

God in Shoes Ministry – What it is...

*An Innovative Method of Evangelism That Takes the Church into the Community
Performing Acts of Ministry to Demonstrate God's Love*

The purpose of God in Shoes Ministry is to take a team of people and their resources to a designated area of the community or conference to minister to people in need through home improvement projects, hosting family fun events, and pampering time for women. Free meals and mini-seminars on practical topics provide opportunities to connect with those in need. It also gives the volunteers hands-on training so they are able to return to their own community and organize their church to do outreach.

How to Implement God in Shoes Ministry in Your Community or Conference

1. Prayer:
Fast, pray, and ask for God's leading.
2. Cast Vision to People:
At conference retreats, camp meetings, and prayer breakfasts, cast the vision of a mission experience in their conference or community. Provide sign-up sheets.
3. Determine Location:
Study demographics of potential area to determine the needs.
4. Meet with Pastor/Church Board:
Enlist their support and participation by presenting your outreach objectives.
5. Begin Networking in the Community You Select for the Project:
Spend time in the community; find out where people spend their time. Where do people go for assistance? When possible partner with already existing agencies to make your work easier and to affirm them in what they are already doing.
6. Organize Outreach:
Be realistic in what your group can successfully accomplish.
Here are some ideas:

- Coordinate home improvement projects
 - Provide free evening meals.
 - Offer classes on nutrition, Bible study, parenting, or job interview skills. The focus should be to teach *and* to build relationships.
 - Organize a family fun day.
 - Host a FREE spa day for women.
7. Schedule team:
For a one- to two-week mission outreach, some people come to help for two to three days, some stay for the entire time. Send out letter/email to those who indicated an interest in participating in the mission outreach. The letter should include daily schedule and work activity.
8. Advertise the event in the Community:
Use local cable station, radio, newspaper, and circulate fliers.
9. Organizational Meeting with Volunteers:
Organize a meeting with volunteers the evening before the outreach begins. Review schedule, designate who is in charge of various activities, and answer questions.
10. Evangelism 101!
Spend time in prayer, discipling volunteers to do the same. A debriefing each evening is important for the spiritual growth of the volunteers. Give them opportunity to share stories of their day's happenings.
11. Follow up:
- Make a spreadsheet of attendees' addresses.
 - Meet with the church to help develop a realistic follow-up plan.
 - Encourage local church members to develop an ongoing ministry in the outreach area.
 - Give opportunity for the volunteers to share how the mission trip affected their lives at the next retreat or camp meeting.

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