



Preparing for Amazement Ministries

the whole gospel for the whole world

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“Not all of us can do great things. But we can do small things with great love.” ~Mother Teresa

This past February I had the privilege of traveling to Kenya to train 50 youth workers from all over the country who had never had any training. Some of them traveled as long as 17 hours by bus to attend. The training was very successful, but during our time together, it came to my attention that some of these youth leaders did not even have a Bible due to their extreme poverty. We decided to provide Bibles for them and upon asking how many of the 50 did not have one, we found that 45 did not. For just \$8 US dollars each, we provided Bibles for each person who did not have one. As we handed them out, it was clear from the joy on their faces that this was a precious gift.

The Mother Teresa quote above is a powerful reminder of how small things can make such a tremendous difference. Those \$8 Bibles and days of training were transformative for these leaders and the people they serve in their respective communities. At the heart of Preparing for Amazement Ministries is the truth that transformation comes with the most simple acts. While our ministry has three main programs, as we build our young organization our first focus is our international training program. Training pastors who have no access to education in second and third world regions is a deeply transformative ministry. With connections in a dozen countries already and invitations coming in on a regular basis, we are looking forward to beginning this great work. Our hope is to have our first trip to southern Brazil this spring.

As we develop our ministry, one of our main goals is to take an approach to fundraising consistent with the Mother Teresa quote above. Our focus is to invite hundreds of givers to contribute smaller gifts, allowing for as many people as possible to partner with us as we together do small things with great love. We recognize that every gift can make a great difference. Small things with great love. For example:

- For \$500 a month you can help provide training for about 100 pastors in third world areas.
- For \$200 a month you can help provide revitalization support to 1-2 churches in the US.
- For \$25 a week you can help provide training for one pastor in poverty.

We would like to invite you to join our 2020 giving campaign, *Small Things with Great Love*, where we are seeking 20 churches to partner with us through a yearly gift of \$500, \$1000 or \$2500. We will of course gladly accept any gifts of any size. You can give via our website or the mail. To learn more about Preparing for Amazement Ministries, please visit our website. I would also be glad to talk with you about our work via phone, video chat, or a variety of other means. Above all else, we covet your prayers for the greatest possible impact in 2020!

Blessings,

Rev. Dr. Marcus J. Carlson
Executive Director

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Look at the nations and watch—and be utterly amazed. For I am going to do something in your days that you would not believe, even if you were told.” Habakkuk 1:5