

Beyond the Spreadsheet: The Living Stories Your Partners Are Waiting For

When global ministry representatives are on the front lines, their daily tasks often seem very mundane. Clearing brush, having lunch, or fixing a fence rarely seem newsworthy to those performing these chores. As a result, a common oversight occurs: workers tend to view their ministry updates like impersonal corporate reports, concentrating only on big-picture statistics, or they fall completely silent.

But your financial and prayer partners are not corporate shareholders waiting for a quarterly return. They are stakeholders in an ongoing relationship, eager to see how their generosity creates tangible human impact.

The Direct Correction

In my coaching sessions with international representatives, I often see two risky communication patterns that create barriers: a **spreadsheet mentality** and **radio silence**.

Recently, a representative shared two revealing conversations. In one, a long-time acquaintance said she thought he was "just a volunteer," unaware that he depended on missionary support for his full-time ministry. In another case, a major supporter explained he was reallocating his funds because a worker had stayed silent for seven years, never sending letters or updates, even though the work continued.

When clear and consistent communication breaks down, it leaves a gap. Supporters might think the work has halted or see the ministry as just a distant exchange. We need to address this oversight. Genuine relationships depend on regular, sincere communication that invites partners to participate actively.



The Frontline Illustration: The 21-Day Watch

To understand what partners are actually waiting to hear, consider an extraordinary event that recently unfolded in Australia. An international representative hosted three Israeli travelers at his home. On their first day, the travelers politely but firmly declined his offer of a Hebrew Bible.

Rather than forcing a theological debate, Colin simply went about his daily life. For the next three weeks, he worked diligently in the heat, building a boundary fence—feeling sweaty,



dirty, and tired. He didn't preach; he just lived out his faith with patience, integrity, and unforced hospitality.

On their final day, he joined them for lunch. The travelers looked at him and said, "We have been watching you closely for three weeks to see if your actions matched the words you spoke on day one. Now, we are convinced you genuinely live what you believe."

Before returning to Israel, all three asked for the very Bibles they had initially rejected.

The Biblical Reality

To him, building that fence felt like an ordinary, exhausting chore. He initially saw no reason to write home about it. But this ordinary moment perfectly demonstrates how the gospel manifests in real life. The Apostle Paul writes in Romans 1:16:

"For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek."

The power of God unto salvation is revealed not just in public preaching, but through the quiet integrity of a life lived by faith. The people our global representatives encounter are watching closely to see whether the message matches their lives. When it does, barriers fall.

The Ministry Application

This is where my role as an MPD coach becomes a multiplier in advancing the gospel. Left to themselves, brilliant evangelists and teachers on the ground will often overlook these raw, beautiful moments of real-life impact because they are too close to the work.

I train international representatives to look at their schedules through a different lens. Together, we work to:

- **Bridge the Communication Gap:** Turn ordinary daily interactions into powerful, narrative-driven updates.
- **Eradicate the Volunteer Misconception:** Warmly and clearly articulate their calling to help supporters see the necessity of financial partnership.
- **Cultivate Transparent Stewardship:** Ensure no partner ever feels overlooked or treated as a mere transaction.

When our representatives learn to communicate with clarity and heartfelt honesty, their teams stay deeply engaged, their ministries remain fully funded, and the bond between the field and the supporting body is locked tight.

Join the Core Prayer Team

Behind every effective international representative is a solid foundation of training, care, and spiritual cover. My mission is to equip these global leaders to discover and share the breakthrough stories God is writing through their lives. But I cannot do this



coaching ministry in my own strength. I need a dedicated team backing me.

Right now, my strategic goal is to build a core team of **200 dedicated prayer partners** who will commit to lifting up my coaching ministry. When you subscribe to my digital updates, you aren't just signing up for a newsletter; you are taking an active, precise role on my personal prayer team to help multiply global gospel advancement.

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