

What people are saying (continued):

The book When Helping Hurts has opened our eyes to how our ministry helps others, and also the many ways our work can be perceived. It has also opened us up to how we can expand and be efficient in our ministry. Everyone who has read this book has become more motivated to carry out the work that God has for us. This book is very thought provoking and has proven very valuable in helping us set direction for the future of our team.

—R.J. Whitworth, Social Action Ministry

With a passion for international mission, indigenous spiritual growth and majority world sustainability, it was both challenging and rewarding to read When Helping Hurts—How to Alleviate Poverty Without Hurting the Poor! After years of international non-profit health-care and development work, as well as mission education courses, “how to” books and participation in, and the planning of numerous mission trips, this book has greatly expanded my perception of majority world poverty and God’s plan for His relational approach to mission service. Don’t miss this outstanding book, it will broaden your vision for our Lord’s mandate for mission!

—Jan Pritts, Open Door Missions team & Ecuador Mission Coordinator

To maximize your learning experience, we urge you to read *When Helping Hurts* prior to this seminar. Books can be purchased locally or by contacting Jan Pritts no later than September 12 at (309) 665-0440 or janpritts@aol.com.

“When Helping Hurts guides you toward a true understanding of poverty and a plan to make a difference.”



When Helping Hurts Seminar

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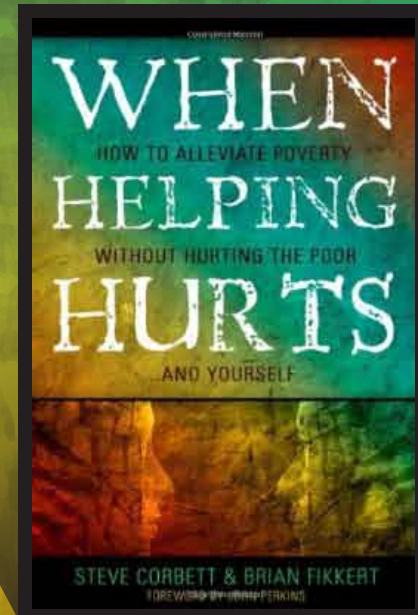
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Guest leader, Mark Papierski, Business Mission Coordinator for HCJB Global and MicroFinance Trainer for the Chalmers Center for Economic Development, will provide an in-depth study of the issues presented in the book, *When Helping Hurts*.



Who should attend:

- Mission leaders
- Those who have been on short-term mission trips or plan to go
- Church leadership
- Those who are involved through prayer, financial support and provisions

What you will learn:

- Foundational concepts for helping without hurting
- General Principles for helping without hurting
- Practical strategies for helping without hurting

*“Have you ever wondered if
what we’re doing is really helping?”*

What people are saying:

The book When Helping Hurts has provided me with a new appreciation for the complex aspects of helping those in need. Through reading and discussing with others, you realize that just throwing money or even giving direct help can often cause more problems than when you started. God has especially opened my eyes to prayerfully making sure the person you’re helping feels loved, respected and known as a child of God. This goes so much further than mission work and all the way to how we lead a small group, collect supplies, help a friend, be a family and live as a family of faith. Enjoy the book as it is intended—to open our eyes to God’s mission and not our own.

—Rob Gieraltowski, Director for Jr. High

When Helping Hurts is an extraordinary book. Since I was introduced to it nearly a year ago, I have read, re-read and read it again. Each time I have deepened my understanding of the foundational relationships of God, Self, Others and the Rest of Creation. I have learned how we must nurture these relationships to serve the needs of the materially poor in the majority world, as well as in our own community. Simple terms explain the concepts of poverty alleviation through the Relief, Rehabilitation and Development continuum. This spiritually sound, Biblical framework provides the well-researched conclusions. The Open Door Missions team at St. John’s has used the principles to motivate our members and enhance our mission programs. I recommend that all Christians involved in mission work, social action or community development read When Helping Hurts. It will not only change your approach to these ministries, it will inspire you to greater global discipleship.

—Greg Koester, Open Door Missions team