

Resources VIS can provide to churches

For volunteers and others working with those in need:

- List of local budget programs and resources
- Mentoring program training (covers cultural sensitivity, setting boundaries, safety issues, active listening, building on strengths/finding solutions, confidentiality)
- Goal setting materials
- Budget forms
- Volunteer Tips
- Many helpful websites: www.familyresourceguide.info

For church leaders:

- Church gift survey samples
- Benevolence guidelines
- How to recruit and retain volunteers
- Car ministry tips and resources
- Tips on how to make a visit
- Casework services for both VIS-referred cases and other people that churches may be working with
- Referrals to other helpful organizations
- Train the Trainer (Mentoring Materials)
- Many helpful websites: www.ecfamembers.org (Evangelical Council for Financial Accountability/Policies & Procedures/Benevolence) No membership needed
- VIS website resources – www.visgr.org
 - Equipping Church Network (ECN) Blog
 - Standing By video
 - Links to partnering agencies

Recommended books for Deacons:

All available through the Faith Alive store: <http://shop5.gospelcom.net/epages/FaithAlive.storefront>

Servant Leaders: A Practical Guide for Deacons

By Ben VandeZande (2000 CRC Publications)

Changing Times New Approaches: A Handbook for Deacons

By Jay vanGroningen (1996 CRC Publications)

Communities First

Edited by Jay VanGroningen (2005 Publication)

- Meeting needs: moving from individual betterment to individual development.