

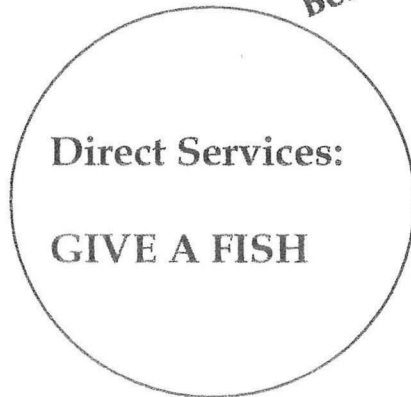
When Helping Heals

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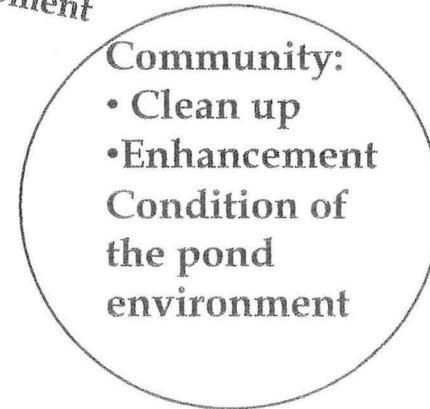
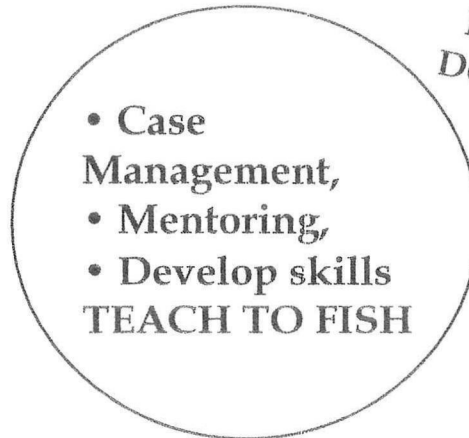
1. Human and social development are about so much more than economics. We used to think that when economies were strong and people had enough money, everything else, like political peace, health, education, and social harmony, would follow. But we have learned that development is more complex and needs to be broader and more holistic.
2. It is important to respect local cultures. Local participation, engagement, ownership, and empowerment are essential. When organizations bring in plans from the outside, making assumptions about what people need and what will help them, development will almost certainly fail.
3. Building on the strengths of people and their countries (often called their assets) is so much more effective than identifying needs and weaknesses and trying to simply fix those.
4. Working relationships, whether they are organizational partnerships or global ventures like the MDGs, flourish when they are cooperative.
5. It is critical to intentionally include the voices of all who are often left out of development programming, women being but one example.
6. Transparency and accountability are essential components of any successful development strategy. Temptations to corruption and abuse of power are strong, which is why power must be limited and people in power constantly watched.
7. We must focus on individuals and local communities, but we must also pay attention to larger structures. Legal systems, the distribution of power, and governing institutions are all part of successful development strategies. We have learned that advocacy is an essential tool for helping those in need.
8. Without an underlying presence of virtue among participants, including commitment, honesty, and trust, the motivation and ability to work together do not arise.
9. For Christians, the guidance of our faith and the lessons of Scripture should help shape our own motivation and models for building a more harmonious world.

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