

ISIS, ISLAM, & JESUS



Addendum: Loving Our Neighbours Around the World

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TAKE OUT

Through the work of the Holy Spirit,
we are a transforming community
that transforms communities.

Next Steps

- Sponsor a child from Mposa and Chamba today!
- Write your sponsored child before Christmas.
- Learn more about World Vision's work.
- Pray specifically and often.
- Listen to and learn from 2014 Learning Team's podcast.
- Invite a Learning Team member to your Home Church
- Follow the adventures of the team in Malawi this week!

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Home Church Questions...

HANGOUT [Warming Up to the Topic]

1. Take time to discuss this quote together. How does it challenge you? Who do you know who is living in this way? How does the type of life perspective we have influence the way we live?

"Keep a clear eye toward life's end. Do not forget your purpose and destiny as God's creature. What you are in his sight is what you are and nothing more. Remember that when you leave this earth, you can take with you nothing that you have received – fading symbols of honor, trappings of power – but only what you have given: a full heart enriched by honest service, love, sacrifice and courage." – Francis of Assisi

HEAR [Listening to God through Scripture]

2. Take time to discuss the message. Was there anything that Dave Toyce said that encouraged you? Left you with questions? What was one thing he said that challenged you to live differently?
3. Pick a couple of these passages to read. What do you think is the link between compassion and peace? After you have discussed, how do you see your compassion creating peace around you?

Jesus feeding 5000: **Matthew 14:13-21**

Jesus healing the paralyzed man: **Mark 2:1-12**

Jesus raising Jairus' daughter: **Mark 5:21-43**

Generosity of Church: **Romans 15:24-27; 2 Cor. 8:1-15, 9:12-15**

HUDDLE [Making It Personal and Praying Together]

4. What do you think are the reasons why people don't think it's important to sponsor children?
5. What are your next steps in partnering with our global compassion initiatives? Here are some suggestions to tackle as a huddle.
 - a. Learn more about how World Vision works.
 - b. Sponsor a child from Mposa and Chamba in Malawi.
 - c. Write your sponsored child a letter.
 - d. Pray for the world vision staff, children and families in Malawi.
 - e. Follow along online with our curriculum trip to Malawi.

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Quotes...

The Meeting House works in partnership with World Vision to support two impoverished communities in Malawi — Mposa and Chamba. In these communities, we have sponsored over 1,800 children. These communities are predominantly Muslim.

World Vision not only works around the world to invest in the lives of children and families, they also respond to humanitarian crises.

In August, 2014, Kathryn Taetzsch, World Vision's Senior Emergency Response Leader in Iraq did an interview with Stoyan Zaimov. She explained how World Vision is responding to ISIS. (Christian Post, August 22, 2014)

"Erbil (a town in northern Iraq) is generally secure, and the World Vision team there is conducting a rapid assessment to quickly determine the most-urgent needs and begin our response. It is critically important that aid agencies continue to have safe, secure humanitarian access to provide emergency relief to the most vulnerable refugees and displaced people, including children, pregnant and breastfeeding women, and the elderly."

"The refugees and displaced people are from several religious groups, including Christians, Sunnis, Shiites and Yazidis. It is difficult to estimate exactly how many of those fleeing are Christian, however, World Vision remains concerned for all families who have been persecuted because of their faith. It is a very dangerous situation for them. Despite the challenges, we have seen incredible generosity — Christian churches housing Muslim families and others reaching out to help their neighbors, regardless of their faith."

"Love your enemies! Do good to them. Lend to them without expecting to be repaid. Then your reward from heaven will be very great, and you will truly be acting as children of the Most High, for he is kind to those who are unthankful and wicked."

~ Jesus, Luke 6:35 (NLT)