

Compassion Class #5-What Now?

1. World Health Issue

a. Waterborne Illnesses

- i. Deaths from diseases caused by dirty water are easily preventable. Even so, lack of access to clean water continues to complicate life for those in poverty.
- ii. Globally, at least 2 billion people use a drinking-water source contaminated with feces.
- iii. 2.3 billion people still do not have basic sanitation facilities such as toilets or latrines. Of these, 892 million still defecate in the open, for example in street gutters, behind bushes or into open bodies of water.
- iv. Almost 60 percent of deaths due to diarrhea worldwide are attributable to unsafe drinking water and poor hygiene and sanitation. Hand washing with soap alone can cut the risk of diarrhea by at least 40%.

2. 4 ways to make a difference.

a. Pray

- i. Elijah (James 5:13-18)

b. Time

- i. If the 65% of Americans who claim to be Christians work just 1 hour a week, we would work 11 billion hours!
- ii. If we got paid minimum wage for each hour, we would work \$80 billion worth of labor

c. Talent

- i. Includes abilities, personality, passions, pursuits, knowledge, experiences, relationships & networks, & they provide a clue on how you can serve.
- ii. Spiritual gifts-Discern these & it will help you out as well
- iii. Peter & Paul used their talents
- iv. Hoops for Hope
 1. A boy who shot 2,057 free-throws for 2,507 African orphans who lost their parents to AIDS. People sponsored him & he raised \$3,000. He kept doing it annually & eventually raised \$1 million

d. Treasure

- i. Imagine Bill Gates keeping all his wealth & only volunteering 1 week in an impoverished country as his service. That's ridiculous.
- ii. But to have the top 1% income in the world, you only have to make \$32,000. We're the top 1%. We're Bill Gates to the extreme poor. We should do more than volunteer time.
- iii. But only \$1 a year will give 1 person clean water for 1 year
- iv. \$38/month-Compassion Child
- v. Possessions & \$\$: Acts 4:32-35