



# Samaritan's Purse Advocacy Program Charter

## The Good Samaritan

The story of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:30-37) gives a clear picture of God's desire for us to help those in desperate need wherever we find them.

After describing how the Samaritan rescued a hurting man whom others had passed by, Jesus told His hearers, "Go and do likewise." For over 50 years, Samaritan's Purse has done our utmost to follow Christ's command by going to the aid of the world's poor, sick, and suffering. We are an effective means of reaching hurting people in countries around the world with food, medicine, and other assistance in the Name of Jesus Christ. This, in turn, earns us a hearing for the Gospel, the Good News of eternal life through Jesus Christ.

As our teams work in crisis areas of the world, people often ask, "Why did you come?" The answer is always the same: "We have come to help you in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ." Our ministry is all about Jesus—first, last, and always. As the Apostle Paul said, "For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake." 2 Corinthians 4:5 (ESV).

## Samaritan's Purse Mission Statement

Samaritan's Purse is a nondenominational evangelical Christian organisation providing spiritual and physical aid to hurting people around the world. Since 1970, Samaritan's Purse has helped meet needs of people who are victims of war, poverty, natural disasters, disease, and famine with the purpose of sharing God's love through His Son, Jesus Christ. The organisation serves the Church worldwide to promote the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ.

## The Great Commission

### Matthew 28:16-20

Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely, I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

## Introduction To Advocacy

The Greek word parakletos is found in John 14:16 and used other times throughout gospel passages: one who is “called alongside” another to plead their cause (advocate).

*And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever - John 14:16*

The passage refers to the Holy Spirit as “helper”, “another”, “parakletos”. The Spirit was promised to remain with Jesus' disciples always, to “teach”, to “testify” about Christ. Samaritan’s Purse refers to this work as “advocacy” and defines it as:

*‘Seeking with, and on behalf of, Samaritan’s Purse; bringing awareness and support to the work of the ministry by influencing participation and partnership with individuals and Churches to help others in Jesus’ name. Samaritan’s Purse views advocacy as imperative to the mission of proclaiming the gospel, motivated by an individual (advocate) to live, share, and proclaim their faith in Christ through mutual partnership.’*

In everyday life, advocacy happens at all levels where there are relationships between people, such as family, and the workplace. Advocacy on a more formal level of church engagement is in many ways an extension of these relationships. For the church, it is a way to hear testimony of how God is working through an individual and Samaritan’s Purse to bring about his kingdom, with a particular focus on The Great Commission.

## How To Advocate

As believers we have six distinct areas of influence. The first three relate to us as individuals. The Next three relate to the body of Christ, generally expressed as the Church, where our physical actions, have spiritual impact.

### LIVE

*For to me, to live is Christ, and to die is gain - Philippians 1:21 (NKJV)*

*Only let your conduct be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of your affairs, that you stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel, - Philippians 1:27 (NKJV)*

### SHARE

*But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect, - 1 Peter 3:15 (NIV)*

*We are therefore Christ’s ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ’s behalf: Be reconciled to God. – 2 Corinthians 5:20 (NIV)*

### PROCLAIM

*For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, “The just shall live by faith.” – Romans 1:16-17 (NKJV)*

## **SERVE**

*...for I was hungry and you gave Me food; I was thirsty and you gave Me drink; I was a stranger and you took Me in; I was naked and you clothed Me; I was sick and you visited Me; I was in prison and you came to Me.’ “Then the righteous will answer Him, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see You hungry and feed You, or thirsty and give You drink? When did we see You a stranger and take You in, or naked and clothe You? Or when did we see You sick, or in prison, and come to You?’ And the King will answer and say to them, ‘Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me. – Matthew 25:35-40 (NKJV)*

## **PARTNER**

*Paul and Timothy, servants of Christ Jesus, To all God’s holy people in Christ Jesus at Philippi, together with the overseers and deacons: Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus. It is right for me to feel this way about all of you, since I have you in my heart and, whether I am in chains or defending and confirming the gospel, all of you share in God’s grace with me. God can testify how I long for all of you with the affection of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ—to the glory and praise of God. – Philippians 1:1-11 (NIV)*

## **EQUIP**

*And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, - Ephesians 4:11-13 (ESV)*