

What is TLC's PEACE Plan?

This is the briefest sketch of the ways we are – and will be – contributing to these elements!

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Plant and Grow Churches

- Start new church (Faith Community Church) in Santa Cruz Fall 2006
- Assist local churches through Evangelical Ministers Fellowship
- Support Northern California church plants through Next Generation Churches
- Assisting church plants in Guatemala City and the Guatemalan Highlands
- Supporting Ken & Bola Taylor in their ongoing church planting work in Tokyo
- Assist Doug Valenzuela with 2-year old church plant in Naples, Italy
- Help AfNet plant churches in Africa
- Assisting church starts around the globe via WorldVenture & Mission To The Americas
- Growing TLC through outreach events like the Christmas Concert, the Christmas Tea, and more
- Growing TLC by coordinating weekend messages with small groups (Gospel of John post-Christmas series)
- Growing TLC through volunteer service (choir, tape desk, info desk, video ministry, parking ministry, children's ministry)

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Equip Servant Leaders

- TLC School of Theology (College-level classes on Wednesdays)
- TLC Summer Intern and Year-long Intern program
- TLC Missionary Bob Robertson educates Iraqi pastors
- Support AfNet's efforts at educating African pastors
- Support Wycliffe Bible translators getting the Bible into the indigenous languages of pastors around the world
- TLC supports 21 missionary couples and 4 individuals all over the globe, most of whom work as equippers of local pastors
- To quote Student Ministries director Charlie Broxton, "This is what we are all about. All that we do is designed to equip this young generation to be the leaders of the 21st century church."

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Assist the Poor

- TLC People's Pantry (free food to anyone; Wednesday afternoons at TLC)
- Family Fix-it Days (helping those who are sick or infirm)
- Benevolence Fund (taken every communion Sunday)
- College serving at the Elm Street Mission
- Mom's Angels (Car repair for single mothers)
- Partnership with LOVE, Inc.
- Disaster relief (hurricane, tsunami and fire)
- College & high school building homes for needy families in Mexico
- "Club Mud" and "Club Dust" family missions trips to impoverished areas of Mexico
- Short-term mission trips throughout the year (current team in Indonesia)
- Wheels For the World (Collecting wheelchairs for third-world people with disabilities)
- ShareFest projects (of the dozens on Oct. 22, TLC will : Receive, sort and deliver donations for charities all across the county; Clean up Twin Lakes beach; Remove graffiti ; Repair Capitola Little League field; and Genesis will clean up garbage from San Lorenzo River)

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Care for the Sick

- Share HIS Care (critically & terminally ill support)
- Sonshine Ministry (meals for the recovering)
- Stephen Ministry (one-on-one encouragement)
- Hospital visitation by pastors and lay people
- Homebound visitation
- Rest home visitation & worship services (Aegis, Pleasant Care, Pacific Coast Manor, Sonshine Villa)
- Bridge of Hope (ministry to local nursing homes)
- Comfort Through Christ (chronic pain support)
- Through Cancer with Care (cancer support group)
- Grief Share (grief support)
- Journeying Through Grief (independent home studies)
- Tender Loving Care cards (personalized for hospitalized and homebound)
- Partnership with Jordan House (Christian Hospice)
- Prayer Support (groups & TLC Prayer Update)
- TLC missionaries Randy & Rose Finkbeiner working with AIDS victims in South Africa
- TLC missionary Donna Welch serves retired missionaries faithfully in a rest home

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Educate the Next Generation

- TLCS (Twin Lakes Christian School) K-6
- CEC (Children's Enrichment Center; TLC's own preschool)
- Celebrate Kids ministries (TLC's children's ministries)
- AWANA (Midweek Bible club for kids)
- Jr. High Ministry and Bible Studies
- High School Ministry and Bible Studies
- College (Cabrillo & UCSC) Ministry and Bible Studies
- TLC missionary Sara Deaton teaches at missionary school in Peru
- TLC supports 4 missionary couples who serve in missionary schools

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Daily Meditations

Brief daily devotions related to today's topic

This week's memory verse:

All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation. 2 Cor. 5:18

Monday: Planting churches

Here's a passage that gives a peek into the first-ever church plant: Acts 2:40-47. What were the activities of the early church?

What was the spirit of the believers like?

How can we better incorporate the good practices of the early church into the life of TLC?

Pray that God will "add to our number" those who are coming to Him! Ask God to help you see how you can help churches get planted, and how you can help TLC and other churches grow!

Tuesday: Equipping servant leaders

Warnings against bad leadership are frequent in both the Old and New Testaments. Read Isaiah 1:23; Micah 3:9-12; Luke 22:24-26; and 1 Peter 5:1-6. Why do you suppose leadership becomes corrupt so frequently?

What are some of the consequences of corrupt leadership?

How can you exercise servant leadership in your sphere of influence?

Pray for the leadership in Santa Cruz County today. Ask God to show you how you can be a servant leader in your area of influence.

Wednesday: Assisting the poor

Read Isaiah 58:1-12. According to these verses, were the people outwardly religious?

What is promised to those who feed the hungry and help the poor?

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Wednesday: Assisting the poor (continued)

Where do they fall short? How does God want them to show their faith?

Why do we forget to do this?

How can you assist the poor today?

Ask God to show you how you can help in this area... and thank Him for helping you when you were spiritually bankrupt!

Thursday: Caring for the sick and needy

Read Matt. 25:31-46. What would you say is Jesus' point in this teaching?

How would your behavior change if you treated each person as if they were Jesus?

Who are the needy and sick you could help in the next few days?

How would you counter the idea that this passage teaches salvation by works?

Ask God to show you an act of kindness toward the needy you can do today.

Friday: Educating the next generation

Read Deut. 11:18-21; Deut. 32:46; Joel 1:3; Matt. 19:14. What do these verses imply about the importance of teaching future generations?

How can you positively influence the next generation for Christ?

Pray specifically for the youth and children you know well; pray for them by name; try to think of ways they need strength and ask God to impart it to them.

Saturday

Please pray for the services this weekend(both at TLC and in Kenya, where Rene is teaching this weekend)! Finish any devotions you missed, and brush up on this week's memory verse.

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MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN YOUR WORLD

KNOWING HOW TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Most of us want to make a difference, but don't know how!

Does the Bible give me direction for changing the world?

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"...I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it." Matt. 16:18

"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit..." Matt. 28:19

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Jesus said to them, "The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them... But you are not to be like that. Instead, the greatest among you should be like the youngest, and the one who rules like the one who serves." Luke 22:25

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Jesus: "...invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. Then at the resurrection of the godly, God will reward you for inviting those who could not repay you." Luke 14:14

Feed the hungry! Help those in trouble! Then your light will shine out from the darkness... Isa. 58:10 (LB)

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Jesus healed people who had every kind of sickness and disease... Matt. 4:23 NLT

Son of man, prophesy against the shepherds of Israel: You have not strengthened the weak or healed the sick or bound up the injured. You have not brought back the strays or searched for the lost. Ezek. 34:4

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When the Sabbath came, he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were utterly amazed. Mark 6:2

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." Matt. 19:14