

# How to Change the World, Especially Doing Development in Times of Coronavirus



*“A (person) filled with the love of God is not content with blessing his family alone, but ranges through the whole world, anxious to bless the whole human race.” — Joseph Smith*

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**SID Meeting:** The challenges of reducing human suffering over the past two years has been more challenging than ever. At our SID meeting on Jan. 20, I'll offer some of my experiences in the past two years regarding the difficulties for those who suffer globally, as well as those of us laboring to serve the poor.

Also, I will briefly highlight my new book to be published in February entitled “Radiant Mormonism: How Latter-day Saints Use Social Entrepreneurship, Microfinance and Other Tools to Change the World.” With SID students I will briefly highlight several cases from the new volume and share a couple lessons from the field of practicing social innovation during the COVID-19 pandemic. The rest of our time will be doing Q&A in discussing the group's questions and issues.

**Bio:** Some of my social ventures have resulted in public recognition—including those from the Clinton Global Initiative Award, Grameen Foundation's Practitioner Excellence Award, Fast Company Magazine/Monitor Consulting Group's Social Capital Award, the Drucker Centennial Professorship at Claremont University, & the Faculty Pioneer Award for social impacts from the Aspen Institute in New York City. Among LDS circles, my work has been recognized by the LDS Church's First Presidency, along with many awards from BYU and Utah groups.

As a social innovator over the decades, I've launched 41 NGOs with wealthy donors, Catholic priests, college students, entrepreneurs, and social activists. I've helped raise over \$1.3 billion, published 10 books, a hundred articles, and presented some 200 conference papers around the world. Two of my earlier relevant books which SID members might enjoy are *Working Toward Zion: Principles for the United Order in the Modern World* (Aspen Books); *Small Really is Beautiful: Micro Approaches to Third World Development* (Third World Think Tank). I was the founding editor of the *Journal of Microfinance*, founder of BYU's Ballard Center, and labored 20 years to convince LDS church leaders to establish the LDS Humanitarian Fund, PEF, and LDS Charities.

I'll start teaching my University of Utah course on international development next week on these issues, as well as continue to advise LDS Church leaders at Salt Lake headquarters and various areas throughout the world.

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