



The
Good Samaritan
Network

Uniting Christian Recovery Ministries

Church Recovery Orientation

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GSN Church Orientation Day

- *Not sure what your church can do about the addiction crisis?*
- Purpose for the day? Help GSN Partner Churches
 - 1) Form a church plan
 - 2) Deliver a message(s) and follow up
 - 3) Establish a church recovery coordinator and team
 - 4) Equip and activate the whole church to help individuals and families in crisis

Introduction to the GSN

Church Orientation Day

- Basic Questions: What? Why? Who? How? When?
 - What is happening? Epidemic as bad as WWII.
 - Why are we here? Jesus is calling us.
 - Who? What is the Good Samaritan Network?
 - What do we have to offer?
 - What are the 4 ways to help?
 - What can the church do? Partners and Advocates
 - What is our strategy? Regional Teams and Goals
 - What are we asking churches to do?

What is happening?

- Manchester NH became the among the highest deaths per capita next to W Va, and Ohio.
- US Deaths by Overdose: 70,000/yr
 - Vietnam-58,220 in 12 yrs = 5000/yr
 - WWII-405,399 in 5 yrs = 81,000/yr
- Why? 1) available drugs through Lawrence, 2) low spending on treatment, 3) rural hopelessness, 4) doctors' prescribing 2x the US average in NH
- Fentanyl Manchester FB Documentary <https://www.facebook.com/JayShelt/videos/10155722820421619/>

Why are we here? Answering the Call!

- Why have you responded to this calling?
- The situation is desperate—almost as bad as WWII
- Jesus came to “set the captives free” Luke 4:18
- Isaiah 6: Here we are, Lord, use us
- The Governor has asked everyone to help
- Evidence shows we have a superior solution
- We know that Jesus can help because he has helped us!

Who Are We?

The Good Samaritan Network

- Luke 10: The Good Samaritan crosses ethnic and religious boundaries to help the person in crisis
- We are made up of the NHA and the NHCC and both organizations have agreed that the Good News of Jesus is the foundation of our efforts; we have agreed to put aside church differences
- We intend to form a Round Table where we collaborate with every community resource
- We pray when we host a gathering, and we follow the protocol of the hosting organization (ie. Govt)

What do we have to offer? 20x Better

- Story—why are you forming a church network? Why not just volunteer to help existing efforts?
- Key Question: Does the church have something unique to offer---or should we just offer volunteers?
- Secular Results: 11% treated in prison, estimated 4% recovery, 40+% return to prison within 5 years
- Christ-centered option: Teen Challenge offers 15 month program, requires ongoing connection plus church membership resulting in 70-86% clean living for 5 years; this is 20 times better at 1/3 cost!

What is needed? 4 Phases

- **Prevention:** 1) avoid adolescent addictions, avoid prescribed addictive drugs, be aware of mental health issues, reduce family/community risks
- **Intervention:** Medical Assessment (call 2-1-1), Detox, (Medical) Treatment
- **Recovery:** transformation, renewing the mind
- **After Care:** jobs, housing, healthy community-church

What can the church do to respond?

The church makes disciples and automatically takes on PREVENTION and AFTERCARE, and some churches have RECOVERY ministries. The medical community provides INTERVENTION.

What Can the Church Do?

1. Develop a church plan---the church automatically is involved in PREVENTION and AFTERCARE; refer people to MEDICAL INTERVENTION; establish or link to RECOVERY
2. The Pastor Delivers a Message(series) which includes a follow up meeting or series.
3. The church establishes a church recovery coordinator (team?) that is trained and connected to resources
4. The whole church helps individuals and families through the church recovery team.

What Can the Church Do?

- [GSN Partner Churches](#): 1) Get Started with Orientation Day, 2) Implement 4 actions, 3) recovery coordinator/team attend 30 hour Recovery Coaching Training and become linked to GSN regional recovery mentor (or experienced person), 4) link the GSN regional team
- [GSN Advocate Churches](#) Options: 1) spread the mission to new churches, 2) offer recovery ministry to the region, 3) offer volunteers, 4) fund recovery efforts

What is our Strategy? Goals?

- Our GSN **state team** is forming 10 regional GSN teams to help 100s of churches become partners and advocates. Planning Recovery Coaching Training.
- Every **regional team** is seeking: regional recovery coordinator/mentor, pastoral connection, prayer coordinator, administrator, community resource coordinator, church reps.
- Goals: **2018**-GSN connected to 10 regions.
2019-100 Churches Equipped and activated (currently 15 advocate churches, 40-50 prospective partner churches)
2020-2023 – 300 to 500 Churches Responding
2020-Collaboration with every community resource

What do we expect the church to do?

- The Good Samaritan crosses every boundary and provides compassion, time, and money partnering with everyone.
- GSN churches are non-judgmental and lead with grace and love— “for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,” (Rom 3:23)
- GSN churches must be authentic disciples making disciples—establish an effective discipleship plan
- The importance of Christian unity in our mission: John 17:23 and 13:35

Closing Prayer

Here we are, Lord, the churches of NH, unite us and use us to rescue the captives.

We pray that you raise up 10 regional teams and reach 100-300-500 partners and advocates.

We pray that you guide us to collaborate with every community resource to win the war against addiction.

Help us to experience our own personal transformation so that you will work in us and through us until all your treasures are recovered. Amen.