MAPPING YOUR COMMUNITY FOR MISSION....



- 1. Draw a map of your community. Locate on it:
 - What God is up to in the community resources, programs, institutions, organizations, agencies etc. which serve God's children
 - Areas of "social contrast" wealthier neighborhoods vs. mobile homes, new strip malls vs. empty older or downtown stores, etc.
 - Gathering places business, social, religious, entertainment, cultural, educational, etc.
 - Frequently traveled streets/roads/bridges vs. almost deserted places
- 2. In your group, look at your map and discuss what you see. Prayer for guidance from God to show you where you are being called.
- 3. Answer the following questions together:
 - What issue or challenge could God be calling you to engage in within your community?
 - What information would you need to find out in order to make a plan?
 - Who would you talk to, what questions would you ask?
 - How would you use this information to make a plan? How could you insure that the plan turns into action and that the work will continue longterm if needed?

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