

“...EMPOWERING PASTORS & LEADERS OF IMMIGRANT CHURCHES REACHING THE WORLD”

NEW ROOTS MINISTRY

TEAMMATES ON THE WINNING TEAM!

Hello Gospel ministry colleagues! I admire much of what you do in the Harvest fields (Matthew 9:38). The harvest is plentiful; in other words, there are many who do not personally know of God’s love, and that Jesus died on the cross to free them from the grip of sin. Some of them in Sioux Falls are Asian, so they are mostly Hindu with some being Buddhist. Some of these people are African, and from the Middle East, and from Eastern Europe, therefore many of them are Muslim. Some identify with the “Christian” name or culture, but they don’t live out a faith in God. Many are typical Americans who really don’t know what they believe; they are open to thoughts about God, but they lack understanding and commitment.

Again, “the harvest is plentiful,” and the work of

each of you for that cause is important. But even more important, I think, is that **we encourage each other as teammates in this challenging work of sharing the Gospel—of bringing in the harvest.**

Occasionally I hear a pastor tell me that because he is not, for example, a pentecostal Christian, he is not regarded as a pastor by others who are more

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pentecostal. Sometimes I hear evangelical and Protestant pastors speak poorly of Catholic and Orthodox believers, as if none of them are sincere believers. I have →

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seen older believers be unwelcoming or suspicious of younger or newer believers, because the younger, newer believers want to do things differently. While I understand that sometimes people of other traditions are not true believers of God, and sometimes understandings of God are contrary to what the Bible says so their theology needs to be disputed, and occasionally the younger generation needs to just listen and trust what the older generation says, oftentimes this is not the case.

Let's seek to appreciate, respect, and even lift up our differences within the body of Christ, as well as our diversity of spiritual gifts (1 Corinthians 12:1-31) that



often coincide with our diversity of cultures and traditions. Let's be more encouragers than discouragers, at a time when the world needs the light of

the Church as much as ever. The Gospel of Jesus is the best answer for the world, but it is best displayed by a unified group of God's workers, working together as teammates.

I love each of you, and I am proud to consider you my brothers and sisters in Jesus, as well as my colleagues in Jesus, gathering in the harvest together—a harvest that is led by our boss, the Holy Spirit! I pray that God blesses your faithful efforts!

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