local church first learn how to be steward of their own resources.
 3. A Seed Project is used in the Entering the Community phase of a CHE program to cause some visibility an enthusiasm for CHE.

- B. Define Seed Project. Give content found under knowledge.

- B. Seed Projects are very small scale projects that are carried out by the local church and that demonstrate

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		God's love to the people of the community.
II. Seed Projects A. What are characteristics of a Seed Project? Give out handout of characteristics.	10"	II. <u>Seed Projects</u> A. Characteristics of a local church Seed Project: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Projects are covered in prayer. 2. Motivated by Gods intentions, over and above human compassion. 3. Should be thoughtfully and easily planned. 4. Simple 5. Small scale 6. Low cost 7. Completed in one to two days. 8. Involve community members. 9. Done with local resources. 10. Should be done without discrimination so that they benefit any community member. 11. Those who benefit from the seed project should also participate in their accomplishment. 12. Help develop relationships between team members and community. 13. Be defined by the community. 14. Be motivational 15. The result is that God is praised.
B. Hand out list of potential seed projects and have participants note if each one meets the characteristics of a seed project. Discuss in large group. When the list is completed ask the group to come up with their own seed project ideas.	10"	B. Seed Project Exercise <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A garbage cleanup (yes) 2. Development of a child-care center (no) 3. Latrine repair at the home of a church member (no) 4. Formation of a baseball team (no) 5. A baseball game (yes) 6. Formation of a baseball team (no) 7. A meeting to discuss the formation of a housewives' club (yes) 8. Painting room in the church building (no) 9. Government-sponsored literacy program (no) 10. Community seminar on nutrition (yes) 11. Door-to-door evangelistic

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 12. campaign (yes) 12. 7 week Bible study on the Gospel of John (no) 13. A child-feeding program funded by the United Nations (no) 14. Obtaining media coverage for seed project (yes/no, depending on the motivation for publicity)
<p>III. Give following additional notes about Seed Projects:</p>	5"	<p>III. <u>Notes About Seed Projects:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Christians should not be simply doing good works out of human motivation and strength but should be a conscious response to the commands of Jesus Christ. B. They must be done in the power of Christ's Holy Spirit. That power only comes through prayer. C. Small projects allow failure without major consequences. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. We need to start small because we will fall or fail many times. 2. If we start with big projects any failure could be fatal on future projects. D. In evaluation we need to ask: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Has God multiplied the resources? 2. Have those other than those serving been blessed? 3. Is God honored? 4. There needs to be a clear Yes to these questions and if not it is probably not of the Lord.
<p>IV. Planning a Seed Project.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Break into small groups if possible, all working in same area. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Hand out to the groups: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Seed Project Planning Guide</i> - <i>Seed Project Plan Worksheet</i> 2. Have groups read and discuss among themselves. 3. Now hand out to each group a filled out Seed Project Plan Worksheet 	15"	<p>IV. <u>Planning a Seed Project</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Studying Handouts

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<p>which they are quickly to review.</p> <p>B. Have each group design a plan which they will try to accomplish within one week.</p> <p>1. Post on Newsprint and paste on walls so people can look at each others.</p>	30"	B. Each Group designing their Seed Project plan to be implemented in one week.
C. Do the seed project and report back the results at next meeting.	5"	

ATTITUDE: Facilitator has gained an understanding of the importance of implementing Seed Projects and that participants learn how to be involved in both the planning and doing of a Seed Project.

SKILL: Participants will be able to understand what a Seed Project is, what it does, and then be able to be involved in the planning and doing of implementing a Seed Project.

EVALUATION: Facilitators will know that participants have learned the content of this lesson when they can share what a seed project is, what it does, and then begin to take the necessary steps to implement a seed project in their area.

MATERIALS:

- Newsprint
- Marking Pens
- Masking Tape
- *Characteristics of Local Seed Projects* handout
- *Which are Seed Projects* handout
- *Seed Project Planning Guide* handout
- *Seed Project Plan Worksheet* handout
- *Sample Seed Project Plan Worksheet* handout

CHARACTERISTICS OF LOCAL CHURCH SEED PROJECTS **HANDOUT**

- Projects are covered in prayer.
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- Be motivational
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Seed Projects are small-scale ministry projects, carried out by a local church, demonstrating God's love to its community. Here are some examples:

- A garbage cleanup
- Latrine repair at the home of a disabled community member
- A football game
- A community seminar on nutrition
- Building a roof shelter for a bus stop
- Painting a community building

Building a small foot bridge connecting populated areas

WHICH ARE SEED PROJECTS? **HANDOUT**

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- A garbage cleanup
- Development of a child-care center
- Latrine repair at the home of a church member
- Formation of a baseball team
- A baseball game
- Formation of a housewives' club
- Painting a room in the church building
- A government-sponsored literary program
- A community seminar on nutrition
- A door-to-door evangelistic campaign
- A seven-week Bible study on the Gospel of John

SEED PROJECT PLANNING GUIDE HANDOUT

Preparation

- Pray:** Ask the Holy Spirit to show you God's concern and intentions concerning a physical, spiritual, wisdom, or social need in your community.
- Scripture:** Select a Scripture passage that reflects God's intentions about the need. Discuss how this Scripture demonstrates that meeting the need honors God. (The principle objective is to honor God, not to meet a need.)
- Meditate:** Meditate silently and then discuss thoughts about the need.
- Choose:** If several needs are discussed, write them on a blackboard or large paper. Discuss and narrow the list to one you believe God is calling you to meet.
- Vision:** Ask the Lord to show you what changes would exist if God's full intentions were met in this area. Write down the changes.
- Select:** Select one specific project or ministry activity that will move people closer to God's intentions for them in their area of need (our definition of development). Discuss how this project can do that. Keep in mind that, although the preparation may take longer, the project itself should be able to be completed within a few days.

Writing the Plan

Using the blank "Seed Project Plan Worksheet", write your own plan for a seed project that will meet the need selected. Make sure to indicate the secondary impact areas.

- Steps:** List project steps in the order that they should be implemented.
- People Consulted:** List the people who should be consulted for each step.
- Resources:** List the resources needed for each step.
- Person Responsible:** List the person(s) responsible for carrying out each step.
- Dates:** List the date that each step will be carried out.
- Criteria:** Compare your plan with the seed project characteristics. If some are not met, adjust the plan accordingly.

Prayer

Continue to pray that the Lord will guide you and bless this seed project, so that the people served and those who observe what is happening will be blessed and give thanks to God for what they experience and see.

Evaluation

When your seed project is completed, use the Seed Project Report to evaluate your experience.

SEED PROJECT PLAN WORKSHEET

GOD'S INTENTIONS: _____ SCRIPTURE: _____

PROBLEM/NEED: _____

SEED PROJECT: _____

PRIMARY IMPACT AREA: _____ SECONDARY IMPACT AREA: _____

<u>PROJECT STEPS</u>	<u>PERSONS/ INSTITUTIONS WHICH NEED TO BE CONSULTED</u>	<u>RESOURCES NEEDED</u>	<u>PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE</u>	<u>COMPLETION DATE</u>
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Comments:

SAMPLE SEED PROJECT PLAN

GOD'S INTENTIONS: Husbands treat their wives with love and respect. **SCRIPTURE:** Ephesians 5:25

PROBLEM-NEED: The husbands in our community do not treat their wives with respect.

SEED PROJECT: Seminar on husbands' relationships with their wives.

PRIMARY IMPACT AREA: Wisdom

SECONDARY IMPACT AREA: Social

<u>PROJECT STEPS</u>	<u>PERSONS- INSTITUTIONS WHICH NEED TO BE CONSULTED</u>	<u>RESOURCES NEEDED</u>	<u>PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE</u>	<u>COMPLETION DATE</u>
1. Prayer, meditation, study	God	Time, reflection	Project Leader	Day 1
2. Decision	Project leaders		Project leaders	Day 1
3. Survey of interest	Men in church & community	Questionnaire	Volunteers from the church	Days 4-7
4. Get seminar teacher	Pastor or other teacher	Recommendations-references	Pastor	Days 8-10
5. Get lesson material	Church, bookstore, etc.	Researcher, funds	(Name)	Days 8-15
6. Get place to meet	Person in charge	Seats, blackboard, etc.	(Name)	Days 8-15
7. Arrange refreshments	Church ladies	Funds, brochure	(Name)	Days 15-20
8. Produce announcements	Printer	Funds, brochure	(Name)	Days 15-20
9. Prayer meeting	Entire church		Pastor	Day 25
10. Distribute announcements	Shop owners, mayor, etc.	Church youth	(Name)	Days 20-24
11. Hold seminar	Project leaders		Project leaders	Day 30
12. Prayer meeting	Entire church	Pastor	(Name)	Day 31
13. Evaluation	Project leaders	Participant responses	Project leaders	Day 32-35
14. Project Report		Writer	(Name)	Day 35-40

Comments: