



## **Purpose of Hearts United**

This ministry is founded as an interdenominational endeavor to share the message of Jesus Christ and the principles of God's Word with the local community and with the world. Hearts United accomplishes this basic goal through the following means:

1. By partnering with the local church.

We believe that all worthwhile and long-term ministry to reach people with the Gospel must be based upon an allegiance to the local church concept. We believe the local church is foundational and central to the accomplishment of all God's purposes on earth. Therefore, we align ourselves to be responsible caretakers of the influence we share in persons' lives by submitting ourselves to the local church. We are Committed to channel all results and fruit of this ministry into all churches identified in our community's ministerial alliance as well as additional churches which may share in "like precious faith" (2 Peter 1 :1), (Ephesians 4:15-16).

2. By assisting, when possible, with the practical needs of those who come to us.

Practical needs of individuals whether local, international, or transient are served in this ministry through providing clothing, household items, food, and other items of necessity to those in crisis but especially to those who are part of God's family (Gal 6:10). We believe the Word of God is straightforward with instruction that the church is to be an arm of practical service to the Body of Christ and as much as possible to the world (Matt. 25:35-40), In addition to the practical assistance provided through this ministry, it is our purpose to also serve as a liaison with other ministries of helps in the community in order to assist those in need or crisis in whatever way is possible or feasible.

3. By addressing the spiritual needs of those who come our way.

It is our understanding that the practical support and help we may provide for those whom we are able to touch is insufficient without a clear witness of Christ. We believe God's Word clearly defines the importance of the inner man as opposed to solely the needs of the outward man: "life is more than food, and the body is more than clothes" (Matt. 6:25), Therefore, our focus is on the spiritual man even as we serve the outward or physical needs of the individual.

4. By offering training and support.

We understand that many of the patterns and cycles leading to poverty and distress have been established over a long period of time. Therefore, this ministry purposes to provide training and counseling for individuals need in order to break the cycles of pain which have been established perhaps for many years. This may take the form of discipleship training which would take place through several sessions or a one-time Bible-based discussion. Our purpose in all such ministry

and guidance is to provide long-term solutions rather than temporary fixes.

5. By offering one-to-one ministry and prayer.

Hearts United ministry will seek to facilitate personal ministry and prayer with every individual served through this ministry. As an outreach ministry under the covering of the local church, this ministry will always seek to touch individual lives as we have opportunity through offering practical and spiritual service to those whose lives and families we are privileged to encounter (Rom 1:16).

## **What is Hearts United?**

**Hearts United is:**

### PRAYER

Jesus spent long hours in prayer and did only what He saw His Heavenly Father doing. Likewise the basis of this ministry is prayerful seeking of God's will for service to our community.

### UNITY

Believers of all ages, races, denominations, and affiliations come together in this ministry to provide comfort, counsel, and basic necessities for the people of this community.

### PROCLAMATION

Not only do we serve with the compassion of Jesus, we also take every opportunity to proclaim the name and saving grace of Jesus, His death & resurrection.

### RECONCILIATION

Walls of suspicion, division, and indifference are sometimes erected between different fellowships in a city. This ministry allows an opportunity for these fellowships to be reconciled when the entire body of Christ in our city works together to serve. Jesus said that the world would know that we are His disciples by our love for one another. This ministry gives us a chance to show this love as we leave differences behind us and come together to serve.

**Hearts United is not:**

### A PLACE TO MAKE A NAME FOR OURSELF

Only one name is lifted up in this ministry, the name of Jesus.

### A NEW CHURCH BUILDING EFFORT

The people served by this ministry are served freely in the name of Jesus. They are free to become affiliated with a body of believers they choose. We draw them to Jesus, not us, referring to local churches.