

## Seminar 3: Missions and Mercy Ministry

### Introduction

#### I. Role of Mercy Ministry in Church Planting

- a. Testimony of the love of Christ for the Church
- b. Demonstration of the gospel to unbelievers
- c. Done with and for the local church
- d. Opportunity to model and train the local church to care for their members and seek to reach out to the lost

#### II. Challenges with Mercy Ministry and Missions

- a. Perception of buying Christians
- b. Discerning Motives of recipients
- c. Power/dependency issues
- d. Sustainability

#### III. Possible Solutions

- a. Investing in Local churches that can be a resource for other local churches (Professional or City churches)
- b. Understanding the patron client relationship
- c. Financial Transparency.

### Conclusion

### Discussion Questions

1. Should the church be involved in social justice issues like abortion, fighting the sex trade industry, defending the rights of the poor and homeless?
2. Is it wrong to “target” a group for ministry? Like professionals, or students, or the poor?
3. What are the different ways that foreign churches/individuals can give keeping in mind the challenges above?
4. What role could PRPC play in mercy ministry in missions?