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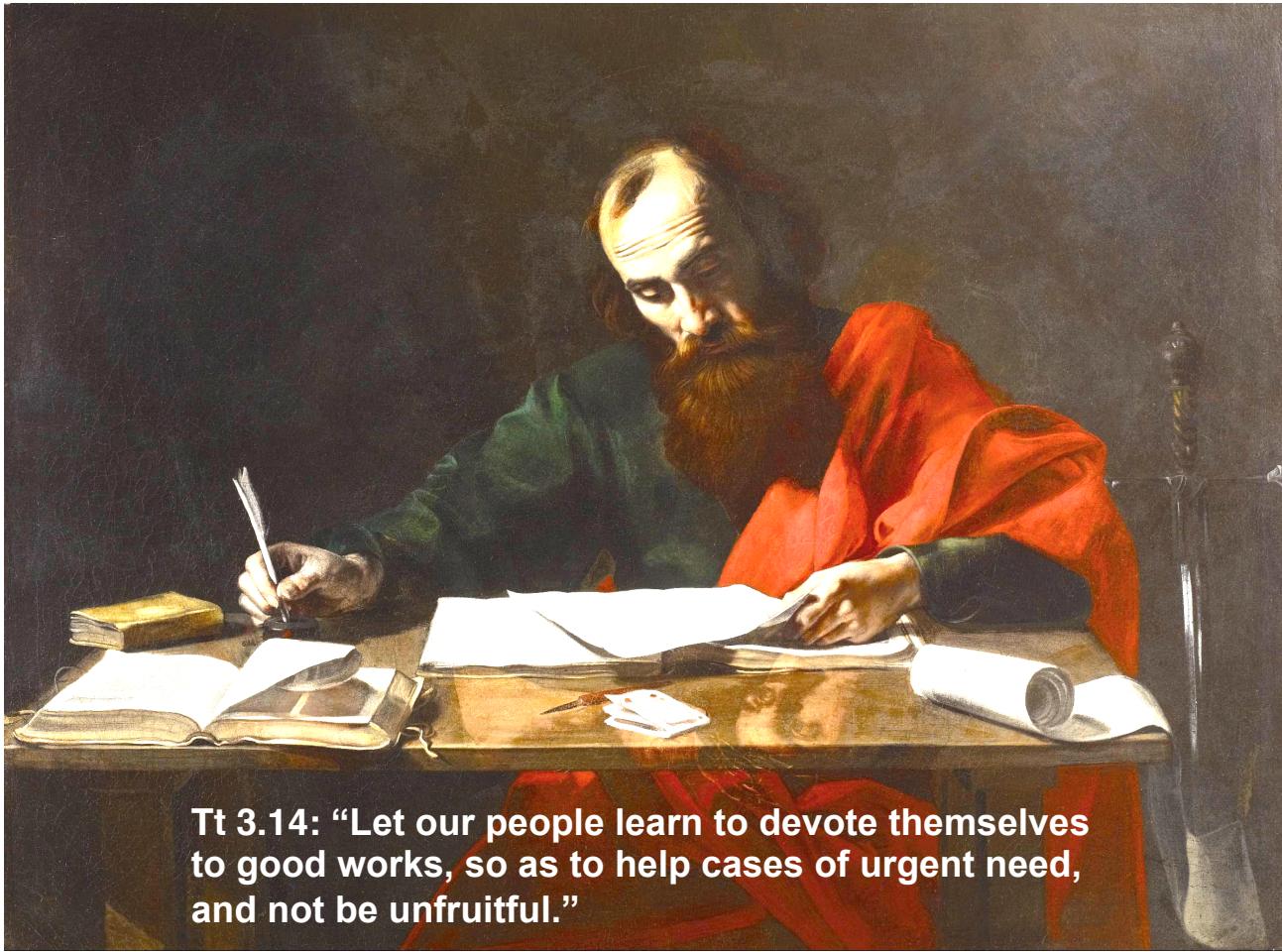


# Who, Where, and Why

1. Caleb K., Sam S., James R.
  1. Understanding the “why” behind Re:Build
  2. Vision for Re:Build in Ames, and Des Moines
2. Three parts of our local strategy to accomplish the work
  1. Networking with churches locally
  2. Meeting pressing needs in the city—local, national, and global impact
  3. Improving our communication within our CityChurch
3. Tt 3.14: “Let our people learn to devote themselves to good works, so as to help cases of urgent need, and not be unfruitful.”



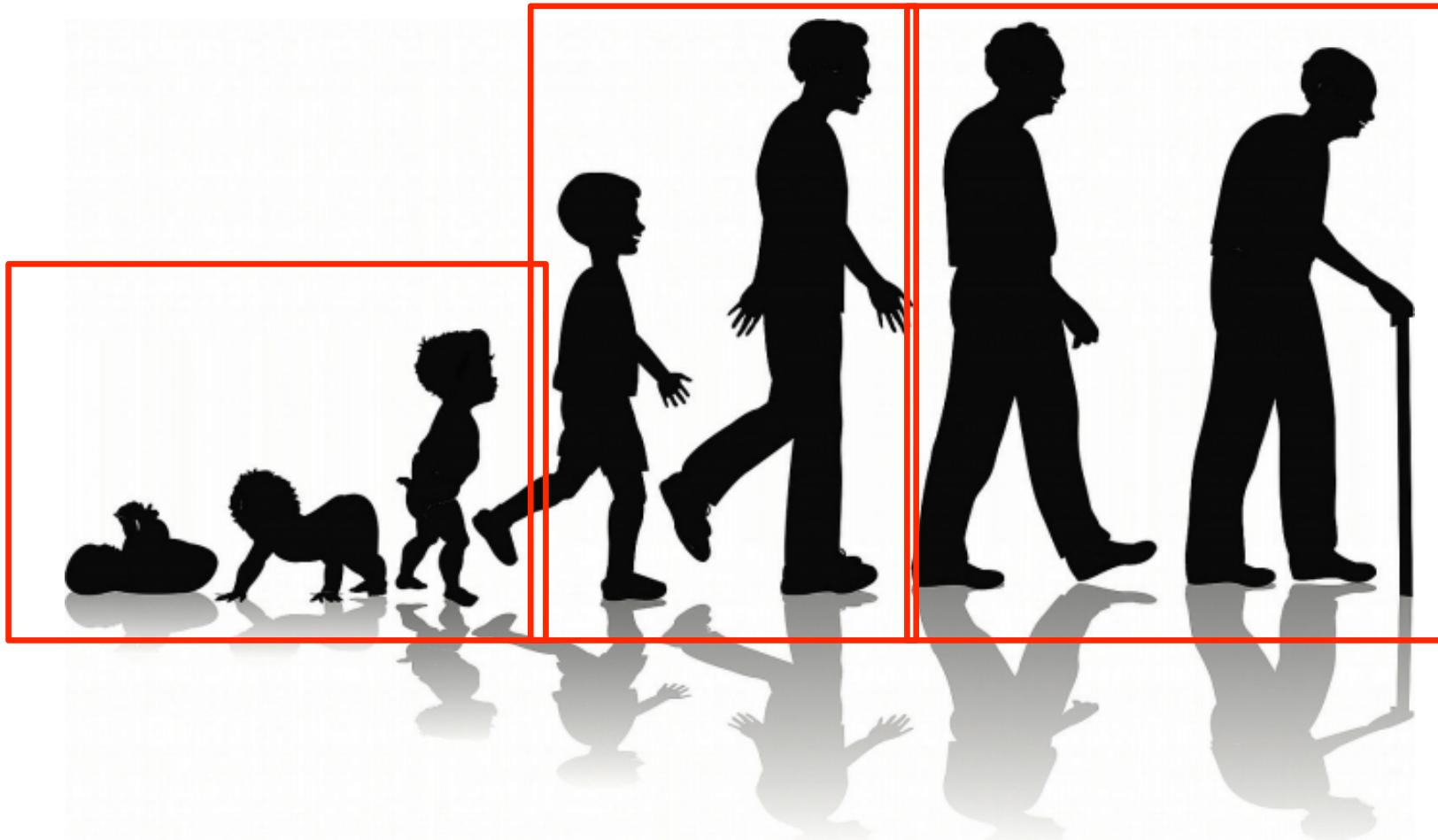
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# Good Works in Titus

## Titus 1

Paul, a servant of God and an apostle of Jesus Christ, for the sake of the faith of God's elect and the knowledge of the truth that is in accordance with godliness, in the hope of eternal life that God, who never lies, promised before the ages began—in due time he revealed his word through the proclamation with which I have been entrusted by the command of God our Savior,

To Titus, my loyal child in the faith we share: Grace and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Savior.

I left you behind in Crete for this reason, so that you should put in order what remained to be done, and should appoint elders in every town, as I directed you: someone who is blameless, married only once, whose children are believers, not accused of debauchery and not rebellious. For a bishop, as God's steward, must be blameless; he must not be arrogant or quick-tempered or addicted to wine or violent or greedy for gain; but he must be hospitable, a lover of goodness, prudent, upright, devout, and self-controlled. He must have a firm grasp of the word that is trustworthy in accordance with the teaching, so that he may be able both to preach with sound doctrine and to refute those who contradict it.

There are also many rebellious people, idle talkers and deceivers, especially those of the circumcision; they must be silenced, since they are upsetting whole families by teaching for sordid gain what it is not right to teach. It was one of them, their very own prophet, who said,

“Cretans are always liars, vicious brutes, lazy gluttons.”

That testimony is true. For this reason rebuke them sharply, so that they may become sound in the faith, not paying attention to Jewish myths or to commandments of those who reject the truth. To the pure all things are pure, but to the corrupt and unbelieving nothing is pure. Their very minds and consciences are corrupted. They profess to know God, but they deny him by their actions. They are detestable, disobedient, **unfit for any good work**.

# Good Works in Titus

## Titus 2

But as for you, teach what is consistent with sound doctrine. Tell the older men to be temperate, serious, prudent, and sound in faith, in love, and in endurance.

Likewise, tell the older women to be reverent in behavior, not to be slanderers or slaves to drink; they are to teach what is good, so that they may encourage the young women to love their husbands, to love their children, to be self-controlled, chaste, good managers of the household, kind, being submissive to their husbands, so that the word of God may not be discredited.

Likewise, urge the younger men to be self-controlled. Show yourself in all respects **a model of good works**, and in your teaching show integrity, gravity, and sound speech that cannot be censured; then any opponent will be put to shame, having nothing evil to say of us.

Tell slaves to be submissive to their masters and to give satisfaction in every respect; they are not to talk back, not to pilfer, but to show complete and perfect fidelity, so that in everything they may be an ornament to the doctrine of God our Savior.

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are **zealous for good deeds**.

Declare these things; exhort and reprove with all authority. Let no one look down on you.

# Good Works in Titus

## Titus 3

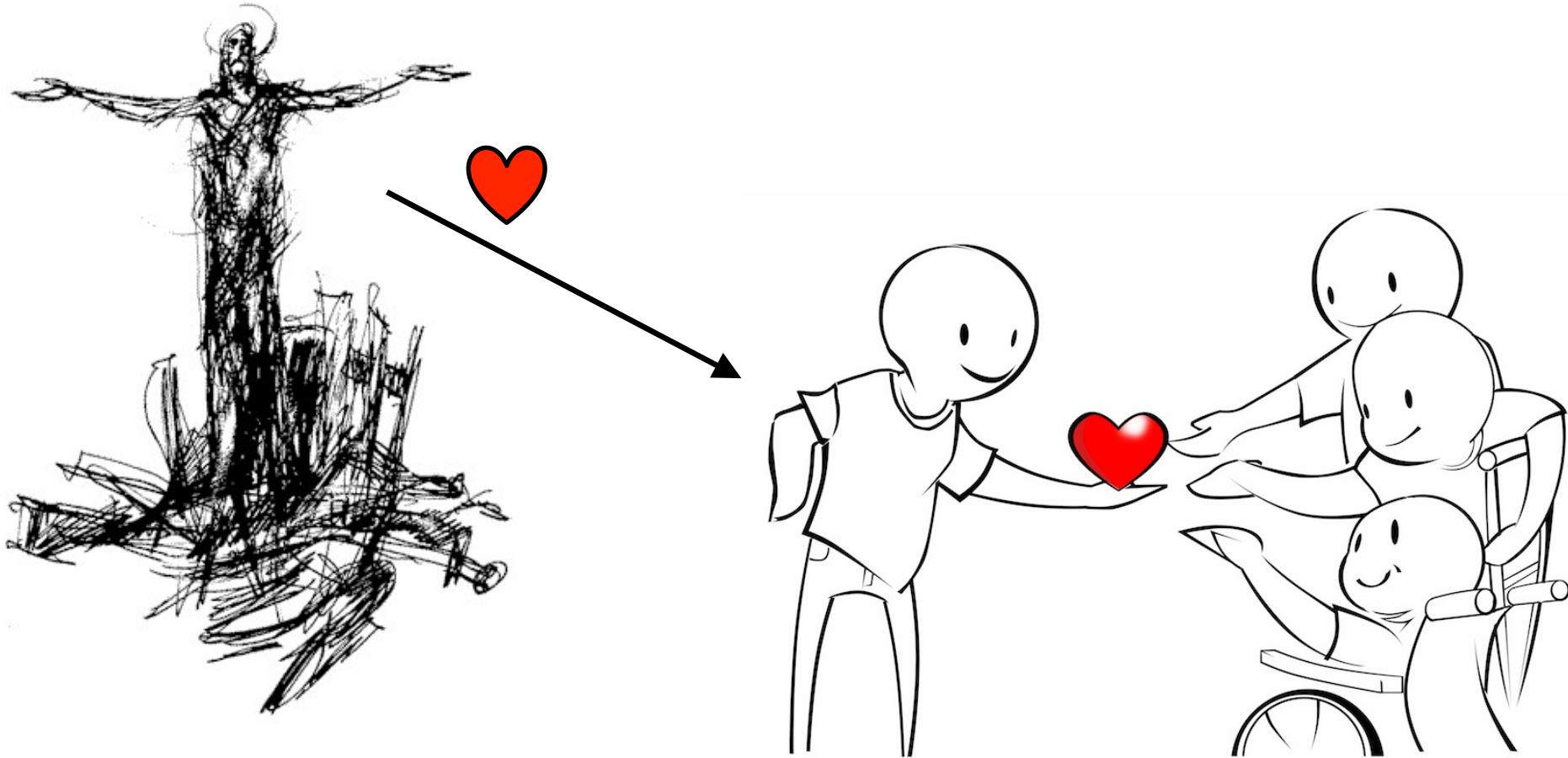
Remind them to be subject to rulers and authorities, to be obedient, to be **ready for every good work**, to speak evil of no one, to avoid quarreling, to be gentle, and to show every courtesy to everyone. For we ourselves were once foolish, disobedient, led astray, slaves to various passions and pleasures, passing our days in malice and envy, despicable, hating one another. But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of any works of righteousness that we had done, but according to his mercy, through the water of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit. This Spirit he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life. The saying is sure.

I desire that you insist on these things, so that those who have come to believe in God may be careful to **devote themselves to good works**; these things are excellent and profitable to everyone. But avoid stupid controversies, genealogies, dissensions, and quarrels about the law, for they are unprofitable and worthless. After a first and second admonition, have nothing more to do with anyone who causes divisions, since you know that such a person is perverted and sinful, being self-condemned.

When I send Artemas to you, or Tychicus, do your best to come to me at Nicopolis, for I have decided to spend the winter there. Make every effort to send Zenas the lawyer and Apollos on their way, and see that they lack nothing. And let people learn to **devote themselves to good works** in order to meet urgent needs, so that they may not be unproductive.

All who are with me send greetings to you. Greet those who love us in the faith.

Grace be with all of you.



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Wright, Paul for Everyone: the Pastoral Letters, 163

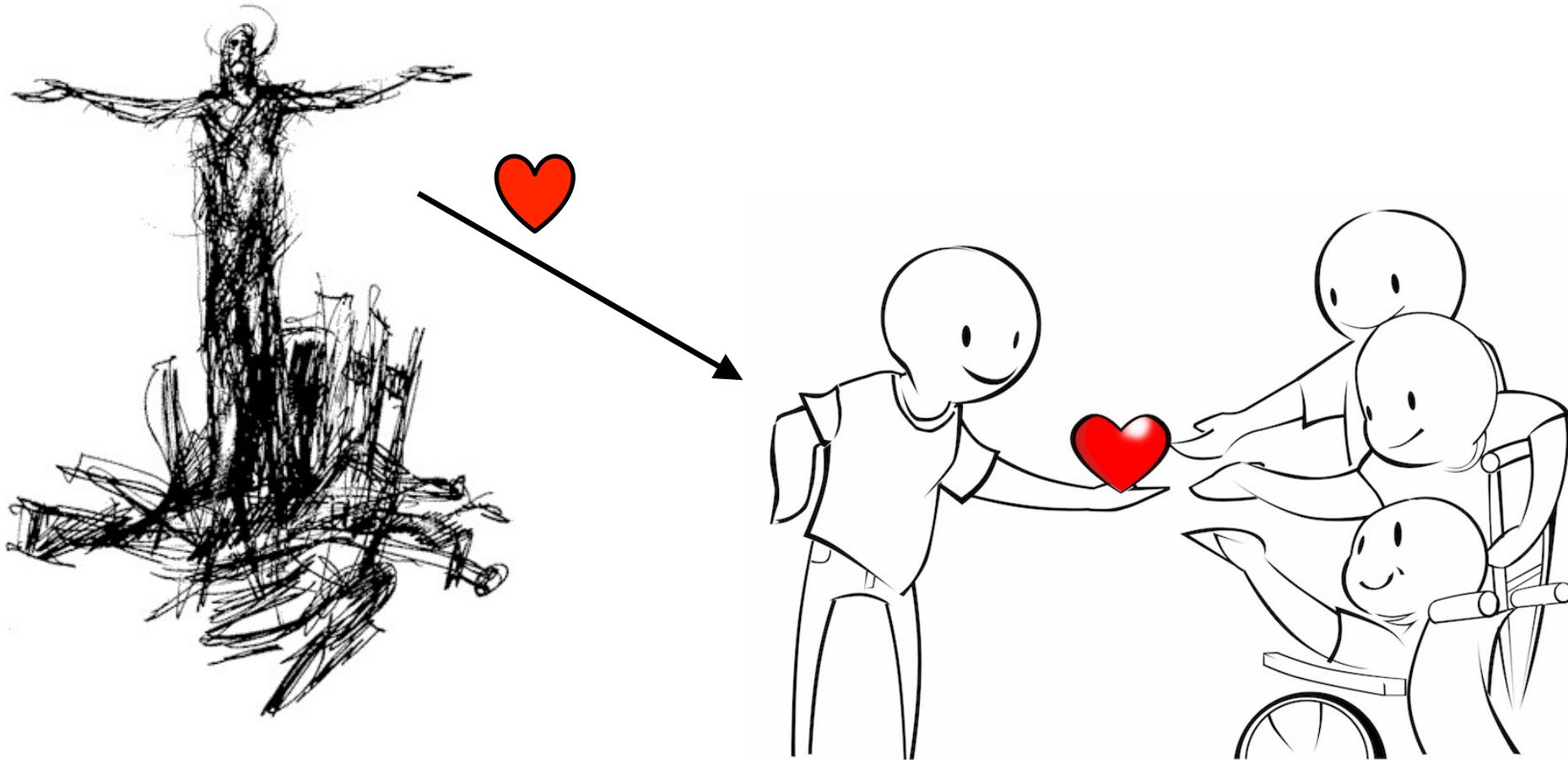
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“We’re not going to pull a bait-and-switch.”  
— Michael Vos, September 8<sup>th</sup> 2016

“One who is connected to Christ ... bears the corresponding fruit. ... [Paul’s goal is] that the Cretan believers will become holistic Christians whose authentic faith is exhibited in their good acts.” Towner, The Letters to Timothy and Titus, 803

“In the epiphany of Christ, God communicated grace and gifts to enable his people to live in a qualitatively different way from the rest of the world. The outward dimension of this new existence ... is defined in terms of ‘good deeds.’ ... These Christian good deeds consist of sacrificial service done for others. This sacrificial action effectively prolongs the epiphany of God’s grace *so that people outside the faith community might become aware of the reality of Christ among his people.*” Towner, The Letters..., 804, emphasis added



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"Ames is full of well intentioned people  
sitting on boards and volunteering in our  
social services, but we need innovative  
people working to solve problems in  
fresh ways."

- Ames City Council Member

# Jenny's last 12 months

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- 3 day DHS training, now certified as Family Team Meeting Facilitator.
- Staff at Community Partnerships for Protecting Children (CPPC)

A group of community members and professionals with child and parent safety at the top of the list. Our team uses four core strategies to empower communities to protect families by connecting them to local resources, social support, and human services agencies.

- 10+ meetings

# Building Relationships

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- Vocational rehab (post High School assistance)
- High School Counselors
- Homeless Liaison
- Special Education, ManPower
- Youth and Shelter Services
- Cornerstone Church
- United Way, ACCESS
- MICA
- Ames Police (Nick)
- Court Liaisons

# Pressing Need in Ames: Ames School District

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- 150-200 homeless students in Ames
- 1/3 of students in the Ames Community School District receive free/reduced lunch

*Story County has an 8% higher poverty rate than the rest of the State (20% vs 12%)*

# Complex

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“The problem becomes clear if we look at even the best-case minimum wage scenario — a full-time job with sick leave and other benefits, affordable and dependable transportation, and no child care expenses. After payroll deductions, about \$1,000 a month is left to budget. An average one-bedroom apartment with utilities will easily require \$700. A single parent needing two bedrooms will have to work, at minimum wage, 79 hours a week to afford the average \$740 rent for a two bedroom apartment in Ames.”

Vic Moss, Director of Emergency Residence Project

Ames Tribune, 2013 - <http://www.amestrib.com/news/vic-moss-working-poor-teeter-edge-homelessness>

# Growing

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"The predicament is the need is going up faster than the solutions. We become less relevant to the solution every single year when it grows faster than we have. When I started out in my first year, we had, I think it was, 3.9 people a night and now, as I said, we're running more like 50, but we were a lot more likely to have room back then than we do now."

Vic Moss, Director of Emergency Residence Project

*Ames Tribune, July 2016 - <http://www.amestrib.com/news/moss-step-down-emergency-residence-project-director>*

# Intergenerational

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"My life has been sort of a longitudinal study on poverty," Moss said. "Even today, we'll have people show up here and the name will be familiar, and I can remember that that was that case I looked at in the 1970s and now it's somebody with their own kids."

Vic Moss, Director of Emergency Residence Project

*Ames Tribune, March 2016 - <http://www.amestrib.com/news/moss-step-down-emergency-residence-project-director>*

# Better Solutions?

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“If we are truly committed to reducing child abuse, we must find ways to help families meet their needs. If we truly want children to not be left behind, we must work to see they don’t start behind. The best teachers cannot remedy a childhood of deprivation.”

“We, as a community, can do more. It is time to explore the possibilities.”

Vic Moss, Director of Emergency Residence Project

Ames Tribune 2013 - <http://www.amestrib.com/news/vic-moss-real-faces-poverty>

# Solutions to the Problem

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Great efforts! Initial problems addressed. Love shown.

- Backpack program
- Assigned Deacon for each school
- Homeless Shelter
- Food at First
- Food Pantry
- Clothing

A lot of programs to address the symptoms, but nothing addressing both inner and outer transformation in a comprehensive way.

# We Need Mature Churches, Families & Individuals

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## Host Family Characteristics: Things we've learned

- Non-Authoritative
- Patient (slow to respond/react/realistic expectations)
- Household order established
- Not overly emotional
- Laid back but able to be firm
- Solid & established in faith—active in ordered learning process
- Able to confront
- Able to keep perspective (able to let them fail and not take it personally)
- Teachable
- Trustworthy/confidential
- Approachable/kind

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“We have interacted with nearly 75 churches in the area, and none of them are talking about what you are talking about. None are talking about transformation and changing people’s lives.”—Andrew Self  
Frontier Church Planter/pastor

This Re:Build Process is about Gospel driven life transformation.

It is only by the power of the Gospel that these lives will be changed

The same but different!!

“So as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him: bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God.”

Colossians 1:10 ESV

# Case Study

1<sup>st</sup> Grader is seen exhibiting unusual coping strategies and behaviors of a sexual nature. At Home, life is a single mother and live in Boy-friend and suspicion that the children are being used as a “resource.” DHS is involved, yet nothing could be proved.

“There isn’t a set of exact answers to these problems; they are all complex. But there are principles, foundational truths, and “wisest paths”, which guide into substantive answers, in which we can have confidence.”

Jeff Reed “Shepherding, Counseling and Sustainability” BILD Encyclical

# Report on Re:Build Des Moines

- Huxley church
- Began to spend time together
- Talk about the Des Moines churches and the mission happening in it.
- The Huxley Church has their sphere of influence in Des Moines

# Report on Re:Build Des Moines

Every family has a connection to Des Moines

## Passions and Ministries

- Health and Wellness, Nutrition
- Business plans
- Taxes, Budgets, Money issues
- Programs, grants, educational training and Tutoring
- Family training

# Report on Re:Build Des Moines

Focus on Education and expand our Thursday night teaching opportunities

- Tax, Money class
- Walk Thru
- BILD leadership Courses
- Acts
- Pauline
- Habits of the heart
- Life to the Nth

# Report on Re:Build Des Moines

## Capital View Elementary New Community room

- Teachers lounge is an area for families to gather and use resources
- Clothes Pantry
- Food Pantry and Perishable items—Food bank Partner
- Washer and Dryer—in exchange for Volunteer time.

# Report on Re:Build Des Moines

- Computers
- Classes

Job/resume help

Interview practice

- Volunteers to help teach classes and life skills
- Write a proposal to the school to help

# Report on Re:Build Des Moines

- Rehab club

Conversation around engagement with the community for the purpose of Neighborhood pride and beautification of area.

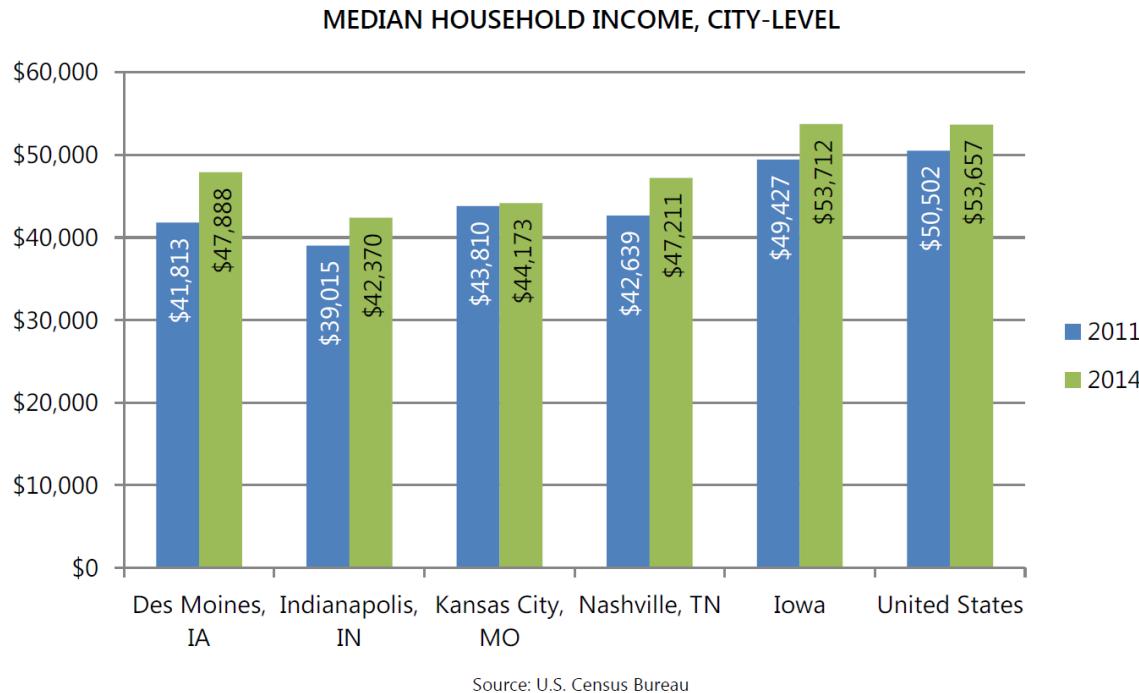
Teaching skills

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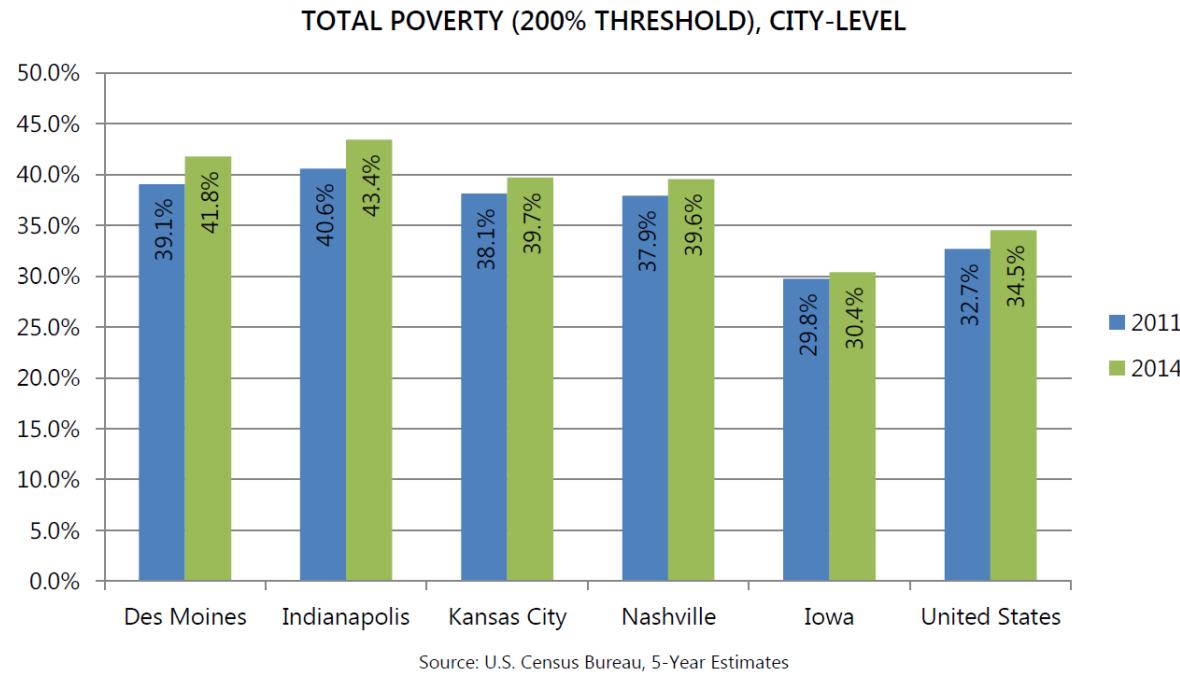
- Capital Crossroads

Group of community, governmental, and business leaders who gathered together to create a strategic plan for the city of Des Moines and surrounding areas to revitalize and sustain the city by finding ways to develop the area and overcome challenges and roadblocks.

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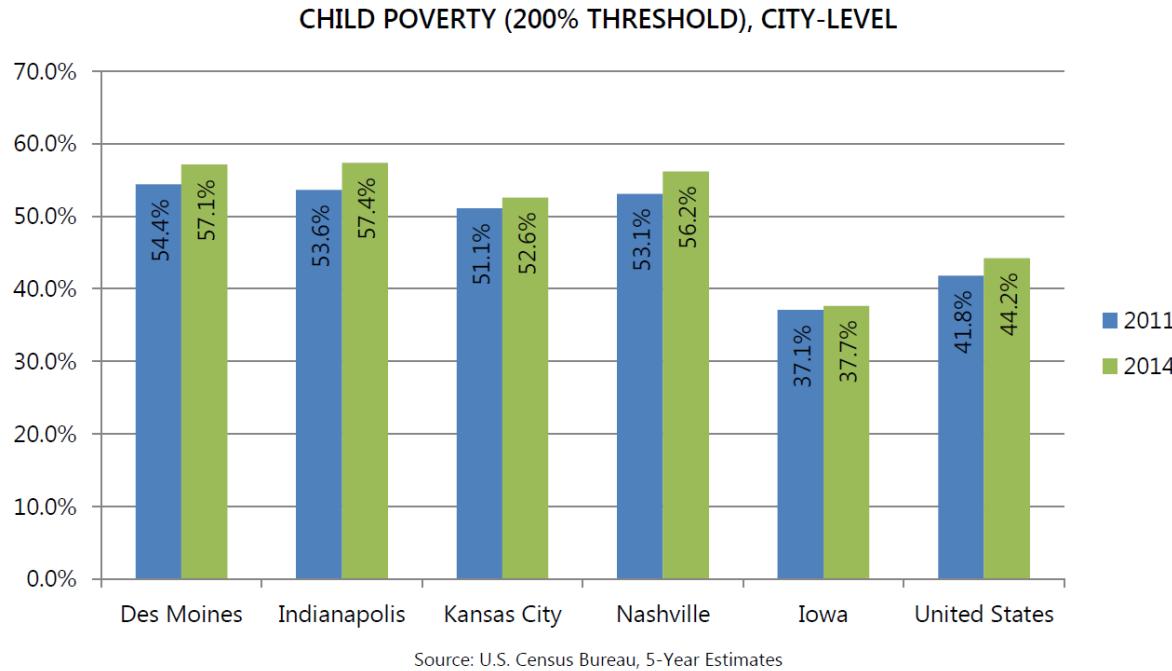


# Capital Crossroads



The federal poverty threshold for a family of four with two children was \$24,008 in 2014, the most recent year for which poverty data are available. For the purposes of this report, data regarding the percentage of individuals at or below 200 percent of the federal poverty level is utilized to provide additional insight regarding financial insecurity. While the 100 percent threshold of poverty is the official federal definition, the 200 percent figure identifies residents who may not be “poverty-stricken” but are not financially secure, meaning that they have trouble making ends meet and are at risk of falling into poverty if an unexpected expense arises.

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CRIME PER 100,000 RESIDENTS, CITY-LEVEL

	Violent Crime, 2014		Property Crime, 2014	
	Change, 2011-2014	2011-2014	Change, 2011-2014	2011-2014
Des Moines, IA	600.2	14.8%	4,245.4	-19.1%
Indianapolis, IN*	1254.7	NA	4,823.1	NA
Kansas City, MO	1251.4	4.3%	4,835.0	-12.7%
Nashville, TN	1122.5	-5.0%	3,630.6	-24.0%
Iowa	273.5	7.0%	2,093.8	-10.1%
United States	365.5	-5.4%	2,596.1	-10.7%

Source: Federal Bureau of Investigation

\*Because of changes in the state/local agency's reporting practices, figures are not comparable to previous years' data.

# Report on Re:Build Des Moines

- “However, by far the most common competitive issue cited by business leaders was Central Iowa’s supply of available workers. ...but it is worth noting the concerns that top employers have about effectively filling open positions.”
- “The availability of trained talent was the most pressing concern identified through public input.”

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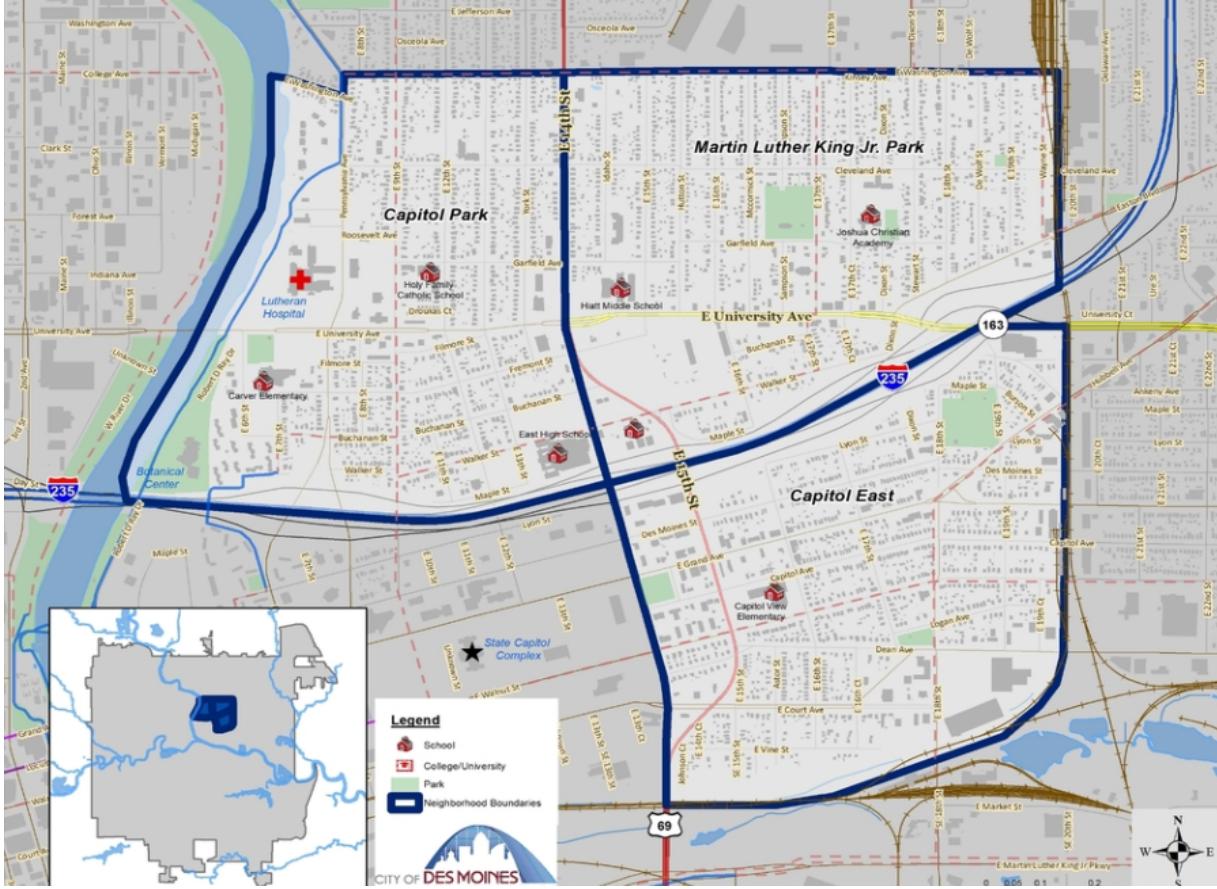
- “Key neighborhood issues cited by input respondents including the need for more affordable housing and homeownership assistance and rehabilitation programs, integration of refugees into the life of the city, addressing homelessness and food insecurity, and improved mobility options for transit-dependent populations.”

# Report on Re:Build Des Moines

- “Des Moines Public Schools has become an important partner, with one participant claiming that “this is the most the school district, city, and nonprofits have ever worked together”

# Report on Re:Build Des Moines

- “Participants were particularly encouraged by the Viva East Bank! initiative, calling it a “new model for addressing distressed neighborhoods” that provided a way to build on the development of downtown Des Moines and expand it outwards”
- “They praised the grassroots, neighborhood scale of Viva East Bank! and felt it can serve as a useful template for neighborhood renewal in the city.”



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# EAST BANK NEIGHBORHOODS: BY THE NUMBERS

- Median household income is **\$23,833**
- **33%** of the households are below the poverty level
- **34%** of the population is under the age of **18**
- **41%** of residents under age **18** are below the poverty line
- **90%** free & reduced lunch at area elementary schools
- **1 in 10** households are on public assistance
- **1 in 3** adults do not have a high school diploma
- **1 in 20** adults have a college degree
- **23%** of residents speaks a foreign language at home
- **1 in 5** houses is in poor condition.

# Report on Re:Build Des Moines

## Kevin VanderSchel

- Mentor for the past 10 years
- US Attorney
- Launching Mentorship program
- Partners all over the city
- United way
- City Universities

9000 Paroles and released Federal Prisoners in 2017

# Report on Re:Build Des Moines

- Moving to a full time mode to move around the city
- Local Church work
- City Work

# Report on Re:Build Des Moines

- Samantha is a recently divorced single mother. She has primary but shared custody of a four year old little girl, named Tabitha. Samantha lost the home she and her ex-husband purchased together to foreclosure. She was able to rent a new house, but only because she moved in with her high school friend Darren, who she is now dating. Darren is expected to help out with raising the little girl and to be in a father/husband role, but is a bit timid in this role, as he is worried to make a wrong decision, because he and Samantha have dated in the past and she had always broken it off with him.

# Report on Re:Build Des Moines

- Betty is single mother of two young boys, and has moved into a new school. While talking to a teacher at the school tells the teacher she feels like she cannot help with educating her children as she cannot read and cannot help with schoolwork. She also says he children will probably be late in attending school on the first day because the children do not have name brand clothes to wear to school, because she has no money and was recently fired from her job at State Fair. She will need to hold the children out of school until she gets her check from the state fair and she will not use “Boosters” to supply the name brand clothes. Boosters will get 10 outfits for \$200—No shoes.

- Big lessons

The plan is taking shape and God is revealing to our church the work ahead

The work is enormous

**IT WILL TAKE EVERYONE PARTICIPATING**

There are an overwhelming amount of agencies and Churches to work with and hopefully merge together on mission

We are ready for this!

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