Document: What is a Spiritual Parent?

• DEFINING A SPIRITUAL PARENT

A Spiritual Parent is an adult over 20 years of age who is given responsibility, and is accountable for, the implementation and nurturing of a local chapter of Children’s House of Prayer. A Spiritual Parent helps to bring about a CHOP, with the sole intention of raising up child worshippers and intercessors. This is so that they can stand for their city and nation and to usher in revival. A Spiritual Parent will have oversight over 12 children and will provide prayer direction and strategy.

• THE ROLE

A Spiritual Parent is instrumental in sharing the vision of Children House of Prayer with parents and their pastors. Identifying and assembling a team of parents and children to establish a local chapter of CHOP is another important role of the Spiritual Parent. A Spiritual Parent provides Spiritual covering and oversight to the operation, and strategy to the local CHOP. They will teach and provide training to adequately resource the children and to establish a lifestyle of prayer and Bible reading. A Spiritual Parent will be responsible for all communication with the local chapter and for keeping the National Coordinator apprised of development and needs.
• ESTABLISHING THE TEAM

The main goal of establishing a Team is to enlist and train other adults to share a burden for the next generation of children and for their city. Proverbs 15:22 says “but in the multitude of counsellors they are established.” The team will comprise of adults sharing their gifts and imparting them to the children, through training and coaching. The team will comprise of:

1. Worship Leaders
2. Teachers
3. Intercessors

The team is to equip, train, impart and release these children as child leaders.

• LEADERSHIP AND SPIRITUAL COVERING

The Spiritual Parent is the leader of the local CHOP and is responsible for ensuring that all of the parents are kept informed of the progress and upcoming events. They will also keep the parents updated on any sponsorship of the children.

The Spiritual Parent will also provide spiritual covering and oversight to the children. They will have to be sensitive to the children’s needs and to the move and direction of the Holy Spirit. They will need to provide a Biblical foundation. They will be the cheer-leader for these children; encouraging, directing and empowering them as they pray and intercede.

• NURTURE RELATIONSHIPS WITH PASTORS AND PARENTS

As a Spiritual Parent the role is to develop and nurture relationships with pastors and parents in their area / city, and work in cooperation with them to see the children function in their role as intercessors. It is equally important that the Spiritual Parents operate under the authority and leadership of their pastor and recognize their authority. The children will learn to appreciate and understand spiritual authority and submission as the Spiritual Parents operate and function as a role model.
**IMPLEMENT THE HOUSE OF PRAYER STRATEGY**

As a Spiritual Parent you will also be responsible for initiating and implementing a House of Prayer Strategy. This strategy will initially comprise of the 5 fold key prayer points:

1. Pray for your family – for salvation and revival there
2. Pray for other children, including one mission child
3. Pray for your own nation and for another nation
4. Pray for churches, pastors and ministries
5. Pray for other special needs

As the children become more comfortable interceding for these points above, the Spiritual Parent can include other prayer strategies that are relevant to their city.

Modes of prayer can include prayer walking, fasting and extended times of prayer. The Spiritual Parent will be responsible to access the capacity and capability of the children and determine strategies accordingly.

**SUMMARY**

Being a Spiritual Parent to the children is a position of great importance because you could potentially have a huge positive Spiritual impact on the children under your care. Determine to be a Godly leader, a person of faith, expectancy and passion.

*Colossians 3:12* Therefore, as God’s chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. *13* Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. *14* And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.

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