

Ideas for 90 Days of Blessings

As in the first Pentecost, transformed Christians transformed their communities, offering themselves to God as the instrument through which their prayers are answered. Like the first Pentecost, our goal is to fill the streets with awe and wonder.

The Global Day of Prayer encourages the forming or furthering of local alliances among pastors, congregations, mission agencies and business leaders bring practical, transformational blessing to their communities. Check out the video on the DVD titled "Introduction to Servant Evangelism." This 4-minute video gives you a quick understanding of servant evangelism. Servant evangelism projects are designed to "show God's love in practical ways with no strings attached." Servant evangelism softens the hearts of persons who are not yet Christians—people who often think the church exists only for itself or that it only wants people's time and money. By doing a "low-risk" activity that shows "high grace," those resistant to the faith may (now or in the future) become more open to the saving message of Jesus Christ. Essentially, servant evangelism is accomplished by any activity.

All of it done under the umbrella of on-going prayer, in the name of Jesus, providing a beneficial service to people (cleaning neighborhoods, painting houses, outreach block parties, house-to-house prayer, Bible distribution, back-to-school fairs, car washes, etc.) for which no financial consideration is expected or accepted (not even donations). These are activities in which almost anyone can participate regardless of age (children and youth love to participate) or spiritual maturity. They may be done individually, in small groups or even large groups. Go out and have some fun blessing your community.

For hundreds of ideas to get your started, visit <http://www.servantevangelism.com/>

The following are just a few of the many website that offer outreach ideas: In Steve Sjogren's words, "Small things done with great love will change the world." Check out his website, Servant Evangelism, at http://www.servantevangelism.com/ideas/search_ideas.php where you can find over 300 suggestions for blessing your community.

There is the block party concept. A block party is just that—it is a party in which we bring resources and Christ-centered entertainment to a neighborhood block to begin the process of change. No matter how successful the Block Party itself may have been, it is ultimately the follow-up program that reveals the fruit of the event and whether or not a true adoption has taken place. You can even ask your police department for their suggestion for the "best" block to focus on. You can reach their website at <http://www.rockcitychurch.com/>.

Why not hold Sidewalk Sunday School? Using a concept that goes back to the middle ages, but refined on the streets of high-density urban areas & ghettos around the world, this program works in all settings and cultures. While primarily an outdoors program, it is easily adaptable to an indoor setting <http://www.sidewalksundayschool.org/>

Here are a few other suggestions about how churches can come together to bless their local schools: Moms in Touch—organize prayer for a public school <http://www.momsintouch.org/>

See You at the Pole—help organize on-site prayer at local schools <http://www.syatp.com/>

Why Pray for people that we don't have any contact with daily?

<http://www.waymakers.org/index.php?p=prayedfor&pp=why>

Here is a link to a website that will help answer this question!