



"To equip His people for works of service"

Prayer Updates

- Pray for healing of a family member who is in the hospital.
- Cherith starts home-school (8/29) pray for wisdom, patience, and fun!
- BCM Latin America's Candidate Orientation and Leadership Event.
- Pray for full financial support. We're at about 65% right now, praise God!

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I had the great joy and opportunity to teach God's Word in various locations this past month that included church services, Sunday schools, and a conference geared toward investing in youth leaders.

I especially loved The Revive Conference, because it provided the opportunity to invest in the leadership of over 100 youth pastors and leaders from the Southern PA region. I thought I would share one of my main session teaching points with you in this letter (see below...or click the link in the email to watch the full message).

I love the book of Ephesians! Some of my favorite, life-shaping passages of Scripture are found in this letter the Apostle Paul wrote to the believers in Ephesus. Ephesians 4:11-16 has shaped my approach for ministry and leadership development in that it focuses on equipping God's people for ministry.

A natural tendency for leaders in full-time ministry is to *professionalize* the "works of service" that need done in the body of Christ or community. Instead of equipping and sending people to do kingdom work, the leaders end up doing everything.

One of my main roles with BCM International is to equip and empower missional leaders around the world to carry out the good works that God has prepared in advance for them to do (Ephesians 2:10). **My focus will be on helping leaders equip and empower other leaders (2 Timothy 2:2)!** This will be the focus of the leadership curriculum that I will be putting together with the help of BCM's president and various directors.

I AM SO EXCITED TO SEE WHAT GOD DOES WITH THIS WORK!

Sharks and the Kingdom of God

Most species of sharks must constantly move in order to stay alive. They will suffocate if they aren't in constant motion (even when they sleep). **Our hearts are like sharks in that they are constantly moving toward the things that we believe will bring us life or make us feel alive.**

Part of our job as Christian leaders is to help stir desires and direct hearts toward the Kingdom of God in the people we shepherd. Discipleship is more than transferring good Bible teaching from head-to-head. It also involves directing and propelling the heart to love the King and His kingdom.

