



Call for Advocates!

As I continue my support raising journey, I am continually looking for new people who will be interested in my ministry. One way to find new people is through those who are already on my team. I am looking for a team of people to be advocates - people who will introduce me to people and opportunities to share my ministry. Do you know of a church, small group, or friends that would be interested in my ministry? Join my Advocate Team! You will be featured on my website as an Advocate.



This is Bobbie Blakely, who is an example of an advocate. Bobbie is introducing me to her church, Takilma Bible Church in Oregon. I will be speaking at the Takilma Bible Church women's conference September 30-October 2 and their church service on October 2. Bobbie also has an amazing faith story, which you will have to check out on my website. Her story helped me to continue with missions through my divorce. Thanks, Bobbie!

In my last newsletter, I mentioned a website coming soon. Thank you to all my prayer and financial



Please Pray...

1. Continue to pray for the development of the website and a few other social media platforms that will go along with it.
 2. Please pray as we search for a nanny to come to Italy with us in February.
 3. Thank God for the partners who have helped me reach 44%, and pray that God brings more people to my team.
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partners, who have made this website possible! We are just putting on the finishing touches, so get ready to see the finished website in a few weeks!

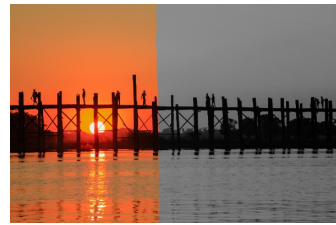
Paul the Tentmaker

To continue with a look at the biblical basis of partnership, I want to consider Paul and his work as a tentmaker. This is a hotly contested issue in the world of missions. Should missionaries ask for financial support, or should they provide for themselves like Paul did in Acts 18, where he made tents during the day and preached in his free time? It is a question I have asked myself many times, especially when I quit my job at the hospital!

There are many different views on this issue, ranging from the extreme of "tentmaking is sin" to the other extreme of "financial partnership is sin." Both of these views base their ideas on 1 Corinthians 9! After studying the chapter myself, here is what I have found:

1) When Paul made tents, he had a specific reason to do so. In 1 Corinthians 9:12, Paul says, "If others have this right of support from you, shouldn't we have it all the more? But we did not use this right. On the contrary, we put up with anything rather than hinder the gospel of Christ." He did not use what he claimed was a right - financial gifts from the church - because doing so would have hindered the gospel of Christ. Whatever the situation was in Corinth, taking financial gifts would have endangered the spread of the Gospel.

2) Paul says that Christian workers have a right to financial partnership, whether he partook of it or not. The whole chapter of 1 Corinthians 9 is Paul's defense of his right to ask for financial partnership.



I am so thankful for the many people who have joined my partnership team so far! Together we have reached 44%!

There is still another 56% to go. Do you see yourself as part of this team? Join us by clicking the yellow button below to be part of the bridge to God's Word.

Your Gift Starts Here!



Toddler Times

Over the summer, Jamie and I have tried to go to the Farmer's Market on Saturday mornings

In verse 14 he says, "In the same way, the Lord has commanded that those who preach the gospel should receive their living from the gospel." Not only is it acceptable to receive a living from the gospel, God commands it!

I have come to the conclusion from these observations that, while tentmaking can be a valuable strategic move in certain circumstances, it is expected and even commanded for those who spread the Gospel to receive financial partnership. Financial partners as well can be assured that their gifts are an obedient response to God's command.

There is one more story from the Bible that I would like to share with you regarding the Biblical basis for partnership. Next month I will talk about the story of Nehemiah.

In Him,
Carla

if we have time. It's a fun way to get out of the house, enjoy some fresh produce, and support local businesses. I tell her what we're looking for, and she runs down the street saying, "Corn, where are you?" (or whatever produce is on the list for the week). Her favorite part, though, is the Kona Ice Truck. After we have done all our shopping, we get a shaved ice. She is sure to share with anyone we know!



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