



# LINK CARE CENTER

CHANGING ONE HELPING MANY.  
*Transform their world.*

## PASTORAL IMPACT CHURCH CAN BE HARD ON PASTORS, LIFE CAN BE HARDER

*Samuel\** is a pastor of a new and growing church. Speaking with him today, you notice his vision, optimism, and strong sense of God's leading.

*But it wasn't always that way.*

A number of years ago two different and unconnected events happened in his life, which threw him completely off balance. He actually found himself thinking everyone would be better off without him. He could just drive off the road. . .

*What happened?*

First, a foster care process to lead to adoption actually led to reunification. While he was happy for the family, he felt the loss like his own child had died.

Second, a father figure in his fatherless life passed away. This one-two combination produced overwhelming sadness, depression, anger, loss, and hopelessness.

*Outwardly, the church was doing well.  
Inwardly, he was spiraling downward.*

\*To protect the privacy of our transformation stories, Link Care Center changes the names & certain details.

Fortunately, he had heard about Link Care's PASTORcare program, and *instead of driving off the road, he drove to Link Care.*

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Through the five *free* sessions he received, he started understanding the depth of his depression and despair, and how to develop some coping strategies. Through the entire counseling process, he thankfully got to the point he could continue ministry free from the disabling hurts. . .

*That was years ago.*

How has life been? Just like yours and mine. Ups and downs. Pretty big ones. But, what he learned from the counseling process has empowered him to apply these insights to new issues and situations. And, he has been able to preach and teach about all of this, so his congregation has grown as well. Instead of wearing out and leaving, he came back and is reaching so many.

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ELIAS LOERA  
*Pastor*

## PERSONAL IMPACT LIFE+MINISTRY

*“Our city is full of pastors that carry around the baggage of life before ministry, and then combined with the stress of ministry, they have trouble. I myself deal with life before ministry. I was in the military and I carry that around, and I have*

*actually lost friends that did not get help because they could not afford it or they weren't willing to. We need to help these pastors.”*

PASTOR ELIAS LOERA  
Family Christian Assembly Church  
Fresno, California



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## PLEASE PRAY

*Our goal is to find 100 churches and individuals in the Central Valley who will commit to an average of 1000.00 each year. Some can give more. Some less. These funds will allow us to help 150 pastors each year get the care they need. Currently, we can help spouses and family members if they come in with the pastor. But sometimes spouses or children need individual attention. We currently cannot accommodate this need. We can when we get 100 commitments. Please pray how you might help us achieve this goal, and help so many transform their world.*

## THE PASTORcare FUND

### HOW IT WORKS

Local pastors in the Central Valley can receive five counseling sessions at no charge to help them address their struggles. So far, we have helped almost 250 pastors with this program.

Your financial commitment helps us continue to meet these pastors' needs and return them to effective ministry.

## INTERESTED IN DONATING ONLINE?

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## OUR GROWING LIST OF SUPPORTIVE & CONNECTING CHURCHES

Ark Christian Fellowship	New Harvest
Bethel Christian Center	New Hope Community Church
The Bridge EFC	Northpark Community Church
California SBC	Northwest Church
Central Calif. District	Pentecostal Church of God
Christ Community Church	The Peoples Church
Christian Temple	Pilgrim Armenian Congregational Church
Clovis Evangelical Free	Plymouth Church
College Church of Christ	The River
CrossCity Christian Church	The Well Community Church
Crosspoint Church	University Presbyterian Church
First Baptist of Strathmore	Woodward Park Baptist Church
First Presbyterian Church	The Word Community Church
God's Family Church	
Kingsburg Community Church	
Laton Church of the Brethren	
Lifebridge Community Church	

*Thank you!*