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HELPING PEOPLE HELP THEMSELVES

The word, 'sustainability' means different things to different people. It is an important criterion for CompassionLink. We believe sustainable ministry and community development programs must be resourced and controlled by the people themselves. This results in sustainable solutions that aren't reliant on outside resources or support.

CompassionLink offers sustainable solutions for communities in need by training local leaders on how to recognize existing assets in the community and how those assets can be utilized to address concerns and issues.

1. The process begins with an assessment that identifies local resources.
2. A vision seminar follows with information on sustainable solutions available from within the community.
3. The community chooses to implement the concept and get key people trained.
4. The community identifies needs.
5. The community prioritizes which needs to meet first.
6. The community gathers resources.
7. The community plans, implements, and evaluates the project.

CompassionLink serves as facilitators in the process, inspiring hope and vision and guiding people to seek God's help. Through small successes, they soon realize what they can also do for themselves and begin solving their own problems.



CompassionLink missionaries working together with Bahamian church leaders during an assessment

CHECK OUT OUR NEW WEBSITE



Compassionlink.org

Look for our:

- Training Menu for missionaries
- Testimonies
- Updated Resources page



OPPORTUNITIES

CompassionLink has several 1-2 year missionary associate openings, including:

- Animal Husbandry Specialist
- Agriculture Specialist
- Pastoral Care/Counseling
- Optical Technician
- Plant Manager/Handyman
- Occupational Therapist
- Health Education Specialist
- Physical Therapist
- Community Development Associate

Go to: <http://s1.ag.org/clmissions> for more information.

PLEASE PRAY

For the upcoming trip in May:

- Safe and uncomplicated travel - it is a long journey
- Quick recovery from jet lag & protection from any sickness malaria, etc.
- Ease of teaching, even with translation and bonding with the group
- A beautiful spirit during devotions and worship times.
- Effective outreach of these dedicated ministers as they return to their places of ministry.

HANDS-ON TRAINING IN SOUTH ASIA

Dr. JoAnn Butrin and team members Jay and Della Madel will be in a sensitive country in mid-May to offer hands-on training in simple medical/first aid skills to about 30 local pastors and evangelists. Why?

We are finding it such an effective way to equip ministers going into hard-to-reach areas with tools that meet people's needs while showing the love and compassion of Christ.

Imagine being able to come to a people group hostile to the gospel and offering to take their blood pressure. Then in the next week, offer to teach the moms about oral rehydration solutions for their children with diarrhea. A relationship forms! Trust is built! Over the years, we have seen this to be a very effective way of reaching the unreached and seeing the church planted.



Della Madel training pastors how to take blood pressure in 2022



Oral rehydration training in 2022

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