

**“...EMPOWERING PASTORS & LEADERS OF CHURCHES WITH MOSTLY NEW AMERICANS, WHO ARE REACHING THE WORLD!”**

**NEW ROOTS MINISTRY**

**ISN'T “EMPOWER” A GREAT WORD!?**

One of my favorite parts of ministry is to empower people. Other words for empower are “equip,” and “allow,” and “give the power to.” We Christian leaders have the blessing of empowering persons to be all whom God specially made them to be.

Spiritual empowerment begins with telling a person, and a congregation, that by God’s grace we are new, saved people—“If anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! (2 Corinthians 5:17)” At New Roots Ministry, we try to do that, as the pastors at



Smithfield Foods, telling employees that God loves them, forgives them, and has a great life for them. Also, we have begun “Everyday-Ambassadors Practicum.” During 7 Fridays in 2023, for 4 hours, we are doing 2 hours of classroom training for evangelism, and then 1 hour of going in the community and sharing the Gospel with those who probably do not



know it. *We would love to have you and your people sign up for this opportunity to practice talking the Gospel with others. Check it out here:*

<http://sfnewroots.com/our-ministries/>

As people personally receive that truth, we can spiritually empower them more by explaining Romans 12:4-8 and 1 Corinthians

**Don't miss the information on the enclosed paper about New Roots Ministry's new Scholarship & Grant Fund. If you know of somebody who should apply, please let them know.**

**We offer Driver Training for new American adults, so they can get their driver's license. If somebody needs this, please inform them.**

**We continually offer Timothy Leadership Training. If people in your church may be interested in this good program for becoming**

12:4-31, and helping them discover their spiritual gifts. New Roots Ministry recently paid the registration and fees so Nateema and Deaweh →→

could attend a Dunamis workshop weekend about the healing ministry of Jesus. They both have passion for prayer ministry and healing so we sent them there.

When I lead worship in churches, I usually try to have a new American guest with me to take time to talk to the churches for 10 minutes about coming to the US, about their testimony, and about their goals. This is empowering, and the churches are inspired.

In July, I will be teaching at a Vacation Bible School for

Native American children. Teaching children is not my spiritual gift, but a Liberian friend who has those spiritual gifts, but who has not had many opportunities here in the US, will be joining me there.

As you can see on the enclosed paper about New Roots Ministry's Scholarship & Grant Fund, we want to empower new American young adults and others to seek education that will help them thrive in the future, to help more people, and to try new things.

Timothy Leadership Training (TLT) is an empowering program for those who are developing as Christian leaders. We offer that here,

and now also to Christians in India and Pakistan.

Driver training for new American adults is a program we are offering to empower new American adults who do not have their driver's license. As many of the students are of other religions, it is a good opportunity to pray together and to speak the Gospel.

What are you and your fellow church leaders doing to empower your people? I understand that it can be difficult to come up with new ideas for empowering people. If you ever want to meet with me for coffee/tea and food, to talk about that, or anything else, please let me know. That would be my privilege!

*---Fred Wilgenburg*

