

# MISSION TRIP PLAN FOR CHURCHES

## *BASED ON THE BOOK OF NEHEMIAH*

### **1. REPORT**

- a. **Scripture:** They said to me, "Those who survived the exile and are back in the province are in great trouble and disgrace. The wall of Jerusalem is broken down, and its gates have been burned with fire **- Nehemiah 1:3**
- b. **Purpose:** to provide information and an opportunity to share the issues that are affecting Highland Park negatively, bringing them to the church just as one of Nehemiah's brother brought the report to him.

### **2. FOCUSED PRAYER TIME**

- a. **Scripture:** When I heard these things, I sat down and wept. For some days I mourned and fasted and prayed before the God of heaven. **-Nehemiah 1:4**
- b. **Purpose:** to provide prayer time and a deliberate reflection period with God to determine what the church is called to do to alleviate suffering in Highland Park.

### **3. VISIT, REPORT, AND DECISION FOR MISSION OUTREACH**

- a. **Scripture:** Then I said to them, "You see the trouble we are in: Jerusalem lies in ruins, and its gates have been burned with fire. Come, let us rebuild the wall of Jerusalem, and we will no longer be in disgrace. **-Nehemiah 2:5**
- b. **Purpose:** to share information about the neighborhood with the supporting church encouraging members from the church to come to the neighborhood during a week-long mission trip.

### **4. BUILDING A NEW WALL**

- a. **Scripture:** So we rebuilt the wall till all of it reached half its height, for the people worked with all their heart. **-Nehemiah 4:6**
- b. **Purpose:** to invest sweat equity into the Highland Park neighborhood by helping to rebuild a severely run down house, giving it new life and a new purpose in the community.

### **5. INSPIRING THE COMMUNITY TO JOIN IN THE REBUILDING**

- a. **Scripture:** Beyond them, Benjamin and Hasshub made repairs in front of their house; and next to them, Azariah son of Maaseiah, the son of Ananiah, made repairs beside his house. **-Nehemiah 3:23**
- b. **Purpose:** To give energy and hope to a community resulting in their joining in the work and worship.

## 6. TRANSLATING THE MESSAGE TO OTHERS

- a. **Scripture:** I also told them about the gracious hand of my God upon me and what the king had said to me. They replied, "Let us start rebuilding." So they began this good work. **-Nehemiah 2:18**
- b. **Purpose:** to tell the story of our adventure in serving Christ and rebuilding communities through relationships to others who would also come to rebuild.

## 7. CELEBRATION

- a. **Scripture:** Then all the people went away to eat and drink, to send portions of food and to celebrate with great joy, because they now understood the words that had been made known to them. **-Nehemiah 8:12**
- b. **Purpose:** to worship and celebrate together both in Highland Park on Wednesday and at the church on Sunday the work that has been accomplished during the week.