

## Ministers/Spouse Retreat Servant Evangelism

**{PPT}** “Christians today increasingly find ourselves on the margins of our culture...The majority of people in the West have no intention of ever attending church. Most only utter the name of Christ as a swear word.”

These words by Tim Chester and Steve Timmis in *Everyday Church*, though written in the context of Great Britain, hold true increasingly in the United States as well. **{PPT}** We who love Jesus and grew up in church have lost the home field advantage where the majority of the population had an overall positive posture toward the church. The impact of the church on the West has waned in our lifetime.

Chester and Timmis continue: **{PPT}** “Yet many of our approaches to evangelism still assume a Christendom mentality. We expect people to come when we ring the church bell or put on a good service. But the majority of the population is disconnected. Changing what we do in church will not reach them. We need to meet them in the context of everyday life.”

Can some be reached by our conventional methods of evangelistic meetings and evangelistic programs? Certainly. Many still have enough connection to church to be reached in traditional ways. But **{PPT}** studies show that even the more conservative estimates indicate well over 100 million in the U.S. do not know Christ and would be considered unchurched, or beyond the reach of established churches.

America is not being reached by the Gospel. **{PPT}** Most believers rarely share their faith. **{PPT}** Surveys show that only three to five percent of believers consistently share their faith. The influence of Christianity in culture has waned greatly in our lifetime. What if we discovered a way to communicate the Gospel that was winsome both to the witness and to the lost person?

**{PPT}** Traditional models for evangelism typically focus on the special gifting of a few visible evangelists. / Anointed communicators such as Jonathan Edwards, Billy Sunday and R. A. Torrey have played a vital role in bringing the message of Jesus’ love into the world. These approaches were very effective at various points in Church history, but the society into which the gospel must be spoken has changed tremendously.

**{PPT}** Servant evangelism merely adds intentional acts of kindness to the discipline of intentional, personal evangelism. / Servant evangelism offers the simplest, most transferable, and yes, most *fun* approach for moving believers closer to a biblical lifestyle marked by consistent witnessing.

**{PPT}** C. N. Bovee said: “Kindness is a language which the dumb can speak, the deaf can understand.

I believe that the Lord is looking for people who believe that a humble demonstration of

love plants a seed of eternity in the hearts of others that will blossom into faith in Christ.

One of the things I want you to see today is that the message of the gospel must be spoken and shown to the watching world. **{PPT}** Surveys and studies indicate that approximately 10% of Christians are naturally gifted in the ministry of evangelism. I hope to be able to present to you today a way of reaching the unchurched that can easily be done by the other 90%.

**{PPT}** We have to get the American church out of our Christian subculture into the real world where unbelieving people live. / And we must show and share the good news with them.

**{PPT}** If getting people into a classroom to learn a way to share Christ were the answer, we should be way ahead of the curve! / Unfortunately, it seems that in spite of the training, most people still face the challenge of overcoming their inertia: actually getting out of the pews and into the fields. Thus, the question remains of how to get people in our churches to actually start witnessing?

The solution does not start with Servant Evangelism or any other approach. The solution begins with a renewed love of Jesus and His Gospel. We who lead churches must be Gospel men/women, demonstrating the change the Gospel makes in all of life, by living with a passion for Christ, growing deeper in the realization of the Gospel's power and the grace of God. But Servant Evangelism can help here: by being among lost people, showing kindness to the, interacting with those who do not know Christ, we can capture a renewed sense of the need of the world while at the same time being reminded of the wonder of the Gospel.

**{PPT}** Here is part of our problem: we spend too much time with each other as Christians! / Being among the lost, interacting more with people who do not know Christ can motivate us to love God and love people more.

Servant evangelism is one method—not the only method, nor necessarily the best one for every situation. And like any other approach, it simply doesn't work apart from the agency of the Holy Spirit who is the only true evangelist.

### **Servant Evangelism Defined**

**{PPT}** Often the word *evangelism* brings to mind a dynamic person speaking to large crowds about Jesus and giving an invitation for salvation. / Some evangelists do speak to large, public crowds, but the truth is there are many approaches to evangelism and many different strategies. Servant evangelism is sharing God's love by simply serving others in practical ways without asking for or expecting anything in return.

**{PPT}** Servant evangelism is nothing more or less than a combination of intentional, personal witness with intentional acts of kindness. **{PPT}** It involves intentionally sharing Christ by modeling biblical servanthood.

Acts of kindness simply add a helpful way to communicate the unchanging gospel.

**{PPT}** Servant evangelism in a nutshell is, “demonstrating the kindness of God by offering to do some act of humble service with no strings attached”, says Sjogren.

Defining servant evangelism, Sjogren explains, **{PPT}** “It’s doing small things with great kindness to unexpectedly interrupt a person’s day with the love of God.”

Whenever people see the love of God in action, a hot button is touched deep inside them.

**{PPT}** People are generally not stupid – they can tell if we care about them. Most people do not care how much you know about God until they know that you care for them.

Studies have shown that by showing intentional kindness to others that lost people are at least twice as likely to allow a Gospel conversation.

Sharing the Good News is not a one-shot deal. American Christians tend to view evangelism as a one-shot deal—a “let ‘em have it while we’ve got their attention” blast from both barrels of a shotgun loaded with Scripture.

**{PPT}** Paul states, “I have planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the increase” (1 Corinthians 3:6). / Implied in his words is the notion of evangelism as a process, a sort of spiritual continuum that includes every human being. Paul’s view of evangelism is quite unlike our American mindset that tends to focus on the “harvesting” aspect of soul winning rather than the planting part.

**{PPT}** Dr. Paul Benjamin in his book *The Equipping Ministry*, states that the average person requires five significant encounters with the gospel before accepting Jesus Christ as Savior.

## **Servant Evangelism Described**

**{PPT}** The focus of servant evangelism is doing acts of kindness for anyone and everyone. “*As we have opportunity, let us do good to all people*” (**Galatians 6:10**).

**{PPT}** For most Christians, doing evangelism is a lot like going to the dentist: No one really enjoys doing it, but it has to be done every once in a while.

**{PPT}** I believe that people are often more comfortable *doing* for others than they are simply *talking* to them. **{PPT}** The reported number-one fear of Americans is talking to strangers! / When they assume they’re being asked to do the very thing they most fear in life, it’s no wonder so many Christians cringe at the prospect of evangelism.

On the other hand, serving is a reasonable task to ask of the average “coward” in the body of Christ. **{PPT}** I would venture to say that most Christians are cowards when it comes

to sharing the gospel with strangers.

Servant evangelism is a low-risk venture. It doesn't take a great deal of gifting, money or even boldness to influence large numbers of people.

Jesus came as the suffering, humble servant. The goal in servant evangelism is to shine the spotlight on God's kingdom by coming in the spirit of Jesus.

**{PPT}** Doing humble acts of service causes the world to notice our lives and to listen to our message.

Quarters at laundromats, free car washes, light bulb and soda giveaways, even toilet cleaning service, all function as examples of servant evangelism.

Human nature always points the emotional compass inward. As the church, we must point our emotional compass outward. Jesus promised that "*rivers of living water*" would flow out of the "*hearts of all who believe in Him*". As we bring the Kingdom of God into the community, we will change the community in which we live.

**{PPT}** The entire Church is falsely looked upon as beggars and hustlers. Always looking to get something for nothing. / The watching world and community has the Church having only one message, "*Come in and Join Us.*" They are not looking to be part of a failing cause, and want nothing to do with fast-talking con-artists with slick approaches. Having their hand out always for a donation for there cause.

The Church has been judged by the community for a long time as being out of touch with people's real needs, hurts and pains. By doing Servant Evangelism we show GOD's love in a practical way.

**{PPT}** Servant evangelism is intentionally evangelistic, but not coercive. / When performing an act of kindness, the one witnessing says, "I am doing this to show the love of Jesus in a practical way." Then, as the Holy Spirit opens the door, usually through the individual asking for further information, the person who is serving has a captive audience with whom he can share the gospel and his own testimony.

**{PPT}** Kind actions, however, do not themselves constitute evangelism. **{PPT}** Evangelism includes the verbal communication of the gospel. / Would it not be a cruel gesture to offer to wash someone's car and fail to tell them about the Water of Life? To give a light bulb without telling of the Light of the world? To clean a toilet without telling about the only One who can cleanse a person's heart from sin? **{PPT}** Failing to tell people the truth, including the truth about sin and judgment, when the opportunity avails itself is actually cruel.

Scripture abounds with examples of Jesus modeling servanthood and kindness in evangelism. For instance, in John 4, Christ overlooks the obvious taboos of his day to reach out to a Samaritan woman needing the Water of Life. Although conventional

wisdom dictated that Christ should have avoided any contact with the woman to guard against religious defilement, He nevertheless chose to converse with the woman. Such kindness presented the opportunity for personal evangelism. Sadly, the disciples remained clueless to Jesus' intent in this situation. In the end, because of Christ's overwhelming love and commitment to the principles of servanthood, the woman was compelled to bring multitudes of others to meet the Savior. Aside from the story of the Samaritan woman in the Gospel of John, consider Jesus feeding the 5,000 (John 6), or Jesus' act of publicly forgiving and receiving the woman caught in adultery (John 8). The most obvious example of servanthood is the washing of the disciples' feet (John 13). It is instructive that this act of servanthood (washing the disciples' feet), occurred only a short time before the supreme act of servanthood—Christ dying on the cross for the redemption of mankind.

In his Gospel account, Matthew describes the ministry of Jesus as being a ministry of preaching, teaching, and healing. This threefold ministry—preaching the good news of the kingdom, teaching about himself, and performing acts of kindness and servanthood—are the defining characteristics of Christ's earthly ministry (see Matt 4:23; 9:35).

**{PPT}** Serving others was a hallmark of Jesus' earthly ministry. The simple act of Jesus washing the disciples feet in John 13 is one of the more defining expression of His earthly ministry. / After washing the disciples' feet He said, **{PPT}** *“Do you understand what I am doing? You call me ‘Teacher’ and ‘Lord,’ and you are right, because it is true. And since I, the Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you ought to wash each other’s feet. I have given you an example to follow. Do as I have done to you. How true it is that a servant is not greater than the master. Nor are messengers more important than the one who sends them. You know these things—now do them! That is the path of blessing”* (John 13:12-17; NLT).

In a day when religious leaders were openly honored and given an exalted status in society, the common task of washing feet was considered demeaning. Nevertheless, it was Christ, the Suffering Servant of Scripture, that states in **{PPT}** **Matthew 20:28** (NKJV), *“The Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.”*

**{PPT}** Authentic servanthood provides us with a powerful tool for evangelism!

### **Busting Stereotypes**

**{PPT}** In 2003, a Gallup poll indicated that almost half of U.S. adults do not have “a great deal” of confidence in organized religion. / Moreover, **{PPT}** the same year, a Barna Research Group study reported that a sample of non-Christian adults ranked evangelicals tenth out of 11 groups evaluated, rating them one place above prostitutes. **{PPT}** Clearly, the Church has an image problem. **{PPT}** Servant evangelism, its proponents believe, helps to combat negative stereotypes often associated with the Church by allowing people to see the Gospel lived out.

Because of the front-page publicity given to sex and money scandals involving several visible leaders in the Church, **[PPT]** many unchurched people feel Christians must earn the right to be heard. Before we share God's words of love with a hurting world, we must first be willing to do deeds of love with the heart of a servant.

Mother Teresa brought clarity to the world's viewpoint in this statement: **[PPT]** "True acts of love go before God forever as worship to him." Instead of just telling the gospel, we are bringing the gospel to people. **[PPT]** Our society expects to be preached at by enthusiastic Christians. It is almost shocking to unbelievers when we break that expectation by offering simple, practical demonstrations of God's love.

**[PPT]** Doing kindness, Sjogren says, draws curiosity. "It's more of a 'show-me' thing than a 'tell-me' thing," he explains. "People are really tired of being told. They are not interested in a message of words but are very interested in messages of works and demonstrations."

Keith Giles, outreach director for The River in Tustin, Calif. ([therivertustin.com](http://therivertustin.com)), adds to Sjogren's insights: **[PPT]** True compassion is something you cannot argue against," he says. "People who are resistant to the Gospel are open to works of service and compassion. This becomes a path for them to take Jesus seriously, outside the theoretical framework or intellectual argument."

That's how Andy Healy, a single father and electrician, connected with Riverside Church in Cincinnati, Ohio ([riversidech.org](http://riversidech.org)), and ultimately Christ, one hot July afternoon. Stopped at an intersection, Healy accepted a free cold soda from two women. As he recalls, "There were some crazy church people handing out pop. I thought, 'Sure, I'll take your free pop. No problem.' " He placed the connection card on the truck's dash.

As summer turned to fall and his daughter headed back to school, Healy sensed he needed something more in his life. The card was still in his truck, and he remembered the kindness of the two women that day—something he hadn't seen in Christians he knew in the past. The next Sunday, he and his daughter visited Riverside, and a few weeks later he accepted Christ.

### **Strengths of Servant Evangelism for Believers**

There are many benefits of servant evangelism, both for those being served and for those serving. Servant evangelism reaches people where they are and exposes non-Christians to Christians showing God's love in unmistakable and non-threatening ways. **[PPT]** Not everyone is comfortable walking into a church building, but receiving a free service with no strings attached is harder to resist. / In fact, it usually piques curiosity as to why someone would go out of his or her way to perform this act of kindness. Servant evangelism has the potential to soften people's hearts, enabling them to hear and receive the gospel of Jesus Christ. It is a good way to "water" seed previously sown (see 1 Corinthians 3:6).

Besides being effective for reaching unchurched postmoderns, this approach has many benefits for the church. Individual believers can be inspired and involved in fulfilling the Great Commission. **{PPT}** First, it is fun! / Certainly mature believers should understand that they serve Christ not because it is fun, but because it is essential. God's ultimate priority is not to make an individual *happy*, but to make him or her *holy*.

That being said, the notion of Christianity as a lifestyle devoid of fun stands as an indictment against the modern church. The idea of having a good time while witnessing is unbelievably liberating.

Ask any group of believers about the most enjoyable part of their lives, and few will put evangelism at the top of the list. Yet, what could be more fulfilling than helping a lost soul experience the new birth?

**{PPT}** Few things are more exciting in ministry than to see a group of students or laypeople washing cars, sharing the gospel, getting wet, and honoring Christ all in one afternoon!

**{PPT}** Second, servant evangelism involves everyone in evangelism, including families. In many cases, the church has become too individualistic. / While biblical and appropriate to evangelize on an individual basis, a group of believers serving together brings fellowship and encouragement. In addition, these opportunities become ripe times for mentoring and teaching. **{PPT}** While one person may do the witnessing, everyone takes part in the experience. The person pumping gas or washing a windshield is praying as another witnesses.

**{PPT}** In a very real way, servant evangelism provides the opportunity for every believer to contribute in a significant manner to the outreach of God's kingdom.

While a five year-old child may not be able to fully explain the gospel message, he can certainly pass-out sodas at the store or go along with dad and mom as they give away light bulbs door-to-door in their neighborhood. In the end, the family has a great time of fellowship and fun as each individual is reminded about his Great Commission responsibilities.

**{PPT}** Third, servant evangelism follows the model of Jesus. / Preaching, teaching, and healing encompassed the basic ministry of Jesus as he made his way to the cross and his eventual glorification through the resurrection.

**{PPT}** In his own words, he reminds us in **Matthew 20:28** that “. . . *the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.*”

**{PPT}** Serving is what Jesus did and does. / He serves. He is a Servant King. His statement, "*The Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many,*" (**Mark 10:45 NIV**) His life was actively expressed through His service toward people. He did not seek to please Himself, but sought to bring honor to

His Father. *“Let this mind be in you, which also was in Christ Jesus”* Phil. 2:5 (KJV)  
His obedient service to others was.

- He turned water into wine.
- He fed the hungry.
- He healed the sick.
- He washed the disciples feet.
- He died on a cross.
- He even served his disciples a fish breakfast after His resurrection.

**{PPT}** Jesus boldly preached a message of repentance and redemption, while demonstrating the life of a servant. The truth of the gospel spreads more effectively through the vehicle of a servant’s life.

**{PPT}** Fourth, servant evangelism allows laypeople to use their creativity to initiate ministry opportunities.

These people are not only participating in predesigned servant evangelism projects, they are actually taking leadership team positions and utilizing their creativity to initiate new approaches to servant evangelism.

One of the most exciting aspect of servant evangelism is the impact it has on students in the church. Young people love it!

**{PPT}** Fifth, servant evangelism takes very few resources and can thus be done anywhere in any setting. / You might buy a few light bulbs, sodas, or cleaning supplies. You could also begin by determining what you already have and using it to minister to the community.

**{PPT}** Sixth, servant evangelism is winsome. / A survey of students at Southeastern Seminary employing servant evangelism over a two-week period demonstrated that **{PPT}** servant evangelism resulted in twice as many opportunities to share the gospel than more traditional approaches. Please note, this does *not* mean that traditional approaches do not work.

Intensive studies have revealed that effective evangelistic churches often utilize door-to-door visitation, evangelistic surveys, assignment visitation, and a variety of other intentional means by which to share the gospel with the unsaved.

Servant evangelism can enhance these and other approaches.

For Deeper Life Fellowship in Mobile, Ala., servant evangelism has been vital to building unity in the church, says Pastor Mark Wyatt.

“Unity comes because people get used to thinking about others, not themselves, which is where most strife comes from anyway,” he observes. “They stop thinking about what

they need, and they get excited about working together to make a perceivable difference in the city.”

## **Foundational Principles for Servant Evangelism**

Three foundational principles must be understood. **{PPT}** First, participants must be intentionally evangelistic.

**{PPT}** Those who desire to change society must not withhold the redeeming message of Christ. Always look for opportunities to give a verbal witness.

While it is true that you may not get the opportunity to witness on every occasion, if you look for opportunities to share the remedy for mankind’s greatest ill, rest assured that God will give you divine appointments.

**{PPT}** Second, those participating must genuinely care about people. People are not stupid. They can tell whether you really care for them. / Moreover, Jesus our Lord expects us to have genuine compassion. In **Matthew 9:35-38**, Jesus is described as having compassion on the multitudes because *“they were distressed and downcast like sheep without a shepherd.”*

He then moves immediately to the subject of the harvest and the need for disciples who could work in his harvest fields. One implication is that his disciples who work in his fields should share his compassion for the lost. Indeed, servant evangelism practiced without genuine compassion for people is nothing more than a Christianized version of the old “bait and switch.”

**{PPT}** Third, eventually, all participants need training. One of the beauties of servant evangelism is that it does not require one to be a witnessing expert.

In order to remain intentionally focused on pure evangelism, it is imperative that each group or pair include someone who can lead people to Christ. This also provides a perfect mentoring opportunity as the inexperienced participants can learn how to witness through watching and listening to others.

Eventually, it is suggested that every active participant should receive training on developing and using their personal testimony and on giving a simple gospel presentation.

**{PPT}** Fourth, never underestimate the role of prayer. Spiritual resources are required for spiritual activity.

Any project, from a car wash to a laundromat, should be steeped in prayer.

## **How To Begin Servant Evangelism**

How can the individual be spurred on to get involved and to develop a lifestyle of evangelism?

### **{PPT}** *Learn to Identify Needs*

The first step in developing an evangelistic lifestyle is very simple. Learn how to identify the needs of the people. **{PPT}** We as Christians need to train ourselves to spot needs in other people's lives so we can then minister to those needs, or to think missionally. **{PPT}** Missional means to think like a missionary, or to see the world through a missionary's eyes. / A missional believer recognizes Gospel opportunities around him/her.

### **{PPT}** *Go Where Needs Are*

**{PPT}** Returning to the example of Jesus in John 4, we can see that Jesus not only identified the needs of the people, but He went to them regardless of how it looked to others. / As His followers, we need to have the same attitude and drive when it comes to evangelism. **{PPT}** We need to identify needs and be willing to go to where those needs are, even if it means going into an unpleasant or unfamiliar setting. So many times we avoid the slums and downtown alleys, and focus our witnessing efforts on less abrasive places and people. This was not the approach of Christ.

The woman at the well was not the type of woman with whom any Jewish male would have felt comfortable. Samaritans were the offspring of Jews that had intermarried with people of other faiths and mixed pagan traditions and teachings with those of Judaism. With that in mind, it is not hard to see why the Samaritans were viewed so lowly by the Jews. Not only were they not full-blooded Jews, but also they had compromised their theology and teachings and abandoned the faith of their fathers. Not only was she a "half-breed" according to the Jews, but she was also an adulterous woman. In the typical Jewish mind, this made her less than human.

This makes the events of John 4 even more spectacular. At that moment, the disciples must have felt a thousand miles outside of their comfort zone. However, this did not hinder Jesus. **{PPT}** As Christians, we need to be willing to step out of our comfort zones and interact with cultures that might not be the same as ours. We need to go where the needs are most apparent.

### **{PPT}** *Initiate a Plan*

When Jesus went to the woman at the well, He had a strategy. He listened to her politely, and spoke to her in a non-aggressive tone. He confronted her with the truth without embarrassment or manipulation. Then, when she was ready, He offered the ultimate solution to her problem.

Once we identify the needs of people, we must initiate a plan to help meet that need.

Jesus identified the world's need for forgiveness and a restored relationship with the Father. He was willing to come where the need was, namely to earth: and so He wrapped Himself in human flesh and came as one of us. He also initiated a plan to meet the desperate need of humanity; which was to die on the cross in our place in order to make restoration to the Father possible for all people. Lastly, he didn't give up on us and leave us to our own devices to figure out how to live the Christian life. He sent "another," the Holy Spirit who is our comforter and sustainer.

### **{PPT} *Be Willing to Stay***

Once we initiate a plan to meet the needs of the people, we need to be willing to stay. In John 4, after Jesus had ministered to the people from Sychar, He stayed with them for two days.

**{PPT}** We need to be willing to forge relationships with people in our spheres of influence. **{PPT}** They need to know that they are not just numbers, and that we are not simply marking off "evangelism" on our own personal list of things to do. Once this happens, people will realize that we care about them individually.

### **Corporately**

Where does Servant Evangelism fit into your Congregation's strategic plan for outreach?

Unfortunately we have lost sight of the basic biblical principles that create genuine growth and lasting expansion of the Kingdom.

**{PPT}** Churches are looking for the latest programs or "silver bullets" that will bring instantaneous growth! This type of logic tends to lead congregations to develop the attitude that it is the clergy's responsibility to accomplish evangelism and church growth.

It is normal to find a church calendar filled with countless activities and unconnected evangelism events spread throughout the year. **{PPT}** In most churches it is not unusual to find a church budget, overall structure and prayer list, if one exists, that are heavily focused on meeting the inward needs of the congregation.

Let me share two basic biblical principles to moving the congregation in a strategic direction, especially in relation to their evangelism ministry.

The first thing we must acknowledge is the basic need to **{PPT} plow the fields through prayer.** **{PPT} Psalm 126:5 (NASB)** says, "*Those who sow in tears will reap with joyful shouting.*" / It is shocking how few congregations have an ongoing prayer ministry that includes consistent intercession for the unsaved. **{PPT}** In most cases, prayer lists are filled with local church needs of all kinds, especially physical. The unsaved seem to be completely ignored. **{PPT}** Someone has observed: "In our churches

we spend more time praying to keep sick saints out of heaven than we do praying lost people into heaven.” Amen!

We need to challenge our people to keep an ongoing list of unsaved people and begin daily to pray for each person by name. This should also be done in a public manner every time the church comes together. Notice, that the early church’s first record of praying after facing persecution centered not on being delivered, but on fulfilling the Great Commission (Acts 4:23-31).

The prayer ministry of the church should also go mobile through the regular activity of prayer walking.

The second basic principle is, **{PPT}** **consistently plant the Gospel seed.** / The unfortunate truth is that most congregations are so harvest/results driven that they ignore the vital importance of consistently planting seeds. **{PPT}** The greatest way to kill the harvest is to ignore the plowing and planting. Look back at **Psalm 126**. It says in **verse 6**, “*He who goes to and fro weeping, carrying his bag of seed, shall indeed come again with a shout of joy, bringing his sheaves with him*” (NASB).

This is why Servant Evangelism is so important to a strategic plan for outreach. **{PPT}** Servant Evangelism is a tremendous way to spread Gospel seed.

Imagine for a moment the possible number of seeds that can be sown in a three-hour period spent wrapping Christmas presents for free at the local mall in December, or washing cars for free in June.

In order for us to have a harvest someone has to consistently do the plowing and planting.

### **Servant Evangelism Projects That Work**

**{PPT}** **William Penn:** “*If there is any kindness I can show, or any good thing I can do to any fellow being, let me do it now, and not deter or neglect it, as I shall not pass this way again.*”

**{PPT}** All projects are free—no donations accepted! Some services are provided while those being served are away, making cards or printed notes necessary.

**Public Places** (gas stations, restaurants, malls, grocery stores, retail stores, soccer and baseball fields, etc.).

- Umbrella Escorts
- Windshield Washing
- Coffee Giveaways
- Gift wrapping at Christmas
- Soft Drink Giveaways

Restroom Cleaning  
Grocery Bag Loading Assistance  
Bag Packing at Self-Serve Groceries  
Grocery Cart Return  
Popsicle giveaways  
Free cookies  
Free shoe shine

### ***Sporting Events Giveaways***

Cokes  
Coffee  
Popcorn  
Popsicles  
Peanuts (be sure not to give any to a person with peanut allergies)  
Sunglasses (cheap ones)

### ***Automobiles***

Windshield Washing  
Check Oil and fill  
Single Mom's Oil Change  
Washer Fluid fill  
Tire pressure check  
Interior vacuuming  
Car wash

### ***Parks***

Doggie dirt clean-up  
Helium balloons for kids  
Polaroid picture giveaways  
Popsicle giveaways  
Grilling hot dogs/free picnic  
Gatorade at biking trails/jogging trails  
Face painting

### ***College Campuses***

Pen/pencil giveaways  
Free copies  
Free coffee, soft drinks  
Dorm cleaning  
Free tutoring  
Breakfast bagels or pop tarts

### ***House to House***

Leaf raking  
Lawn mowing  
Grass edging  
Screen cleaning  
General yard cleanup  
Sidewalk sweeping  
Windshield washing (car in driveway)  
Sunday morning paper and coffee giveaways  
Window washing  
Free community dinner  
Weed spraying/pulling  
Garage cleaning

### ***Miscellaneous***

Mother's Day carnation giveaways  
Food delivery to shut-ins  
Car drying at self-serve car washes  
Collect trees after Christmas for disposal  
Free bait at local fishing spots  
Easter basket giveaway  
Pizza on moving day at apartment or condo

The options are limitless...use your imagination!

Business card with at least your church or organization's name, address and phone number are highly recommended at all service projects so that people will be able to contact you if they need you in the future.

If you will go to [servanevangelism.com](http://servanevangelism.com) you can get ideas on connect cards.