

Track 4: HIV Pandemic and City Movements

I. Problem Statement

The HIV Pandemic is the greatest humanitarian crisis in human history resulting in 3 million annual deaths and 600 children orphaned daily. Entire communities in Eastern and Southern Africa have been devastated by the disease, and increasingly India, Eastern Europe, and other Asian countries will be impacted.

II. Outcome Statement

The desired outcome of the track is to birth Hope Church Alliances in five U.S. cities patterned after the Hope Church Alliance in New York City (NYC). The goal is to launch alliances that involve a network of ten or more churches per city that will engage in the adoption of a country, sending pastors on vision trips, and sponsoring hundreds of children in that country.

II. Track Objectives

- Education – describe the scope and impact of the pandemic in the world today.
- Provide models of churches collaborating together to impact HIV-impacted communities- Dean Curry, pastor from Tacoma, Washington spoke on how their church motivated the city to adopt a South African community. Dave Ashcraft described his church’s involvement from Lancaster, PA. Both of these models generated 2,500 World Vision child sponsorships. We also showcased the NYC model involving 50 churches and sponsoring 10,000 children.
- Engagement Opportunities– Nationally we introduced the National Day of Care for December 4 to have a collaborative sponsorship engagement in Uganda/East Africa for 50 congregations. Regionally we introduced the 1,000 Runner Campaign for 100 churches in NYC to participate in March 2012 with a goal of generating 1,500-3,000 sponsorships. We also discussed opportunity for leaders to take Vision Trips.



III. Summary of Findings

- We hosted leaders from several states across the United States including Arizona, California, Arkansas, Maryland, New Hampshire, New Jersey, Mississippi, Connecticut, Ohio, and Oregon.
- Alliances are emerging in Arizona, Ohio, Arkansas, Oregon (Palau Association), and Mississippi (Mission America) with engagement unfolding between Q4 2011 and Q1 2012. Countries of adoption include Uganda and Haiti.
- We have identified Coordinators to implement the Team World Vision Campaign in Metro New York for March 2012.
- Thirteen NYC pastors were also hosted in Washington D.C. in September 2011 to discuss an Advocacy Campaign on behalf of the 21,000 children who die daily of preventable diseases. The plan is to work closely with Rich Stearns, President of World Vision, to create a documentary of churches working together to show at Movement Day 2012.

IV. Conclusions

Building citywide alliances of churches is an imperative and urgent need to combat the global impact of HIV. It is also an effective methodology to leverage the desire of churches to do something on a significant scale while partnering with a world class non-governmental organization such as World Vision.

We have an opportunity to rescue hundreds of thousands of our planet's most vulnerable citizens.

V. Next Steps

- Confirm the implementation of the first steps of these five emerging alliances including vision trips in 2012 and a sponsorship campaign.
- Confirm the participation of 100 churches and 1,000 runners from Metro NYC in the Team World Vision March 2012 campaign to sponsor 1,500-3,000 children.
- Create a documentary with Rich Stearns and NYC leaders to show at Movement Day 2012 highlighting the collaborative impact of Hope Church Alliances.