

Developing Theology of Disaster

Understanding Disaster

A calamitous event resulting in ...

- loss of life
- great human suffering & distress
- Large-scale material damage

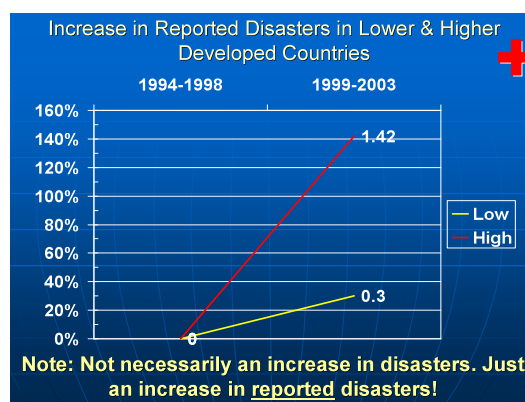
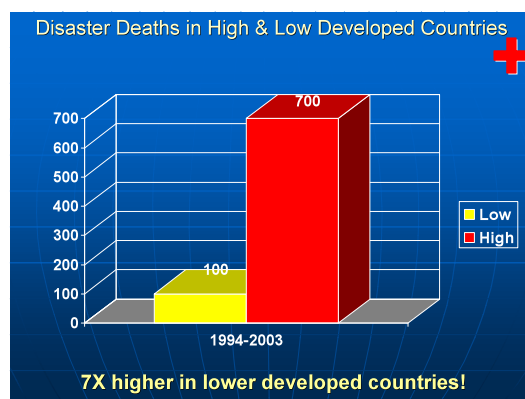
- *Malaking kapahamakan; malaking kasawiang-palad; malaking sakuna*
- *Nang hindi sinadya*

In many parts of the world disasters are not aberrations that temporarily halt development work. Often they are a constant threat that can & must be prepared for.

- Christian Aid

Disaster Examples

- *Bagyo / Baha* – yearly
- *Lindol / Tsunami / Bulkan* – saan galing ang bundok?
- *Bomba / Gera / Terrorista* – Daniel 9:26
- *Namatayan* – Genesis 2:17
- *Sunog*
- *Bangkaan*



Toward a Theology of Disaster

What do I do?

A personal struggle

5 Steps to Bring Hope to Disaster

A Theology of Hope

Resources

- Frank R. Tillapaugh, *Unleashing the Church: Getting People Out of the Fortress & Into the Ministry*, (Regal Books, 1982).
- *The Code of Conduct for the International Red Cross & Red Crescent Movement & Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs) in Disaster Relief*
- Christian Aid Mission, *Guiding principles & inter-agency coordination*, www.christianaid.com
- The Sphere Project, *Humanitarian Charter & Minimum Standards in Disaster Response*, www.sphereproject.org
- Dawn Ministries, *DNA Vision*

Stage 1: Seeing the Invisible

When we are used to a certain lifestyle, we often don't see certain areas of the world.

■ Redemption & Lift Principle

“the redemption of a large number of people in a society will cause a lift in their social & economic situation. The lift takes place over a generation; it is the generation that follows that often sees that greatest change.”

- “a person is redeemed, straightens up his or her life with God & the church's help, gets serious about work, family & civic duties & becomes a respectable citizen. Soon, the former drunk is a solid citizen, & the children go on for advanced degrees, becoming a part of the upper social class”

Try to “see as Jesus saw”

- John 9:1 “*Sa paglalakad ni Jesus, nakita niya ang isang lalaking ipinanganak na bulag.*”
- Mt 9:36 “*Nang makita niya ang napaka-raming tao, nahabag siya sa kanila ...*”
- Mk 2:14 “*... nakita niyang nakaupo sa paningilan ng buwis si Levi ...*”
- Lk 20:23 “*Alam ni Jesus ang kanilang masamang balak ...*”



Invisible Problem

Manor Hotel
Real, et al
Tsunami
OFW
Illegal Fishing

Solution

Fire Code, Less Crime (no grills), Education
Tree Planting, Legal Logging, Education
Relief & Development; Building Code Changes
Overseas Filipino Families?, Education
Political Will, Education

Solutions

1. "Seeing-as-he-saw" fieldtrips
 - Hospital
 - Night
 - Police
2. Are there laws not being kept?
 - *May layunin ang mga batas.*

Red Cross Code of Conduct

1. Humanitarian / *Makatao*

- To alleviate human suffering is the primary purpose

Ang nanlalait sa mahirap ay humahamak sa Maykapal, at ang nagagalak sa kaphahaman ng iba'y mayroon ding pananagutan. Pr 17:5

2. Without Distinction /

- Regardless of the race, creed or nationality of the recipients
- Without adverse distinction of any kind.
- Priority on those who need help the most

Ang Diyos ba'y Diyos lamang ng mga Judio? Hindi ba't Diyos din siya ng mga Hentil? Oo, siya'y Diyos din ng mga Hentil, sapagkat iisa lamang ang Diyos. Kapwa niya tatanggapin ang mga Judio at mga Hentil dahil sa kanilang pananampalataya sa kanya. Pinapawalang saysay ba namin ang Kautusan dahil sa pananampalatayang ito? Hinding-hindi! Sa halip, pinapagtibay pa nga namin ito. Ro 3:29-3

3. Instruments of God / *Mga Kagamitan ng Diyos*

- Not instruments of government or political policy
- Aid will not be dependent on religious conversion

Ang mga taong nasa kadiliman ay nakakita ng maningning na ilaw! Sa mga nakatira sa lilim ng kamatayan ay sumikat ang liwanag. Mt 5:16

4. Dignity & Respect

- We shall recognize disaster victims as dignified humans, not hopeless objects

Pagkatapos, sinabi ng Diyos: "Ngayon, likhain natin ang tao ayon sa ating larawan, ayon sa ating wangis. ... Nilalang nga ng Diyos ang tao ayon sa kanyang larawan ... Ge 1:26, 27

- We shall respect culture & custom

Kinabukasan, isinama nga ni Pablo ang mga lalaki at isinagawa nila ang seremonya ng paglilinis. Pagkatapos, siya'y pumasok sa TemploAc 21:17-26

OUTCOMES: Objectives & Goals

- Reduce the risk
- Determine biggest threat
- Prepare beforehand
- Respond effectively
- Know minimum standards for response
- Rehabilitate to reduce risk
- Make disaster management part of development
- Make people aware
- Strengthen ability to withstand disaster

Assignment

- See as Jesus saw:
 - What potential disasters exist in your community?
 - What places in your community don't you see? *Ano ba'ng mga lugar na nasa paligid natin na hindi natin napansin?*
 - Plan a "see-as-he-saw" field trip for your church in your community

Stage 2: Holy Spirit's Calling

- Ac 13:2 – ... *sinabi sa kanila ng Espiritu Santo, "Ibukod ninyo sina Bernabe at Saulo. Sila'y pinili ko para sa tanging gawaing inilaan ko sa kanila."*
- Realise not every need is a call
- Do we have a leader called by God?
 - Go where God wants us
 - God-given motivation to leaders
 - "want-to motivation"

Key Idea: We may have the desire for a certain ministry but God hasn't yet provided the leader for that ministry (P.S. It isn't always you!)

Ang Iglesia

1. Body / *Katawan*
 2. House / *Bahay*
 3. Vine / *Baging*
- Special Design for a Special Purpose
 - How does your body fit together?

Who is on your team?

1. Sino sila?
2. Anong trabaho?
3. Anong mga libangan?
4. Taga saan sila?
5. Anong karanasan nila?
6. Anong mga kalakasan nila?.
7. Teachers
8. Engineers
9. Tradespeople
10. Professionals
11. Doctors
12. Nurses
13. Police
14. Military
15. IT
16. Telecom
17. Business.

Stage 3: *Matuto sa Iba*

- We can't do it on our own!
- Who is responsible for the area?
 - Logging, fire, relief, DSWD, NGOs
- Who is concerned for the problem?
 - Advocacy groups, citizen's groups, media, NGOs
- How do they do it?

- Empowered members
- Complementary staff

Red Cross Code of Conduct

5. Local Capacity

- Involve affected persons in the management of relief aid
- Build response on local capacities
 - Buy from local stores

Nang kami ay kasama pa ninyo, ito ang itinuro namin sa inyo, "Huwag ninyong pakainin ang sinumang ayaw magtrabaho." Binanggit namin ito dahil nabalitaan naming may ilan sa inyong ayaw magtrabaho, at walang inaatupag kundi ang makialam sa buhay ng may buhay. Sa pangalan ng Panginoong Jesu-Cristo, mahigpit naming iniutos sa mga taong ito na sila'y maghanapbuhay nang maayos at huwag umasa sa iba. 2Th 3:10-12

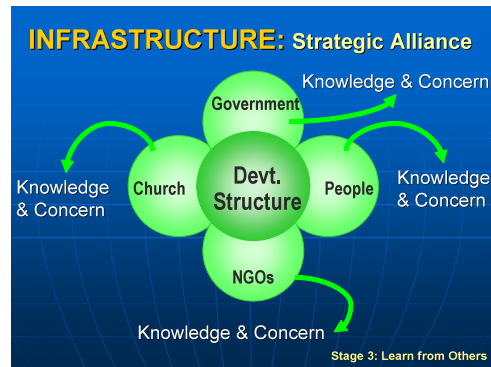
6. Present & Future / *Kasalukuyan at Kinabukasan*

- Meet basic needs
- Reduce future vulnerabilities to disaster

"Kung ang isa sa inyo'y nagbabalak na magtayo ng tore, hindi ba siya uupo muna upang magplano at kuwentahin kung magkano ang magagastos niya upang matiyak kung may sapat siyang pera para maipatapos ang kanyang ipapatayo? Lk 14:28

7. Accountability

- To God
- To those we seek to assist
- To those from whom we accept resources

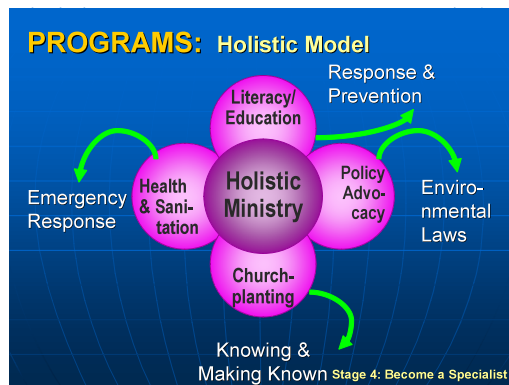


Assignment

- List the groups that exist in your community that you can learn from.
- When will you meet with them?

Stage 4: Become a Specialist

- Study the target & develop a strategy



Stage 5: Be Flexible

1Co 8:1 *"Ang kaalaman ay nagtutulak sa tao na maging mapagmataas, subalit ang pag-ibig ay nakapagpapatatag."*

- Disaster doesn't follow a schedule!
- Think "outside the box"
 - Filipino ingenuity
- Even though we are not OF this world, we are IN this world

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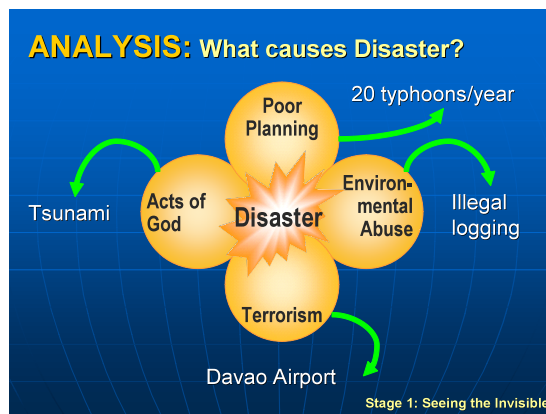
- What limitations does your church face in disaster preparation/response?

- Think of three ways to overcome those limitations.

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Transformational Ministry



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