



Newsletter

Stories, Ideas, Resources & More...

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Success Story:

"We Became Christ in the Flesh in Our Community"

"Our Faith in Action Day reminded us that God has called us to meet needs in our community ? and that we DO have the gifts, talents and abilities to meet those needs," declared Tommy Clements, senior pastor at **Second Baptist Church in Baytown, Texas**. "In serving outside the walls of our church that day, we let people see Christ in the flesh – in our community. And the impact was tremendous."... [Read More](#)



Service Project Idea:

Host a blood drive

One way to show your community you care is by hosting a blood drive. Contact the **American Red Cross** and schedule a blood drive at your church or another location within your community. Publicize the drive, help recruit donors, and schedule donors for appointment times.



By hosting a blood drive, your church will aid in saving the lives of those that require blood from donors. Respond to Christ's call to care for the sick in this practical way. [Read More](#)
Service Ideas

Organization Spotlight:

Keep America Beautiful

At [PutYourFaithInAction.org](#) we suggest regional and national organizations which you can partner with to put your faith in action. As the largest volunteer-



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The National Faith in Action date is Oct. 11, 2009!

Join the discussion with individuals and church leaders on how to encourage congregations and people to be more outwardly focused and missionally minded. Share stories, discuss ideas, and see what others have done with a Faith in Action Campaign. Visit us on [Facebook](#), [Flickr](#), [Twitter](#) and [YouTube](#).



"Faith in Action can bring vibrant change to your congregation and transformation in your community."
—John Ortberg

"This was a great

based community action and education organization in the U.S., **Keep America Beautiful Inc.** works to promote individual responsibility for the environment. Volunteers can connect with close to 1,000 affiliate and participating organizations that focus on litter prevention, waste minimization, recycling, and beautification.

"Engaging individuals to take greater responsibility for improving their community environments." Visit www.kab.org to connect with an affiliate near you and take action to keep America beautiful.

[Click here](#) for more ministries to partner with...

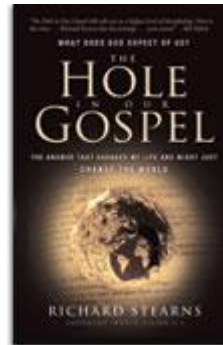
Resource Spotlight:

The Hole in Our Gospel

by **Richard Stearns**

The Hole in Our Gospel invites you on a journey of a million miles with World Vision President Rich Stearns as he experiences forgotten places and explores the heartbreaking dimensions of suffering in our world.

Rich's own life story documents a different journey, from childhood poverty to corporate success and ultimately to significance as he accepted God's call on his life to bring the "good news"—the whole gospel—to the poor. Rich repaired the hole in his embrace of the gospel, and he challenges individuals and churches to do the same—to say to God, "Use me; I want to change the world." If you've ever wondered, What does God expect of me?, this book is for you. [Click here to learn more...](#)



"The Hole in our Gospel is a trumpet call to action, as thoughtful as it is urgent...If enough people read it, the world will change."

— John Ortberg, Pastor of Menlo Park Presbyterian Church.

opportunity to move our people out of the pews and into the streets. Serving is a weak area in out church's culture. Faith in Action helped us to see the needs in our community and around the world." — Quote from a Pastor

If you participated or plan to participate in a Faith in Action Campaign - [Add your church to the National Roster.](#)

"The Faith in Action campaign was terrific: it builds momentum and creates a high degree of ownership. It's not a difficult campaign."
— Pastor Parks
First Baptist Independence,
Oregon

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