

MEETING NEEDS THROUGH PRAYER AND ACTION



THE SCHOOL NEEDS HELP

Teachers are overwhelmed, students are dealing with the unknown. The need has never been greater but we have the opportunity to bring hope.



ENGAGE WITH PRAYER

Asking God to bring hope through us, and beyond our actions. Engaging with prayer through actions is a powerful way to foster a sense of community, compassion, and unity.



MEET WITH ACTION

Tutoring // Peer-To-Peer Interaction

Internet Access // Guardian Angle Home Visits // Child Care

Video Lessons for Teachers // Teacher Wish List // Supporting Teachers as "Heroes"

Cleaning Supplies // Food Provisions

Green = Supporting the School
Purple = At Your Church
Orange = Support Teachers
Red= Support The Students



ACTIONS STEPS

Tutoring // Open your church up to a limited number of students and provide a tutor to help them with their online schooling. This supports both the students and the overworked teachers.

Peer-To-Peer Interaction // Help coordinate older and more advanced students supporting other students with their school work. This helps increase the support for students who need help.

Internet Hotspot // Allow your church to be a center for students without WIFI to complete school work.

Guardian Angel Visits // This idea must partner with the school's guidance counseling department. Identifying at-risk students and coordinating one-on-one visits.

Childcare // Parents are working and trying to figure out who can supervise their children during school hours. Cost-effective child care is a huge opportunity for outreach.

Video Lessons for Teachers // This applies to teachers on an A and B day schedule. They are teaching both in-person and online and may benefit from pre-recorded lessons. If you have quality video equipment, allow them to record and then give them the digital files.

Teachers' Wish List // Connect with your administration about keeping a wish list for specific items teachers need instead of doing a general school supply drive. Their needs have changed, and targeted help is the most valued by teachers.

Supporting Teachers as "Heroes" // Teachers battling stress, new procedures, and unknown expectations. They need support, love, and encouragement. Be creative and consistent in showing them that they are the heroes of our communities.

Cleaning Supplies // One of the most critical areas of need for schools is cleaning supplies. Their budgets are stretched, and cleaning regulations call for more resources than they have budgeted for.

Food Provision // Coordinate with the food services at your local school to identify what students and families are in need, and specifically what resources are needed to make it happen.



FIND THE NEED ~ MATT WILLINGHAM

1. Find the Need:

- Start by identifying the specific needs of the school or educational institution you wish to engage with. Every campus has unique requirements, and it's crucial to understand them thoroughly.
- Approach school administrators, teachers, or relevant staff members to inquire about their needs and challenges. Listen actively and empathetically to their responses.
- Keep in mind that the needs can vary from school to school, such as academic support, extracurricular activities, infrastructure improvements, or additional resources. Tailor your approach accordingly.

2. Connect:

- Connect with the leadership and staff of the school to establish trust and rapport.
- Attend school events, meetings, and open houses to meet with educators, administrators, and other key stakeholders. Introduce yourself and express your genuine interest in supporting the school.
- Stay engaged and maintain regular communication to foster relationships. Building connections takes time, so be patient and consistent in your efforts.

3. Serve:

- Remember that your primary purpose is to serve the school community. A servant leadership approach speaks volumes and builds trust among the staff and students.
- Offer your assistance and resources without expecting immediate returns or recognition. Be willing to contribute your time, skills, or resources to address the school's needs.
- Continuously seek ways to support the school's mission and goals. Your commitment to service will be appreciated and remembered.

4. Remember the Big Picture:

- Keep the larger purpose in mind the idea of building a better community and serving a higher purpose, rather than promoting your personal or organizational brand.
- Show genuine dedication to the well-being of the students, staff, and the community as a whole.
- Emphasize the importance of contributing to a cause greater than oneself, which can inspire others to join in your efforts.

5. Consistency:

- Consistency is the most significant champion for gaining favor and trust within the school community.
- Maintain a consistent presence and engagement with the school. Avoid sporadic involvement that may raise suspicions or doubts. Reliability and consistency will reinforce your reputation as a trustworthy partner.