

## Our Neighbours Ministry Core Values

1. **Jesus and the Kingdom of God.** Our Neighbours Ministry exists to serve God and follow Jesus. It was started in response to His leading and love. We actively seek His will, and are guided by values of the Kingdom of God. As we follow Jesus, we desire to be part of seeing some of His Kingdom come on earth.
2. **Glory to God.** We seek to give God all of the glory for Our Neighbours Ministry.
3. **Showing God's love.** We aim to show God's love to everyone that we come in contact with, those we aim to serve, staff, partners and the community.
4. **Focus on the most vulnerable and poor.** Our focus is on loving and assisting the poorest of the poor, the vulnerable, the disadvantaged, the orphans, and the widows. God's passionate love for the poor leads us, His compassion towards their vulnerability and narrow choice range inspires us. We seek to be empathetic.
5. **Valuing people.** We are dedicated to valuing people, those that we are reaching out to and interact with, as equals, recognising that all of us are made in God's image. We will work against an 'us and them' culture that so often exists in society in its various forms, recognising everyone as having strengths and assets, and weaknesses and vulnerabilities. Without Christ all are poor and so in Christ there is no 'rich' and 'poor'. We will be respectful in our communication about people and situations.
6. **Hope.** We specifically recognise God's redeeming and transformational power for all people, and the hope that is in Christ. We recognise God's desire that all submit their lives to His magnificent purposes.
7. **Body Ministry and Relationships.** We are thankful for all of the people, churches and organisations that God has led to be part of Our Neighbours Ministry, through active involvement, relationship and partnership. These enable Our Neighbours Ministry. We really value all of these, each with their different roles.
8. **Accountability.** We will be accountable and transparent in our use of finances and other resources. We will demonstrate integrity in everything we do and steward resources diligently.

9. **Doing our best.** We seek to do our best, working hard, as unto the Lord. In doing this, we will seek to operate professionally and efficiently, whilst not losing the priority of people and relationships. Col 3:23
10. **Faithfulness and love.** We will measure success by our faithfulness of service to God and love of people. Whilst considering needs, we will guard against success being measured in terms of numbers.
11. **Mercy.** We greatly value graciousness, in response to that which we have been shown by Jesus.