



Staff are Dropping Like Flies

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All the staff members serving with Master Plan Ministries have to trust God to raise their support. God has provided for Laura and our I through our support team for over eleven years and we have not missed a paycheck. We thank God for you and rejoice for "God loves a cheerful giver" 2 Corinthians 9:7.

One of the exciting responsibilities that I am currently doing and have been doing for over two years is training and coaching all the new MPM staff, (and some older staff) in how to trust God and work hard to find their prayer and financial support teams. The new staff need to reach a financial goal before they can be released to the mission field. This can be a very challenging and rewarding time, but really tests the perseverance and calling of each new staff member. The photo above is from our staff conference in July. All the staff circled (and three who aren't pictured) are the new staff that I have been able to serve from the ground up in this regard. I set up and lead the group trainings each summer, and lead conference calls biweekly for encouragement, prayer, training, spiritual development and accountability. Did you know that even Jesus had a ministry support team? See Luke 8:1-3



So I am pleased to report how many of them have dropped off of full time support raising and reported to the mission field. To date eight of these new staff have reached their initial support goal and reported. I am still coaching six. Forrest and Hope (left photo) have been faithful and diligent for two years at working hard and trusting God to find their support team. Forrest came to really walk with Jesus at Mesa State as a student during his freshman year. They reported in mid August and are serving at Colorado Mesa University in Grand Junction as you read this! It took longer for them than some because they got married during that time and they have a larger percentage of their families than some that are opposed to biblical Christianity. Both of their dads have Mormon backgrounds. I am confident that God used this challenging

time to build perseverance in them that will enable them to persevere in reaching others for Christ for many years to come.

To the right is a picture of Forrest reaching out to new students at Colorado Mesa University. Here is a description of the picture from Hope "We were at the info table handing out flyers for upcoming events that week, there were a few guys sitting behind us... they are all freshman football players from out of state. Forrest went over to talk with them and ask them what they thought about Tim Tebow then [one] said "yeah I just read his book" and Forrest asked "what did you think about Tim Tebow's faith" they then all started having a gospel conversation about who God is and Forrest shared how Jesus and God are one. After a while [one of them] then said "I've heard the Bible is only 3% historically true." at the end of the conversation Forrest got to give [two of them] More Than a Carpenter books. At one point Forrest shared how he found that he can't find his meaning in the "5 C's" and then [one guy] pulled out his phone that had a note he wrote on it and said "Wow right before I came to college I was writing how I've been searching for meaning and how I can't find satisfaction in basically what you shared Cash, Cars, Cuties, Condo's and Careers." We rejoice that we get to strategically serve staff like Forrest and Hope so that they can effectively walk in the good works that God has prepared for them! (Eph 2:10).



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