# GOLOCAL

## **GO OP GUIDE**

## **IDENTIFYING A GO OP**

#### Step 1: Identify passions and relational opportunities that meet your group members' interests

1. What spiritual gifts, passions, organizations and desires are represented in the group?

2. Is anyone involved somewhere already that could use a group to come and serve alongside of what they are doing?

3. What can we do in the neighborhood where we meet? Some examples are backyard BBQs, engaging people in our Top 5 in an activity, a day at the park handing out water or popsicles, National Night Out, parties around sporting events. You can host a block party for Independence Day or Labor Day, a 30 Day Prayer Challenge, a Random Blessing Challenge.

4. How can we reach out to the community around our campus?

5. How can we engage a strategic GO Local Partner? A list of those partners can be found <u>HERE</u>. Contact one of the Advocates listed to learn of needs and ways your group can get involved. Updated needs are also sent out each month in the GO News.

6. What type of GO Op is this?

- Is this Op ongoing, which will give us time to build relationships with those whom we are serving?
- Is this Op highly relational, which over time will give us an opportunity to share the Gospel with those who we are serving?

#### Step 2: Present and choose

1. Present the options for GO Ops that you identified in the step above, and as a group identify 1-2 Ops that you can repeat throughout the life of your group.

2. Determine a date and a time that you will go.

If you are leading your group through identifying opportunities in your neighborhood or in the community around your campus, prayer walking through that area as a group can be highly beneficial and a great first step in identifying needs in a specific area and interceding for the people in that area.

### PLANNING THE GO OP

#### Step 1: Contact the representative of the group you are serving to confirm date and time

#### Step 2: Communicate details to your group members

- 1. GO Op location and time of arrival.
- 2. How will everyone get there?
- 3. Do they need to bring anything?
- 4. What will everyone do once you are there?
- 5. When will the GO Op be over?
- 6. Does childcare need to be worked out?
- 7. Who will take pictures?

#### Step 3: Send a reminder to your group

- 1. Include details.
- 2. Ask them to communicate any change in their plan to participate.

Funds are available to help support GO Ops if the cost becomes prohibitive. A GO Ops Fund Proposal Form can be found on the Clear Creek website or <u>CLICK HERE.</u>

## AFTER THE GO OP

#### Step 1: Debrief

- 1. That can happen onsite or wait until next group meeting.
- 2. Some questions to consider:
  - Where did you see God moving during this GO Op, both in yourself and in the people you served?
  - What did you particularly like about this GO Op? Dislike? Why?
  - Did this GO Op impact or strengthen your faith? If so, in what way?
  - Do you feel God moving you personally to pray for this mission or to act on something He is stirring up in your heart?

#### Step 2: Report: submit a go op report with pictures

Sharing pictures and stories is not to glorify ourselves, but rather to bring glory to God and to encourage and inspire others with what God is doing both in us and through us in our community.