

# Why Support?

As you seek God's guidance regarding your participation in the financial needs of my ministry, I feel you need to know why I am raising my own support.

By God's grace He has called me to be a missionary to teenagers, God's miraculous provision has placed me in an ideal ministry to begin my evangelistic efforts. Midland Ministries is a God honoring organization which believes in the inspired Word of God.

Now, why am I raising funds for my ministry?

The only way I am able to do God's work full-time at Midland is to raise funds from God's people. By raising my own support, my ministry becomes a true TEAM effort. Your regular gift goes 100% to my subsistence. As I go about the Lord's work I know I am able to do this because He has raised up a special team of supporters. Is this Biblical? Luke 8:3, "...many others who were contributing from their private means to the support of Jesus and His disciples." the Word of God declares in III John 8, "Therefore we ought to support such men, that we may be fellow-workers with the truth."

We need to shatter the all too common illusion that the missionary is the "first-string" warrior while supporters are the "second-string." Dear friends, I Samuel 17:47 says "the battle is the Lord's." You and I, solely by God's amazing grace and plan, are "laborers together with God." (I Corinthians 3:9) The Bible states further in I Samuel that "...for as his share is who goes down to the battle, so shall his share be who stays...they shall share alike."

God has called me to the battle lines of teen evangelism. I am praying He has called you to be a member of the team. Together I expect to see "great things, which the Lord will do before (our) eyes." (I Samuel 12:16)

Thousands upon thousands of teenagers within the United States are hellward bound simply because they have not heard the gospel of Jesus Christ. We - you and I - are going to tell many of them. What makes it possible is people like you; God's people who He always raises up when there is a job to be done, as indicated in II Corinthians 8:3,4: "Going to the limit of their resources...and even beyond that limit, they begged us most insistently...to be allowed to share in this generous service." (NEB)

"For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach except they be sent?" (Romans 10:14-15a)