

CARE OF CREATION – Plant with Purpose

Important: Application should be Three Months prior to the date of the Project

A. Name of Person and Organization Requesting the Seeds/ Seedlings:

1. Name of the Project Coordinator
2. Email Address:
3. Facebook Account:
4. Text Number

B. Name of Organization Receiving the Seeds/ Seedlings

1. Name of the Organization
2. Email Address: (alternative email from above)
3. Website
4. MEANS Application required – YES
5. Bank Account Required - YES

C. General and Specific Project Objectives:

1. Project Location:
2. Date of Project
3. General Objective/s
4. Specific Objective/s
5. Seedling Pricing - Type of Trees / Fruit Trees available in your community
Name of Fruit Tree / Price per Tree/ Number of Trees____
 - a.
 - b.
 - c.
 - d.
 - e.

D. Estimated Number of Volunteers -

If MEANS donates Seedlings; these seedlings will not be sold or bartered.

Care of Creation – Why Plant trees

The earth is the Lord's, and all that is in it. (Psalm 24.1)

As people of God, Christians are called to lovingly care for the world with which we've been entrusted. There is now urgency as never before to heed God's call to earth-keeping, to justice, and to community.

“Human beings are created in the image of God, and have the special gift and challenge of sharing in God's creative activity. We use, and by using we transform, the natural world.

As 'co-creators', then, our acts should reflect God's own love for creation. We ourselves are part of creation, formed out of the earth, and dependent on the rest of creation for our continued existence”

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Guide questions for the 1 hour seminar / Orientation on Plant with Purpose

We want the Lord to be glorified and honored in this event. The Organization been approved for the COC-Plant with purpose project is required and committed to have an orientation on this topic for the volunteers who will get involved in tree planting. Send the planned seminar with this application or use below the sample guideline:

1. What is MEANS –
 - MEANS is an international, non-profit, all-volunteer Christian organization based in Illinois, USA, dedicated to sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ and helping the needy by partnering with churches, mission groups, foreign and national missionaries in East Asia and East Asians worldwide.
2. What Is IVCF
3. Why Plant a Tree
 - Psalm 24 states that “the Earth is the Lord’s and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it.” Humans simply hold the Earth in trust for God. We are tenants here, called to care for the creation on behalf of future generations and all species. The Bible calls us to “till and keep the garden” and names human beings as the trustees of creation. Because God created all the Earth and all of us, creation is beautiful and good and sacred. We are called by our devotion to God and our love for God’s works to protect it.
4. Read a Passage on Creation - **God Values the Creation**
 - "God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good." (Genesis 1:31)
5. Sing the Song : This is My Father’s World
6. **Conclude with the prayer of Jesus:**

The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.

A. Guidelines for Choosing and approval of the project

1. Budget - \$200.00 maximum per project
2. Work with a Ministry partner
3. Location of Recipient – where stakeholders are available to care for the plants: School community or a community where there is an organization to take care of plants
4. Recipient should have source of tree seedlings ready for planting
5. Garden tools – if purchased by MEANS these will be donated to the community
6. Accountability -

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B. Requirements from MEANS if Approved:

We want the Lord to be glorified and honored in all of these events.

1. The Organization receiving the Seeds or seedlings is required and committed to have a one hour seminar on this topic for the volunteers who will get involved in tree planting. Send the planned seminar with this application. (see guide on page 2)
2. Have a banner or poster posted on the venue (tarpaulin) – If applicable

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3. Submit report to MEANS on the result of this project a week after the project is completed
4. Photos to be posted in Facebook – as soon as the project is completed
5. We want to hear stories from the volunteers about how God has blessed them through this project. Please post on Facebook.
6. Pictures and stories will be posted on facebook and MEANS blog and other publications.

MEANS Board Approval

Date of Approval:

Project Approved Budget:

1. Cost of Seedlings / Seeds –
 - a. Donation from the community – (no. of trees)
 - b. MEANS Cost -
2. Cost of Garden tools -
3. Banner
4. Food for volunteers
5. Misc