

## Our Convictions about Transformation

Inherent in this statement are the convictions that:

1. God has **mandated the whole church to minister to the needs of the poor**. Here's Life Inner City works with churches that see the importance of meeting both spiritual and physical needs (wholistic) in their communities.
2. God has already **placed local churches** and organizations in the inner city **with the vision and calling** to meet specific needs of the poor. If fully mobilized and resourced, the sum of these ministries would have an enormous redemptive impact upon the inner city and its people.
3. Inner city **communities will not be transformed by quick-fix programs** or by outside leaders. A generation of godly indigenous leaders must be raised up who are committed to mercy, compassion, and justice. Therefore, HLIC seeks to partner with churches that have a **developmental orientation** and a long-term commitment to the community.
4. **Empowering** inner-city churches to fulfill their compassionate ministry potential **must be viewed very broadly**. Helping a church develop a drug-rehabilitation program involves more than funding and clinical training. The ministry may need management training, evangelism skills, volunteer and other resources, job training and networking, encouragement, assimilation skills for the congregation, etc., etc., etc. The resources HLIC provides are driven by the needs of the partner ministries.



To facilitate the empowering function, a RESOURCE TEAM is developed for the city. Drawing together skilled and experienced urban workers, the team exists for one purpose: to serve the local church and help it succeed in fulfilling God's mandate toward the poor.