



Urban Missions: How Your Church Can Play a Role in Ministry to Poor and Imprisoned Believers

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I. Christian missions and the city poor, Luke 4:18-19; James 2:5-6; Gen 1: 26-28

A. A brief profile of North American poor

B. Isolation of the poor—from the gospel

C. The scarcity of pastoral training for ministry to the poor

II. Five common barriers in the way of pastoral training for ministry to the poor

A. Wealth

1. The barrier

2. A TUMI alternative

B. Cultural distance

1. The barrier

2. A TUMI alternative

C. Absent church

1. The barrier

2. A TUMI alternative

D. Programming irrelevance

1. The barrier

2. A TUMI alternative

3. TUMI & CCEF teaming up for pastoral counseling for the urban church

E. Misdirected investment

1. The barrier

2. A TUMI alternative

III. Ten ways your church may become involved with this largely untouched mission field
—in most cases right next door!

For Further Reading

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