



Kingdom in your community

**You are important in developing and transforming your community,
as a part of your church!**

- **The Great Commandment in the Scripture**

Mark 12:28-31 (KJV):

And Jesus answered him, The first of all the commandments is, Hear, O Israel; The Lord our God is one Lord: And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this is the first commandment. And the second is like, namely this, Thou shalt **love thy neighbour as thyself**. There is none other commandment greater than these.

- **Life transformation of a disciple**

As a disciple of the Lord, we follow Him by **loving the poor as ourselves**. We bring hope to light up their despair, to enhance their development in physical, emotional and spiritual being, and also the transformation of community.

At the same time, we perceive, understand and agree with them while we are with the poor, bringing the gospel into their life. We spread the faith to and the value of the Lord to them, **helping them develop a relationship with Jesus Christ**, and simultaneously transforming their life.

- **Community Development in Kingdom perspective**

The Lord empowers the people in a community **to develop their capacity of solving problems and controlling their life**, to enhance their **holistic development** in physical, emotional and spiritual being and improvement in different aspects of community, including health care, education, job industry and relationship. Through this process, people will **live out what the goal of the Lord's creation**, and **His kingdom comes** to the community.

- **The role of church in community**

Community resilience refers to its sustained ability to **use its combined resources, gifts and capacity** to respond to, withstand and recover from adverse situations. The **local church** in each community has the opportunity and **calling to be an agent of transformation**.

1. **Enabling community cohesiveness:** The call to love our neighbour and seek the welfare of our community
2. **Building together:** Exploring and sharing a community's capacity and enabling the pulling together is an important responsibility of the local church.
3. **Advocating** with each community to address local and national authorities, investment organisations or businesses to:
 - a. Mobilize Resources and capacity to further enable each community towards greater resilience and flourishing.
 - b. Remove barriers or obstacles that limit or prohibit access to essential services or opportunities for enhancing resilience and flourishing.
4. **Being a blessing to others:** The local church is an important demonstration of this attribute and called to inspire each community towards this.

- **Result in living out the great commission**

Matthew 28:19-20 (KJV):

Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.