



## THE P E A C E INITIATIVE

Dr. Rick Warren's Saddleback Church has a plan for Christians to make a difference in the world today. It's called The P E A C E Plan.

"P" stands for promote reconciliation, "E" for equip servant leaders, "A" for assist the poor, "C" for care for the sick and the second "E" for educate the next generation.

"The goal of The P E A C E Plan is for ordinary people, empowered by God, to make a difference together," said Warren, founder and senior pastor of the Southern California megachurch. "The reason we are doing this is because we have the responsibility and the authority to do it, as Christians, and because of history's inevitability that through the Church, God's manifold wisdom and plan for the whole world will be made known."

The plan is a massive effort to mobilize 1 billion Christians to attack the five global, evil giants of our day – spiritual emptiness, self-centered leadership, extreme poverty, pandemic disease and illiteracy/education.

"The Scripture shows us that Jesus shared the Good News, trained leaders, helped the poor, cared for the sick, and taught the children," Warren said. "Our plan does the five things Jesus did while He was here on Earth."

In the first phase of the program, which began in 2003, Saddleback Church sent more than 7,700 church members in small teams to 68 countries.

"No single church has ever sent more members to serve in more nations in such a short time," Warren noted.

Warren announced phase two of the program, calling it "P E A C E 2.0," in the fall of 2007. One of the emphases shifted from not just planting churches, but also promoting reconciliation. The new concentration is an effort to broaden involvement to include more churches around the world, as well as organizations in the public and private sectors. This was derived from the first four years of the plan, where many business and government leaders expressed a desire to participate.

In addition, P E A C E 2.0 features new uses of technology, new ways of training, new ways of support and many other changes resulting from lessons learned in the first four years of the program.

During the Purpose Driven Network Summit in May of 2008, Warren launched another element of the The P E A C E Initiative with the announcement of The P E A C E Coalition – a new international alliance of churches, businesses, ministries,

universities, and other institutions working together toward achieving The P E A C E Plan.

Warren recognizes the complexity of The P E A C E Initiative, saying, “We usually set goals too low and try to reach them too quickly. Instead we should set God honoring goals in faith, and then invest the rest of our lives working toward them. This plan could take 50 years so it might not be completed in my lifetime. That’s why I call the next generation the *Reformation Generation*.”