



SOCIAL JUSTICE

“Charity is no substitute for justice withheld,” Saint Augustine once said. At TEAM, we are called to actively restore the dignity lost through the corruption of sin and to break the cycles that keep the vulnerable oppressed. Slavery, poverty and addiction remain powerful forces of oppression today that must be met with a holistic gospel of freedom in Christ’s name.

TEAM’s social justice endeavors work in conjunction with local churches and through interagency partnerships. From visiting prisoners and serving homeless women and drug addicts in Latin America, to befriending victims of sex trafficking in Austria and Italy, our projects are designed to grow disciples in addition to enacting hope.

TEAM provides missionary opportunities in social justice for individuals with experience ministering to vulnerable populations, with a focus on sustainable and risk-appropriate initiatives.

QUICK FACTS:

Human trafficking is estimated to be a \$32 billion industry worldwide
(Source: *United Nations*).

Service opportunities include counseling, abuse prevention, and outreach to sex industry workers.

Most opportunities require training in counseling or a related degree, plus significant experience working with marginalized groups.

The purpose of TEAM is to help churches send missionaries to establish reproducing churches among the nations to the glory of God. TEAM missionaries establish churches by seeking to make followers of Jesus Christ who learn and obey all that he has commanded. Social justice endeavors fulfill this purpose through upholding and advocating for the dignity and worth of every human being.

As TEAM considers the role of social justice in ministry, we follow a set of guidelines focused on our purpose and vision:

- Social justice endeavors take place where we see a confluence of spiritual and demographic factors that indicate that God is leading us to serve in this capacity.
- TEAM leadership prayerfully considers how social justice endeavors fulfill the objective of making disciples.
- Social justice endeavors are not initiated until risks have been analyzed and are considered acceptable by TEAM leadership.
- Social justice endeavors are carried out in partnership with local individuals, churches or groups.
- Churches and ministries, started through TEAM’s social justice endeavors, work toward the reconciliation of all things to God through Jesus.

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