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Some of you may be facing very challenging and discouraging times. The passage of Scripture that has always provided great comfort, encouragement and perspective for me is **Habakkuk 3:17-19...**

"Even though the fig trees have no blossoms, and there are no grapes on the vines; even though the olive crop fails, and the fields lie empty and barren; even though the flocks die in the fields, and the cattle barns are empty, yet I will rejoice in the Lord! I will be joyful in the God of my salvation! The Sovereign Lord is my strength! He makes me as surefooted as a deer, able to tread upon the heights."

"God's greatest work is taking place in our lives and ministries, many times, when it appears that He is silent."

"Each of us may be sure that if God sends us over rocky paths, He will provide us with sturdy shoes. He will never send us on any journey without equipping us well."

Alexander Maclaren

"Sometimes in tragedy we find our life's purpose - the eye sheds a tear to find its focus." (Robert Brault)

"Let there be something of benevolence, in all that I speak." (Jonathan Edwards)

"By this all men will know that you are my disciples, that you love one another." (Jesus - John 13:35)

A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT...

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Dear friends,

When Lisa and I began Global Training Network six years ago, one of the **core values** that we knew would be at the center of this organization is the value of being **"Kingdom minded,"** and by that I mean that we value *"linking arms with other like minded ministries to accomplish God's will on earth."*

As someone once said...

*"God's desire for ministry leaders is that we be **collaborators** rather than **competitors**, **complimenters** rather than **criticizers**, **connectors** rather than **complainers**."*

I believe that we can accomplish far more *together* than we can by ourselves. So often, Christian churches and ministries look at other churches and ministries as their "competition." They see them as their "competitor" instead of "collaborator." We need to start viewing our fellow brothers and sisters in Christ as "partners" who are on the "same team" and who will, one day, be with us in heaven together.

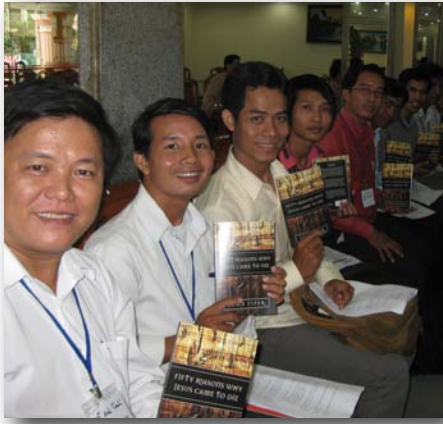
God has been so gracious to GTN since our inception in linking us with many wonderful ministries around

the world. Here are just a few of the ministries that we have partnered with over the years...

- Tyndale House Publishers
- LOGOS Bible Software
- Campus Crusade for Christ
- The JESUS Film Project
- Desiring God Ministries
- Global Advance
- EMPART Ministries
- Timothy Leadership Training
- Global Hope Resources
- Helping Mothers and Babies
- Remembering the Poor
- InTouch Ministries International

...and many, many more!





Cambodian pastors holding copies of John Piper's book "Fifty Reasons Why Jesus Came to Die," provided for them by Desiring God Ministries at a GTN conference.

I am convinced that Satan loves nothing more than to get Christians to "major on minors" or to "minor on majors." The longer I live and the longer I walk with Christ, the more convinced I become that God wants us to "major on the majors and minor on the minors." In other words, keep the big picture in view!

Jesus made it so clear when He said, "By this all men will know that you are my disciples, that you love one another." (Jesus - John 13:35) Now, let me clarify, this does not mean that Truth is thrown to the wind and we just link up with any ministry no matter what they believe. Truth is central and sound doctrine is absolutely critical! And we never discard or ignore central and vital doctrinal truths to our Faith.

One of the practical ways that we show our love for one another is through our willingness to partner together with other "likeminded ministries." I believe it's dangerous when churches and Christian ministries begin to think, "Our way of doing ministry is the only way and the best way...everyone should do it our way...all other ways are inferior and are not worth your time and effort!"

The books of **Ephesians** and **1 Corinthians** make it very clear that there is *God-ordained diversity within the Body of Christ*. And our calling is to learn how to have "unity in the midst of our diversity." Not everyone is called to do ministry your way or my way. The more I study missiology (the study of missions) and church history (I love and voraciously read both), the more convinced I become of the beauty of God using different personalities, different gifts, different leadership styles and different ministry methods to accomplish His Kingdom purposes.

My challenge to all of us is:

Let's work on being...
Collaborators, rather than competitors.
Complimenters rather than criticizers.
Connectors rather than complainers.

Imagine how much better our own families would be if we applied the above three sentences, let alone the positive impact on churches and ministries around the world!

Thank you again for your gracious partnership with Global Training Network! Your prayers and financial support keep this ministry moving forward, helping to bring lasting personal and communal transformation to people throughout the developing world! We have several special needs that we as a ministry are currently facing. If God would lead you to help meet one or more of these needs, it would be greatly appreciated!

I've included in this month's newsletter a special insert on "Social Justice, The Gospel, The Problem of Sin and...Glenn Beck?" I hope you'll take 10 minutes of your time to read this brief insert and I hope you find it helpful.

Working tirelessly, passionately and joyfully to spread the glory of God among the nations of the world,

"And he [the Apostle Paul] went through Syria and Cilicia, strengthening the churches." (Acts 16:41)



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