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**By His Grace...
Therefore
His Glory.
*I Peter 4:11***



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IMAGINE...

Imagine for a minute you are a law student and you are heading into law school for your first few years. To make it through, you will have to find a job to pay your bills. Your struggle is that you will need a job that will allow you time to study. After much searching, you find yourself having to drive a delivery truck for a local grocery store. The pay is good and you are able to make ends meet financially. The hours are also reasonable so you are able to get studying done. All is great...Right?

Before you answer, imagine you are again that same law student looking for a job. But, instead of driving that delivery truck, you find an internship at a small, but growing law office, which gives you the same income. You are working under two or three successful lawyers who are able to mentor you and teach you what real-life law is all about. They are able to show you how what you are learning in the classroom transfers to the actual job. Instead of being distracted with a job that does not directly apply to your education, you are working hands-on in your field all the way through your training. This is obviously a more desirable situation to learn than in the first scenario.

While I will not be studying law, I will be working on my Master of Divinity at Biblical Theological Seminary in Hatfield, PA. For the last year I have been working full time at Philadelphia Biblical University in the Security Department. However, holding a full-time job while attempting to attend seminary full-time does not allow for much time for ministry opportunities. Our prayer for the last few months has been that God will provide a means of being involved in ministry while attending seminary. We believe that God has given us an to opportunity reach this goal.

This brochure details the exciting opportunity that we face. Please read on to see what God has in store for our lives...

Todd & Melanie

What is our passion in ministry???

God has developed in me a strong passion to teach His Scriptures. I can remember as a teenager, and even still today, reading the Bible and thinking how much what I was reading needed to be shared with others. My time at Bible College taught me the power of God's Word to change lives. During this time God developed in both my wife and me a desire to pursue ministry full-time. During our five years in Philadelphia we volunteered in the youth group at Bible Fellowship Evangelical Free Church. There we developed a passion to minister specifically to young people. **It is therefore our desire to use God's Word to help young people develop a passion for Him that motivates them to give their lives to Him by serving others and by sharing with others his Good News.** During our ministry time we have come to see that family is extremely important in this process. **Therefore, it is our desire to help develop healthy families, which corporately develop a passion for God together.** This will truly be a challenge in a day when the family unit is under attack.

Where will we be serving???

God has given us a unique opportunity to pursue our passion at Jericho Valley Church. There I will be serving as part-time "Minister to Families" while attending seminary. JVC is a young church of about 60-70 regular attendees. The church currently meets in the Southampton Library Building in Richboro, PA. **Here I will be responsible for pioneering a new aspect of the ministry, which will create opportunities for families to grow in their passion for God together.**

Whoever speaks, let him speak the very words of God...

What will be the overall objectives in this ministry???

1. Develop and lead activities that strengthen the family unit
2. Develop and lead family and youth Bible studies focused on building stronger families
3. Teach and encourage families to grow together in God's Word.

How will these objectives be carried out???

A few of the ways I will be responsible to carry out the above stated objectives are to:

1. Develop one family activity per month. These activities will include on both **fellowship** (i.e. family picnics, game-nights etc.) and **service** (i.e. community service, inner-city ministry etc.)
2. Start and lead a young married **Bible study**.
3. Develop with the Sr. Pastor a weekly **family devotional** based on Sunday's sermon to be distributed to each family each Sunday.

How will we be held accountable???

I will be working along side of the Sr. Pastor and Associate Pastor of Jericho Valley Church. The Associate pastor, Jason vonEhrenkrook will be my direct supervisor. Not only will I be held accountable by them to maintain integrity and commitment to the ministry, but **I will also be held accountable by an organization called Student Ministries Inc. (SMI)** through whom we are raising our support. Because we will be ministering in young church we will need to raise our support through this non-profit ministry. SMI provides a way for seminary students to work in a ministry while attending seminary. This is done by help-

...Whoever serves let him do so with the strength that God Supplies...

ing them raise support for their approved ministries. They also provide each supporter with a tax-free donation. **For all practical purposes, I will be considered a missionary to the people of Jericho Valley Church and the community of Richboro.**

How can You help???

There are three definite ways that you can be a partner with us in this ministry:

1. **Pray. Pray. Pray.** We know that it is God who has placed us in the ministry. It is He who will sustain us. Because of this, we value friends and family who will be bathing us in prayer continually. With all of our dependence on prayer we trust all the glory will go to God because we will not have ministered out of our own strength.
2. **Give us your ideas!** While we have done and will continue to do a great amount of research to find the best way to bring families together to worship, grow and serve, as a unit, we know that we do not have all the answers. We will greatly value your ideas while we pioneer this new ministry.
3. **Support us financially.** It is our desire that I will have to work as little as possible in another part-time job. This way I can give more time to the church. Any support you will be able to give will help this goal be possible. **Our goal is \$1500/month.** We are confident that God will provide all of our needs financially. We are also confident that He will work through some of you to make this possible.

How long will we need support???

We will need support until one of two things happen:

1. I complete my MDIV program. The MDIV program at BTS is 96 credits. I hope to take nine credits a semester along with some

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I Peter 4:11***

summer and winter term courses. My goal is to be completed with my masters degree in three years. SMI only provides this support raising opportunity to Seminary students. Once a student graduates his support will need to come from some other means

2. Jericho Valley Church is able to hire me as a paid staff member. It is our prayer that the church will continue to grow and it will be able to provide our financial needs.

Finally....

We know that ministering under the umbrella of support raising is a great responsibility. This is why we have sought after a church and mission organization that will be proactive in holding us accountable to work with integrity and diligence. This is also why we are writing you. We know that your prayers and support will keep us on the right track and focused on God's will for our lives.

Please consider being a partner with us and our ministry as we continue to seek God's direction in our lives and the lives of those we serve. If you would like to make a donation please make your checks payable to:

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