

MPD Works Anywhere

MPD is also by and for Non-Westerners
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A question: What are the obstacles facing you or your people in going after 100% of funding?

This year is a special year for me as I was invited to four countries to share MPD in Japan, Tonga, New Zealand and Indonesia. When I was in Japan, our staff told us that MPD is not for the Japanese. It is inappropriate and not fitting in Japanese culture to ask for support face to face. The funny thing is that they said the same thing in Tonga, New Zealand and Indonesia. Scott Morton told me that in his travels to 15 countries, they said the same.

So what's happening here?? As my colleagues talked together, we realize that what is needed here is the need for Biblical teaching on support for Gospel workers. A need to change cultural mind-set. People do what they know, "This is how we do it here. We don't think indigenous support is possible."

Singapore Story

Eight years ago, about 50 Navigator staff went through the MPD process. Most of us were at 70-80% of our income. Staff morale were at a low. Without intervention, we know that we will be on the decline. Happily, our director got us into the MPD process. For the next three months, all staff will have to fund raise using MPD to reach full funding. And we did. Ever since, over the last 8 years, all our staff attained 100% monthly funding.

1. First thing: Establish the 1st Principle.

God has provided for all Gospel workers.

"God's work done in God's way will never lack God's resources." —Hudson Taylor

And we have to add "but God's will usually include a funding plan to be carried out by a faithful humble worker."

God has provided for all we need for **maximum effectiveness** in our work for Him. (John 20:21; 16:14,15)

2. Looking to God alone.

1 Chron 29:11,12

My story by Navstaff Roger Yeo.

3. Answer to the issue, "MPD not fitting my culture."

TEACH what the Bible says.

Cultural and theological barriers.

First issue: Mind-set. How to develop a different mind-set? Teach what the Bible says. This is where MPD Bible study comes in.

- Doctrine: Philosophy of FR, Giving, Money

- Skill Training needed.
- FR is a ministry – a noble career. Kind like the Levites whose role is to encourage the people to worship God. Asking for money is good for their soul.

Biblical Examples of ASKING

Elijah asked the Gentile woman for bread. (1 Kings 17:1-16)

Nehemiah asked the King Artaxerxes for timber for the temple and the wall (Nehemiah 1,2)

Paul asked the church in Rome to assist him for his mission to Spain (Rom 15:20-24)

Jesus instructed the Twelve and the Seventy to seek worthy hosts for lodging – twice (Matt 10:5-15; Luke 10:1-12)

A story from Indonesia. Two years ago, I met Pak Teguh, a Campus Ministry Director in Bandung, Indonesia. When I asked about his financial support, he told me that he was under about 70%. I volunteered to coach him towards full funding and he took up the offer. So for the next four months, we went through the MPD process by SKYPE. After which, he started calling his contacts for face to face appointments. With the right convictions, he was freed and emboldened to share his ministry vision and plans. To his surprise, his friends were listening with their hearts. For that year, he was full funded.

His story came to the ears of two other staff, Pak Atur and Pak Seto. They wanted to hear how he did it. By skype I went through the same MPD process with them. After several months, we convened a Fundraising Lunch for 50 alumni in Jakarta.

Conclusion.

Yes, MPD can be done in non-western context and it is happening!

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Funding the gospel is expected of believers wherever God is acknowledged and worshipped. If we must “share all good things with our teachers”, then there is need to disciple and educate the faith community to grow in the grace of giving and towards the growth and establishment of the gospel. We have to ask what supporting the gospel look like each context.

You have not because you ask not . . . James 4.2b

Understand God’s plan for funding His work

God has a clear set out plan of how His work is to be funded. We have to help those whom we are discipling to know it, understand it and apply it.

What motivates people to give?

Giving is an expression of worship and an act of obedience. We desire to see everyone grow in these areas.

Two notions

The paradigm exists that gospel workers in Africa cannot be fully funded from within Africa -

- 1) Local mindset
People are poor and have a hard time supporting livelihoods. It is too much to expect them to support the gospel work
- 2) Western mindset
There are not enough viable local sources to support the gospel in Africa.

Some real examples in Africa –

1. Kenya
2. Uganda
3. Zambia