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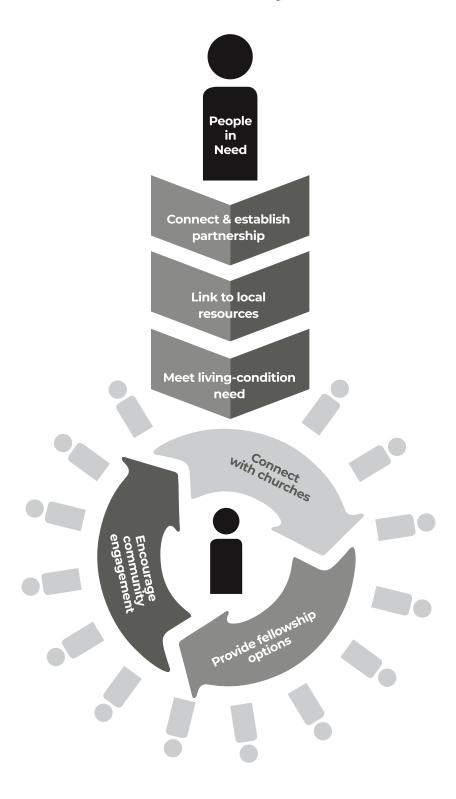
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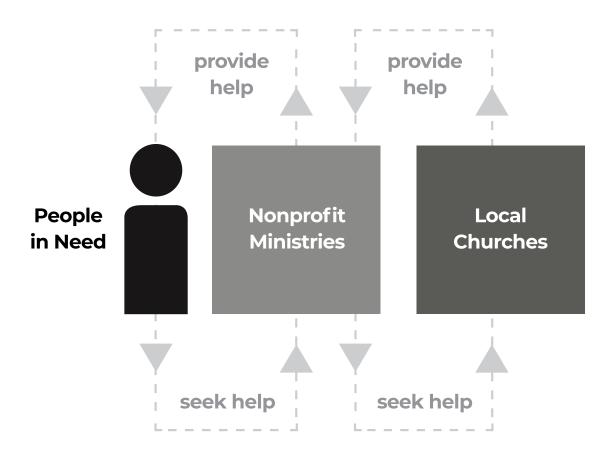
The Serving Model

Partners in Hope



Traditional Serving Paradigm

Silos and Separation



Kingdom Serving Paradigm

Collaboration and Communication



The Ripple Effect

How the Serving Process Impacts the Community

The Problem: Isolation



Flow:

From stagnant water of isolation to living water of loving community



Ripples:

Indications of flow downstream where relationships develop outside of planned activities

Intentional Actions Create Flow:

Home Improvement

Small Groups

Sunday Suppers

Meal Delivery

Volunteer Equipping

Ongoing Response to Needs



The Vision:

A community empowered to work together to eliminate hopelessness and isolation

Resource Inventory Tool for Nonprofit Ministries

Potential Church Partners	Ministry Areas	Ministry Contacts

Resource Inventory Tool for Churches

Potential Partners: Nonprofits or Churches	Services Provided	Contact Person

Partnership Mapping Tool

Kingdom Serving Opportunities

Person/Family to be Served	Specific Needs	Best Partner to Engage for Meeting Those Needs