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The Personal Touch

I thank God for and financially support some huge organizations. Their vast resources enable them to do things that individuals and smaller operations can't. But, I prefer to support the ministries of individuals and families like we do when we support Commission To Every Nation. Here are just three of the reasons why.

1. Connection

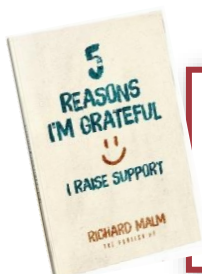
When I support an individual missionary I can call, email, connect with them just to say, "Hello. How are you? I'm praying for you." When they write and say "Thank you," I know I'm not just an unknown name on a huge mailing list. We become friends working together to accomplish an important kingdom endeavor and my interest is viewed as encouragement from an interested friend rather than a nuisance from a nosey, anonymous donor.

2. Return on Investment

Most individual missionaries I know are doing amazing things on a shoestring budget. They miraculously stretch every dime and dollar because every dime and dollar is a precious gift from a friend. They learn to do more with less and part of the "less" is less administrative overhead. That means even a small gift makes a big difference.

3. Limited Contacts

An individual missionary's circle of potential donors is tiny compared to a nation-wide ministry that can run television ads, magazine ads, and even set up displays at events to recruit new donors. An individual missionary does not have the time nor funds to reach thousands of potential donors. He or she is limited to friends, family, and friends of friends. And that circle of potential donors decreases even more as he loses touch with people due to being "out of sight and out of mind" serving in his target country.



Discover other reasons you are investing wisely when investing in a CTEN missionary and get a glimpse "behind the curtain" into what your partnership means to your missionary friends. Grab a copy of "Grateful" at:

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1 - Lisa & Patrick Lubulwa-O'Brien - Uganda - Please pray for their family as they welcome a baby girl in mid-March (mom's postpartum recovery, baby's health, toddler & teenage brothers adjusting, dad's availability, grandma's visit to help out).

2 - Mike & Terri McComb - Guatemala - Please pray for them this month as they take a team of young men from the BYX Christian fraternity at Texas A&M University to the jungles of the Zona Reina in Guatemala to help do evangelism and build new church facilities there.

3 - Carroll Bishop - Guatemala - Prayer for healing in all of her body, also for her to complete the book about Shadow of His Wings, and open doors for more positive influence with girls who are not at the Project.

4 - Virginia & Isaias Colop-Xec - Guatemala - Pray for comfort for the family of one of their ministry team members who died suddenly at the end of the year.

5 - Jason & Jenn Byers - Thailand - Please pray that God would bring people to Himself in the Isaan village they have started work in.

6 - Janet & Oscar Huarac - USA - Pray that the training of several Bolivians during the first part of 2024, will truly equip and provide useful tools for those headed to difficult areas in Eurasia as missionaries, and that the Bolivian churches will truly commit to standing behind their missionaries in prayer and finances.

7 - George & Joyce Irungu - Kenya - Their prayer right now is that they get enough funds to finish the church kitchen.

8 - Karren & Rockie Chupa - Guatemala - Please pray for wisdom and guidance as they continue to move forward with the work the Lord has given them.

9 - Peter & Teresa Cawthon - USA - Pray for more Christian workers to be sent to the unreached areas of Oaxaca, Mexico.

10 - Jeffrey & Jodi Daniel - USA - Prayers that God would continue to give them the knowledge and wisdom to help incoming missionaries partner with ministry opportunities across the globe!

11 - Bob & Debby Bogart - USA - They ask prayer for the holy stamina to endure the increased pace of ministry.

12 - Austin & Kate Mackintosh - Northern Ireland - Please pray for their visa and residency application, which they will be processing over the next few months.

13 - Jason & Kelly Hart - Guatemala - Guidance as they help a family struggling with physical and emotional abuse, both husband to wife and parents to children.

14 - Christine & Jun Apatan - Philippines - Please pray for guidance and discernment as they investigate opportunities for change/growth in their ministry.

15 - Amanda Griffin - Japan - Pray for open and receptive hearts of the Japanese with whom she interacts through outreach, English classes, and daily life.

16 - Vidal & Cathy Perez - Guatemala - Please pray for the spiritual growth of the Tektitek believers in Tectitan, Guatemala, and Vidal as he travels to and from the village a 9 hour drive from Guatemala City to Tectitan.

17 - Tim & Sara Born - Cameroon - For protection and guidance for Tim while he's in Cameroon through April and continued favor for the GTS staff and children.

18 - Josh & Ellia McCauley - Spain - Pray for unity within their ministry team and wisdom and breakthrough for their personal housing situation.

19 - Therapy Clinics International TCI - Guatemala - Please pray for God's leading into new ministry partnerships.

20 - Godfrey & Gloria Catanus - Philippines - Please pray for their church officers in 2024 as they take spiritual leadership in their growing church and for a possible new senior pastor to continue on with the ministry.

21 - Edgar & Erika Gomez - Mexico - Pray they find a new place for their church to gather in.

22 - Amy & Adbeel DeYoung-Alvarez - Guatemala - Please pray for God to provide the remaining funds needed as they finish the retreat center's kitchen and dining hall and for a greater influx of people to come and enjoy God's presence and spiritual renewal.

23 - Matt & Kait Kaeb - Thailand - Please pray for their daughter, Nessa (age 6), who has been struggling with anxiety at home and in school this past season.

24 - Chelsea & Cesar Zeman-Medina - Nicaragua - Please pray for wisdom and financial provision as they invite specific individuals to live with them short term to disciple them and/or have their help in their ministry.

25 - Freddy & Joye Kiester-Garcia - Mexico - Please pray for Freddy, Joye, their sons Enoch and Elijah, and the rest of the Nñihühü Bible translation team (Mingo and Alejandra) serving in northern Veracruz, México, that God would give them grace and physical and mental stamina to reach their translation goals this year, and that they would all be returned to full health after battling with a number of illnesses for the last couple months.

26 - Mateo & Mai Lou Garcia - Mexico - Pray for wisdom as they minister to their small group of believers so that they would learn to walk in victory in their daily walk.

27 - Larry & Laura Smith - USA - Pray for continued increase in ministry at the rehab center and the home fellowship that they oversee and for their various health needs.

28 - Andres & Stella Casanueva - Chile - Please pray for God to provide a building for them to rent or buy for their church plant in Chile.

29 - Andrew & Emily Holloway - Vietnam - Please pray for their English classes that they teach, sports ministry, church and connection at the International school.

30 - Patrick & Valerie Finnerty - Canada - Please pray for them to complete their projects well - Pat for training materials for Africa Transformation Network; Val completing a training manual for a non-profit bringing women out of the sex trade.

31 - Rick & Jana Malm - USA - Rejoice with Rick and Jana as they welcome their new grandson and pray with them that all their grandkids - Adiah, Aniah, Elise, Franco, and now Julian become passionate followers of the Lord Jesus Christ.