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RE: ABCOPAD Children In Poverty Initiative:

Dear Friends in Christ:

We remember the words of Jesus who shared with his disciples this reality, "I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me." (Matthew 25:40). This heart of Jesus is fulfilled in the life of the church in many ways. One of the emerging ways we can express this love of Christ is through our growing awareness and network through the ABCOPAD Children in Poverty Initiative.

In every community, both urban and rural, and across every neighborhood of our regional family there are children in distress. Some are at risk because of sheer lack of money to provide the basic necessities all children should have. Some are at risk because of abuse, neglect or family breakdown. Across our region many children are blessed with loving parents, good homes, excellent educational opportunities and bright futures, but there are many thousands who go without love and hope.

To this end under the larger American Baptist initiative started at the 2005 Denver Biennial, the ABCOPAD family is attempting to become more aware and missionally effective towards caring for all its children...particularly those at risk.

Please review the enclosed proposal for the Teachers and Educators network. We need your support in this effort to identify teachers and local churches that want to make a difference. Everyday teachers are on the frontlines with our children. Hopefully this will be one strategy of this larger effort that would have impact on local churches, our neighborhoods and our region. Let's begin to pray that God would lead us creatively as we seek to make a Kingdom difference.

Blessings....

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