

Toxic Charity

How churches and non-profits hurt those they help...
and how to reverse it.

Jacques Ellul

Almsgiving is Mammon's perversion of giving. It affirms the superiority of the giver, binds the recipient, demands gratitude, humiliates him and reduces him to a lower state than he had before.

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A crisis need demands emergency intervention;

*(like an earthquake, tsunami, famine, war:
i.e. stop the bleeding)*

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A chronic need requires development.
*(like rebuilding homes, re-starting
businesses, rebuilding infrastructure: i.e.
strengthening capacity)*

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Address a crisis need with a crisis intervention, **and lives are saved.**
(doctors and medical supplies to treat the wounded, food and water to feed the starving, tents to shelter the refugees...)

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Address a chronic need with a crisis intervention, **and people are harmed.**
(Dependency increases, work-ethic erodes, dignity diminishes)

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Graffiti for Good



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