

# HOW TO ESTABLISH HEALTHY CHURCHES IN EVERY COMMUNITY

THE WORLD IMPACT FRAMEWORK OVERVIEW



Hello —

It may surprise you to know that we have a clear vision for the next 50 years. **We want to make sure there is a healthy church in every community of poverty.**

The local church is the hope of the world, and we know the local church strongly influences the quality of life within urban neighborhoods.

We are laser-focused on building healthy urban churches.

That's why we are laser-focused on providing effective, affordable, and accessible training for urban church leaders so that they can plant and sustain healthy urban churches.

Over the decades, we've witnessed countless stories of how investment in a God-called leader makes all the difference in creating a healthy church that helps the neighborhood flourish.

I want to share a few of those stories with you here. Everyone we meet is invited into the World Impact vision to empower the poor to own and lead their own ministry.

**We can transform communities together.**

In Christ,

Dr. Alvin Sanders  
President & CEO





“I don’t see an ‘ex-felon.’ I see the next leader of a church or a community. We are better together, stronger together, and can transform communities together.”

— Bernard

# MEET BERNARD

## A REAL NEED

Without a dad to look up to at home, Bernard was initiated into a gang at ten years old.

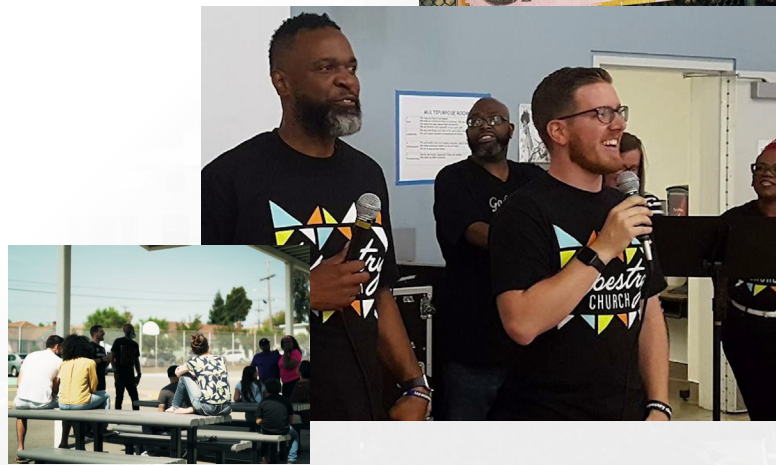
His high school was mainly Latino and Black. He wouldn’t go so far as to say that he hated white people, but as he says, he didn’t like them much.

His life changed when his mother took him to church. Bernard saw the pastor as a man who took care of his family and his community. When Bernard saw the pastor’s positive influence on his community, he knew he wanted to be a pastor.

## THE RESULTS OF YOUR SUPPORT

World Impact’s approach to urban ministry, with different ethnicities working towards the same mission, inspired Bernard and drastically differed from what he experienced growing up.

He received training through World Impact’s Evangel School of Church Planting and was commissioned to start his own training center for church planters.



Today, Bernard is a pastor in Oakland and partners with World Impact to transform his community through the gospel. Bernard’s church has formed a “needs network” and a leadership center for the formerly incarcerated.



**GIVE TO HELP LEADERS LIKE BERNARD**

# MEET ALBERTO

## A REAL NEED

Alberto was a leader in a gang, ready and willing to use violence to take out anyone who threatened him. His family faithfully shared Christ with him and prayed for his conversion.

However, one day Alberto was involved in a gang shooting. He was convicted of first-degree murder and was given a life sentence.

The brutality of prison caused him to question the purpose of his life. He remembered how his parents shared Christ with him and asked the prison guard for a Bible. On his knees in his cell, Alberto began unloading years of burdens to the Lord and experienced peace for the first time.

He gave his life to Christ. Alberto renounced his allegiance to the gang and had to be moved to a different prison for his protection.

## THE RESULTS OF YOUR SUPPORT

When he arrived, he met other prisoners taking seminary training through World Impact. They helped him understand that God wanted to redeem Alberto's leadership qualities to advance His Kingdom.



"This brings me joy because I know I'm doing what God has called me to do."

— Alberto



He began discipling other prisoners, who in turn began following his example and preaching on the yard to other inmates. God rescued Alberto and transformed the prison community through him. There was such a change in Alberto's life that he was eventually released from prison and deported back to Mexico.

Today, Alberto pastors a church and operates a World Impact Church-Based Seminary satellite where he recognizes leadership qualities in church members and trains them to go plant other churches. The gospel has taken root and is currently transforming Mexican communities.



GIVE TO HELP LEADERS  
LIKE ALBERTO







“All of my pain, all of my abuse, all of my dysfunction, was for a purpose. My mission in life is for other girls to realize that they can have a purpose for their pain.”

— Shampayne

# MEET SHAMPAYNE

## A REAL NEED

Shampayne’s earliest memory was when she was raped at three years old. Adding insult to injury, her church-going foster family also abused her. Shampayne ran away at age 14.

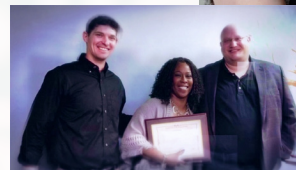
Years passed, and she was so full of pain, anger, and bitterness that when she was 24 years old, her own four children were taken from her. Shampayne shared, “The Lord saved my children from me. That woke me up.”

She revisited the church that hurt her so long ago to meet with the pastor. He grieved the abuse she had experienced and pointed her to Christ, explaining that people hurt her – not Jesus. This was the beginning of healing in Shampayne’s relationship with Jesus Christ.

Her new church family witnessed a radiant transformation. She restored her relationship with her children and discovered a calling to preach.

## THE RESULTS OF YOUR SUPPORT

Her church sent her to World Impact for training, where she received coaching on how to be a woman in leadership without losing her culture and how to communicate cross-culturally in her ministry context.



This prepared her for joining the local police department as a chaplain. Not only does she serve as a chaplain, but she also is a Human Relations Commissioner, a precinct chairwoman, and has planted a church.

Shampayne continues to minister to the down-and-out, the overlooked, the formerly incarcerated, former gang members, and recovering addicts. She recognizes leadership potential in them and empowers them to transform their communities.



**GIVE TO HELP LEADERS LIKE SHAMPAYNE**

# The Problem Urban Church Leaders Like Bernard, Alberto, and Shampayne Face

The harsh reality faced by pastors and church workers serving in urban communities is that money and time are too scarce for these valiant leaders to engage in long, traditionally structured pastoral training while devotedly serving God.

Building healthy churches in these communities is practically impossible without training geared towards their needs and circumstances.



## THE NEEDS ARE REAL



**95%**

of the world's church leaders have no formal ministry training

**2.7B**  
Urban Poor  
Worldwide

**4.3M**  
Pastors  
Worldwide



**62%**  
Live in Urban  
Communities of Poverty



# The Solution to Healthy Churches and Flourishing Neighborhoods is Training Urban Church Leaders Through Specific Programs

## **URBAN CHURCH PLANTING**

Our Evangel School of Urban Church Planting trains Christian workers to plant healthy churches among the urban poor. This training is designed specifically to equip teams to reach under-resourced communities.

## **LEADERSHIP RETREATS**

Resourcing urban leaders through concise, practical, and hands-on training at women's and men's retreats creates vital links with peers facing similar challenges.

## **CHURCH-BASED SEMINARY**

The Urban Ministry Institute (TUMI) resources and trains urban church leaders. TUMI provides affordable and accessible seminary-based training for men and women in communities of poverty everywhere.

## **TRAUMA HEALING**

World Impact's Trauma Healing program equips urban ministry workers and leaders to facilitate Bible-based healing groups. Participants can choose to become trained to lead their own healing groups — virally expanding the ministry.

## **PRISON MINISTRY**

Through our Onesimus Workshops, we train church leaders and workers to succeed in discipling those who have been incarcerated. We also offer church-based seminary for those who are behind bars.

## THE IMPACT IS REAL



# THE WORLD IMPACT PROCESS FOR TRANSFORMATION

1

## Partner

We partner for collaboration with denominations, ministry networks, and local churches. These collaborations expand the Kingdom.

2

## Reach

We have a global reach by strategically engaging major U.S. cities as gateways to the world.

3

## Empower

We provide affordable and accessible learning, affirming the call of urban church leaders and workers.

4

## Transformation

Trained urban pastors and leaders plant and lead healthy urban churches which leads to flourishing neighborhoods.







# CURRENT STRATEGIC INITIATIVES



## Partner

To place new World Impact Ministry Developers in key regional US cities to train and disciple local pastors and church workers.



## Reach

To become a bilingual, bicultural organization to fully engage US Hispanic church leaders and workers with the Spanish resources, training, and discipling needed to plant and lead healthy churches.



## Empower

To expand global access to our vitally needed training programs for church leaders in communities of poverty around the world. Your support makes World Impact U, our online training platform, affordable and available everywhere.



Everyone working as one— *Ministry Partners + You + World Impact*— will help us realize the vision of a healthy church in every community of poverty. Your donation helps deserving urban ministry leaders.

**GIVE TO THESE INITIATIVES NOW**



## More About World Impact

At World Impact, we know that 95% of the world's Christian ministry leaders have no formal theological training. Additionally, nearly all of these ministry leaders live and serve in communities of poverty.

These leaders want to establish healthy churches that will help transform individuals, families, and neighborhoods.

In order to do that, they need a full spectrum of training, specifically designed for urban work. The problem is, this kind of training is not offered in a typical, seminary setting.

A lack of training leaves local church leaders frustrated, overwhelmed, and burned out. We believe church leaders deserve accessible, affordable, and effective training to establish healthy churches and help neighborhoods flourish.

We've spent the last 50 years empowering thousands of urban leaders through our five core ministry programs and we've helped pastors and workers from across the Globe receive training that transforms their ministry and their communities.

Your generosity ensures that urban church leaders move from under-trained and frustrated to fully trained, activated, and equipped to establish healthy churches in communities of poverty that help create flourishing neighborhoods.

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