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What's the Difference Anyway?

Isn't support raising the same as Ministry Partner Development? You may remember in our August newsletter we explained that we have just started the Ministry Partner Development phase of our ministry with Campus Crusade for Christ. This phase includes: phone calls, letter writing, and meeting with individuals and churches to tell them about our ministry and how they can be involved. So, what IS the difference between support raising and Ministry Partner Development? Support raising focuses on the event; MPD focuses on the process.

Begging, collecting, campaigning, exploiting. Do these words leave a positive or negative image in your mind? Like most people, these words are associated with a negative connotation. The idea of support raising focuses on these words/attitudes. Support raising encourages the idea of: "I don't deserve it; have pity on me" or "I expect you to give me money" or "You better give or we won't be able to meet our needs." With support raising, a struggle with seeing people as dollar signs rather than partners is often apparent.

Ministry Partner Development is a process of building long-term relationships with our ministry partners, with the focus of building friendships, while working together to reach the lost for Christ. As friendships develop, they open up opportunities for people to become more involved in our ministry. MPD involves building vision for our ministry and having a discipleship oriented mindset throughout the continual process of development. We want our ministry partners to be as passionate about our ministry as we are, and we want them to feel excited about what God is doing in our ministry.

It is our prayer that we would truly see the calling that God has placed on our lives and respond to that call in a way that develops partners for our lifetime in ministry. He has already given us amazing friendships that we want to cultivate throughout our lives.

The Journey Continues

September has been a busy month for us as we continue to develop a team of ministry partners. Once again it seems as though another month has rapidly passed and a new month is beginning to creep in. In addition to meeting with individuals and contacting churches, we have been preparing for two mission conferences that are coming up in October. We are also nearing our goal of reaching 30% of our needed monthly support before moving from Pennsylvania to New York. Again this month God has truly shown us how he is the Great Provider!

Speaking of moving, we have set an official moving date of November 10th where we will move all of our belongings from the past two years in Pennsylvania to Rochester, NY. We are amazed to see how God has been meeting our needs in Pennsylvania, and we are excited to be moving back to Rochester to continue developing a team of ministry partners.

Prayer Requests

- For diligence and wisdom in finding the people and churches God has chosen for us to share our ministry
- For guidance as we prepare for the two mission conferences in October
- As we prepare to move in November

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