



creating **WORKING TOGETHER**
healthy communities by the power of Jesus

The Purpose of CHE Ministry

The purpose of Community Health Evangelism (CHE) work is not just breaking poverty or planting churches, though both of those things are accomplished through our Community Health Evangelism (CHE) programs. The real goal of our work is a transformation in lives and communities that is as deep as the human heart, and as broad as the whole range of the human experience in the world God made. We want Jesus to be recognized as Lord over all creation, and our development activities to reflect the depth and breadth of the kingdom of God. We are asking God to work in us and through us to transform beliefs and change behavior so that his peace, justice, compassion, and righteousness are reflected in the lives and communities we serve.

The outcomes of a CHE program

The following transformational indicators can measure the success of a CHE program. These are the outcomes that we consistently see in mature CHE programs around the world:

1. **Shared vision:** The community sees a better future and has hope that it can be achieved.
2. **Leadership:** Godly Christian leaders are positioned and equipped to lead the community toward the accomplishment of its vision.
3. **Ownership:** People are taking responsibility for their own health and well being.
4. **Cooperation:** People are united and working together for the common good.
5. **Volunteers:** Significant numbers of people are taking initiative and acting sacrificially to meet the legitimate needs of others.
6. **Dignity:** People have recovered their identity as made in the image of God and their vocation as stewards of creation. Instead of being controlled or victimized by their environment, they are stewards of it.
7. **Learning, Skill, and Resources:** People are equipped to identify needs and resources, put together a plan, and mobilize volunteers to accomplish their vision. People are continually reflecting on what is happening in order to learn how to be more effective.
8. **Christian Community and Witness:** Believers are meeting together for fellowship, prayer, Bible study and worship, and are sharing Christ with their neighbors in word and deed.

The impact of a CHE program

Once the above outcomes are achieved, we begin to see the full impact of our work. Churches are established and strengthened, health improves, infant mortality decreases, agriculture becomes more productive, jobs are created, and water systems, roads, schools and clinics are built. Peace, justice, compassion, and righteousness are witnessed in the community and God is glorified. All of this is achieved at the initiative of the people, and it is impossible to predict what specific improvements will result.