

## OUTLINE OF “THE POVERTY TOUR”

### I. Poverty

- A.) Income less than \$20,000 per year
- B.) FSBH definition is “the inability to maintain self-sufficiency by paying all the bills at the end of each month.”
- C.) Most of the homeless come from this group.
- D.) When living at or below the poverty level all it takes is the loss of a job, divorce, major injury, major car repair etc. and these people loose everything and become homeless.

### II. Self-sufficiency

- A.) Mo. DSS definition is “sufficient income to provide for the basic necessities of life.”
- B.) Living wage is \$15.00 per hour/ \$600 per week/ \$32,000 per year for a household of two.
- C.) A single person only makes \$7.50 per hour at K-mart, Wal-mart etc. so he only makes half of a living wage.
- D.) Two people can barely make it making a living wage even with food, housing, transportation etc. subsidies.
- E.) A family of four needs much more income to exist. They need \$50,000 per year to be self-sufficient.
- F.) As an example of the shape other states are in, Rhode Island has a homeless ratio of 50%. It takes \$1100 per month to rent the cheapest apartment there.

### III. Homeless

- A.) Are much worse off because they have no job, income, shelter etc.
- B.) They are at the bottom of the pit of poverty. Someone has to help them with a ladder to climb out.
- C.) With no help they have no clue of what to do and are doomed to a life on the streets.

### IV.) FSBH Program

- A.) Fills the needs of the homeless to get back on their feet and the gap in existing social services who should be helping the single homeless men but refuse assistance.
- B.) Our program and plan shows the homeless the Love of God which they need to succeed.
- C.) We give hope through spiritual counseling
- D.) Even if they can't complete the program they still know the plan and can try again at any time.
- E.) We know this plan works because 300 out of 500 head of households have completed it and become self-sufficient.

