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Session Objectives

- Discuss principles that foster wholistic development.

- Define "Participatory Learning and Action (PLA)."

- Explain "Asset Based Community Development."
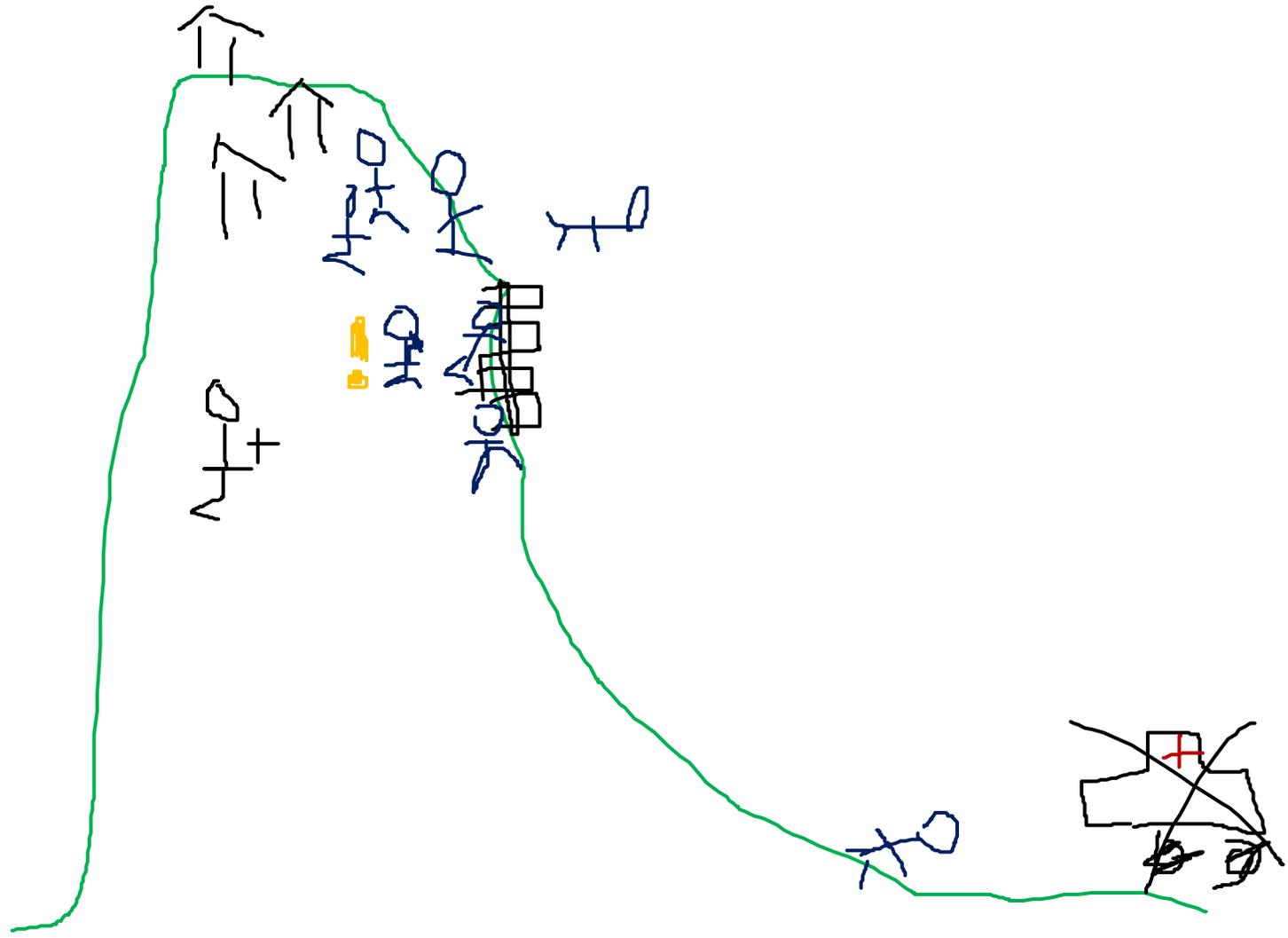
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- Introducing solutions that are unsustainable or impractical.

- Addressing symptoms but not the cause.

- Creating dependencies.

- Denying the community the opportunity to think together and create their own solutions.

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- The solution is more likely to be sustainable.
- The community has ownership.
- The community sees what they have and not just what they lack.
- The community is inspired by hope.

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- They made assumptions that were unrealistic.
- They saw money as the solution.
- They ignored local resources.
- They lacked confidence in the people to solve their own problems.
- They wanted to be the savior.
- They didn't ask questions or listen carefully.

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- Start by asking questions.
- Ask "What do you have?" instead of "What do you need?"
- Encourage people to make changes themselves rather than doing things for them.
- Be a facilitator, not a controller.
- Give input as needed and requested.
- Resist giving things away. People value things they pay or work for.
- Continued…

What can outsiders do to help the community take control of their own development and create their own solutions?

- Map assets and identify local resources.
- Raise awareness of hazards and root causes.
- Facilitate discussion and planning.
- Start with small, viable projects.
- Work together with people on their own initiatives even if it isn't what you would have done.
- Be patient.
- Build relationships. Spend time with the people building trust, friendships, and a mutual commitment.
- Walk in the spirit and pray.

Do You Know Your ABCDs?

- Asset
- Based
- Community
- Development

What happens when we focus on needs?

What happens when we focus on assets?

Focus on Needs	Focus on Assets
• People do not have control	• People are the answer and decide what they want
• People are consumers	• Neighbors make connections and contributions
• Implies nothing locally available that can help	• Focus on skills and solutions already present
• Paternalism	• Ownership
• Dependency	• Empowerment
• Devalues people and life	• Confidence
• Undermines Dignity	• Sustainability, lower cost

Participatory Learning and Action

What are Some Resources Our Community Has to Address This Problem?

- What people, organizations, institutions, and facilities are available locally that can help solve the problem?

- What materials are available locally?

- Where and how can money be found locally to help address the problem?

Participatory Learning and Action

- Involve community in assessing their own needs, choosing their own priorities, and developing their own solutions
- Raise awareness of needs and resources or opportunities
- Raise awareness of roots of problems and understanding of solutions
- Inspire hope and a vision for change
- Prepare a community for action
- Assess community's readiness for transformation
- Gather information
- Monitor progress

Community Health Evangelism

- A strategy for transformational physical & spiritual development that is working around the world
- www.chenetwork.org

Reflection

- How have your definitions of the following changed based on this discussion?
  - Wholistic development
  - Asset Based Community Development
  - Participatory Learning and Action

- How might you incorporate the principles and methods we discussed into your service?

Suggested Resources

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QUESTIONS???

THANK YOU!!!

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