

# Creating Community for Children at Risk

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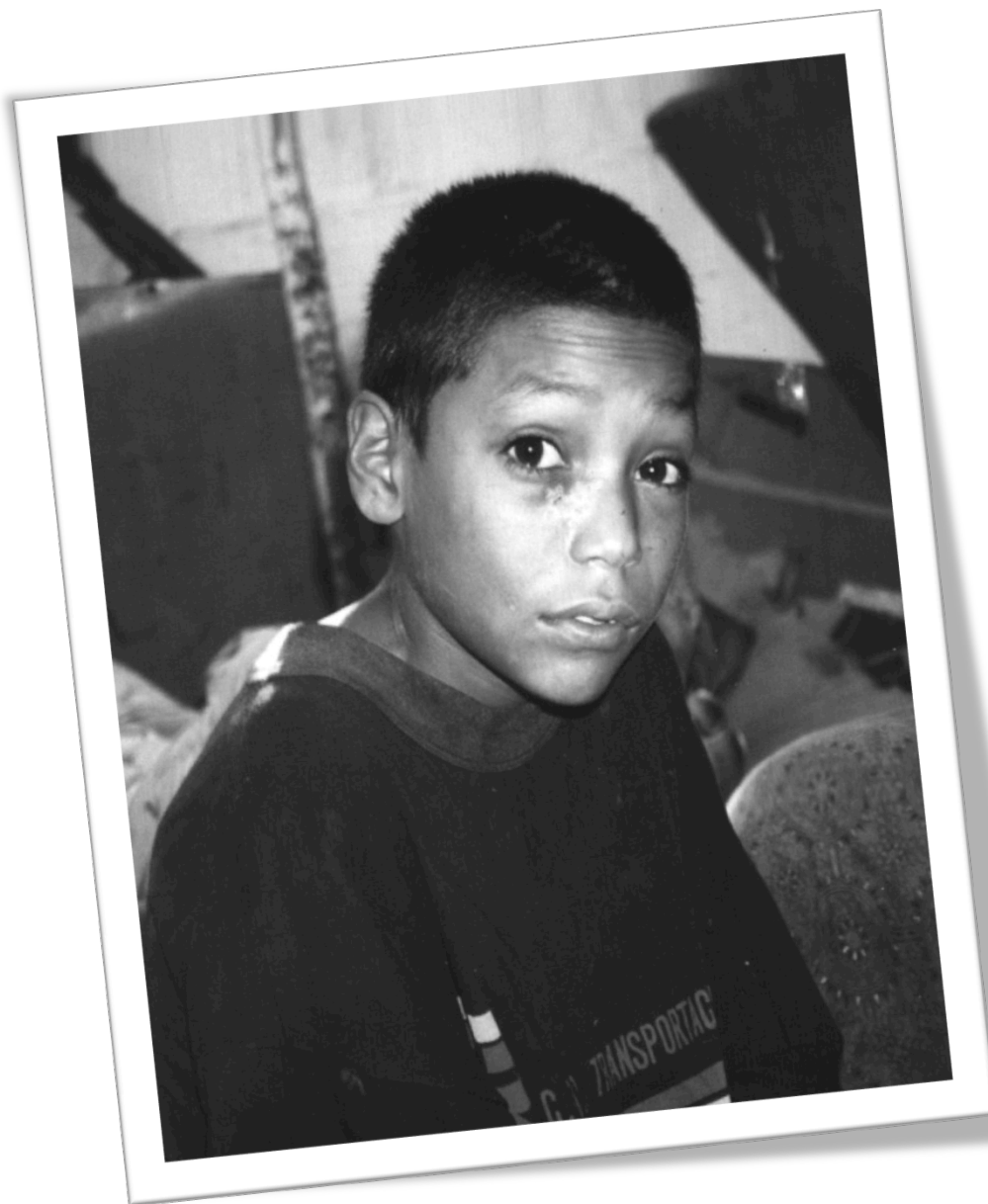
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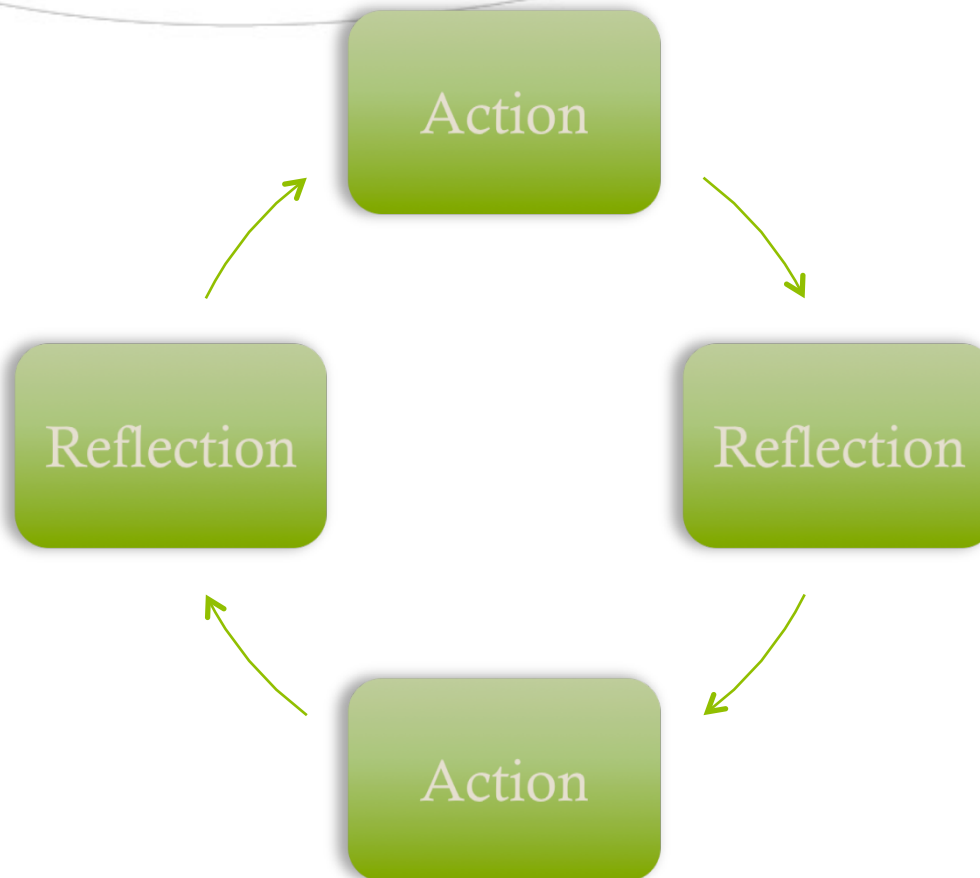


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# My Education Experience - Living Praxis



# Praxis in Ministry and Life

“Missiology is fundamentally a praxeological phenomenon. It is a critical reflection that takes place in the praxis of mission.... [it occurs] in the concrete missionary situation, as part of the church’s missionary obedience to and participation in God’s mission”

- Orlando Costas

# Toward a Definition: Children at Risk

“Children in danger of not reaching their God-given potential, physically, environmentally, mentally, socially and spiritually.”

-Glenn Miles (Love146)

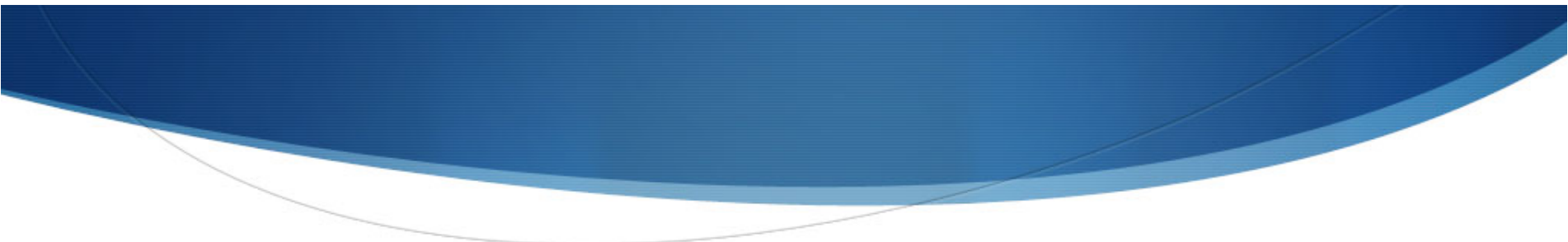
# Children at Risk Today

- 💧 A stunning 37 percent of the world's children, more than 674 million, live in absolute poverty (Luis Bush - 4/14 Movement)
- 💧 100 million children live and work on the streets globally (UNICEF)
- 💧 Malnutrition and starvation kill some 16,000 children under the age of 5 daily (Make that 29,000 children if you include preventable diseases) (UNICEF and Bread for the World)
- 💧 17% of children and youth under 18 in Oregon live in poverty. More than 140,000 live in extreme poverty

# Community

*"The divine image is a shared, corporate reality. It is fully present only in community"*

- Stanley Grenz



**“The word community is more than just a gray sociological descriptor. It is a God term, designed by the Creator of children to water their souls and enhance their spirits as they grow... To welcome the young into the center of our lives is to enrich not only them but ourselves as well.”**

- Dr. Wess Stafford (Compassion Intl) in *Too Small to Ignore*



# COMMUNITY OF LIVING FAITH



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# Integral Evangelism and Discipleship

## Biblical Instruction



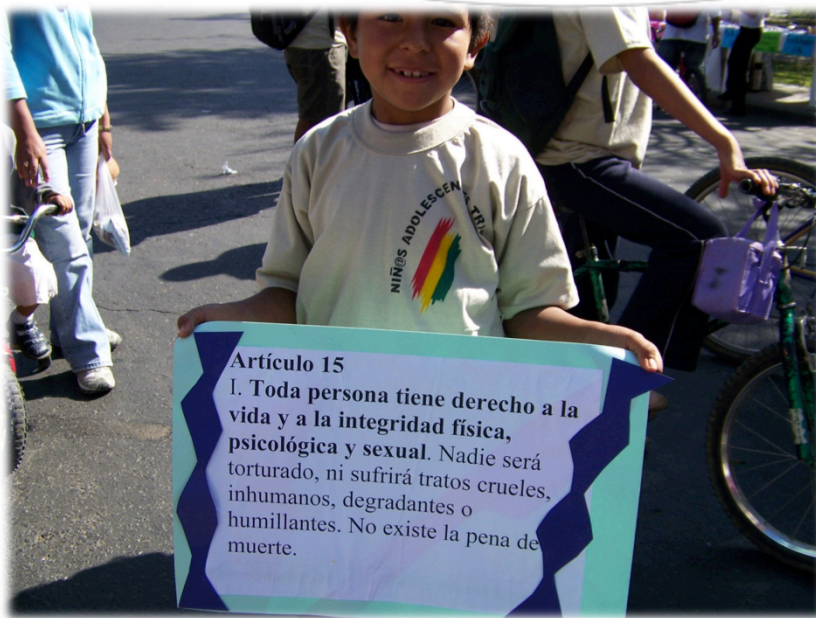
# COMMUNITY OF JUSTICE



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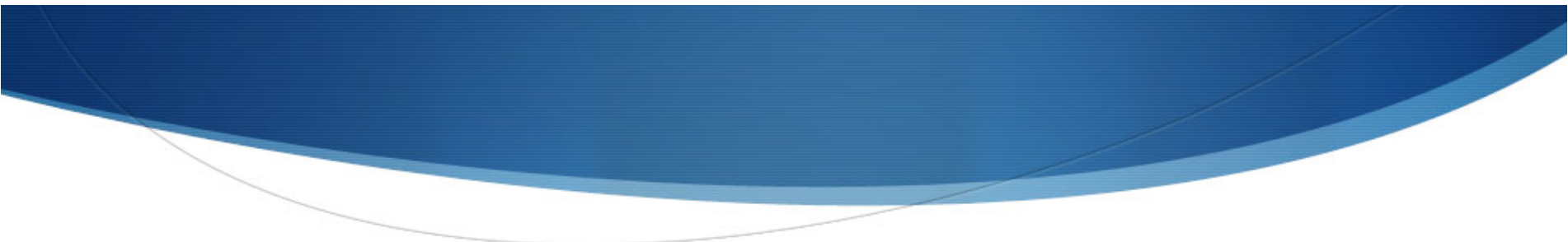
# Dignity Inclusivity



# COMMUNITY OF PROTECTION



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God is about “defending the  
fatherless and the oppressed, so  
that mere earthly immortals  
will never again strike terror”

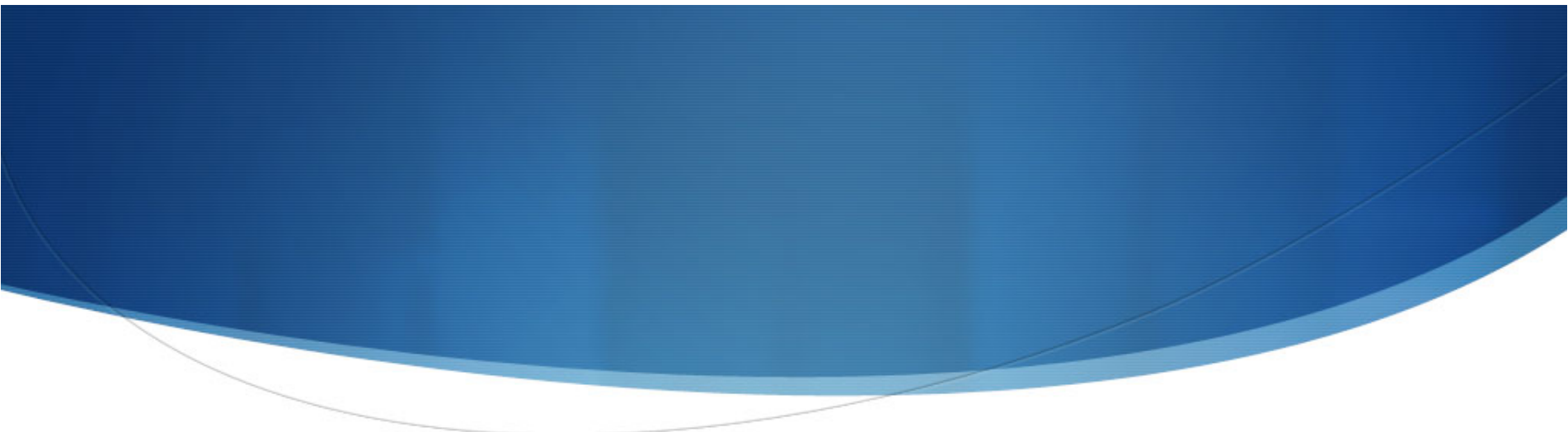
- Psalm 10:18



# COMMUNITY OF PROVISION



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“Acts of charity can be dangerous because givers can feel good about actions that actually accomplish very little, or even create dependency . . . undisciplined giving can be just as destructive as the poverty it was meant to alleviate”

- John Perkins in *Beyond Charity*

# COMMUNITY OF PARTICIPATION



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# BIBLICAL EXAMPLES

- ◆ Miriam – Sister of Moses (Exodus 2:1-10)
- ◆ Samuel (1 Samuel 3:1-19)
- ◆ A young servant girl (2 Kings 5:1-3)
- ◆ The boy with the fish and loaves (John 6:8-11)
- ◆ Mary – Mother of Jesus



# Douglas and Family

