



Your venture capital at work

Working in parts of the world where the needs are more on the surface, Annette and I come across lots of situations where a little capital can go a long way to help advance the kingdom of God, and especially related to youth work in Latin America. Since you enable us to have the privilege and joy of being conduits of funds entrusted to us, we wanted to let you know who has benefited from your generosity over the past year:

Dora Luz Flores (part-time salary): For nearly five years Dora has worked part time as the editor for the youth ministry Web site, ParaLideres.org, that Annette and I started. Every day she reviews the new resources that the Web site receives from youth leaders from around the Spanish-speaking world. She filters the junk, publishes the good stuff, corresponds with youth leaders who have questions, and pretty much keeps the site running like a well-oiled machine.

Vero Dominguez (travel expenses): The youth leader in the community that Annette and I were a part of in Toluca, Mexico, Vero's been having a rough time lately. The new leadership of the local church doesn't value her or understand her approach to youth ministry. So when she received an invitation to a 10-day mentoring retreat in Costa Rica for key youth leaders, she was hungry to go, but on her \$500/month salary she couldn't cover the total cost of the \$513 airplane ticket. When she asked for help, we gave \$230 toward her flight. Veronica arrived at the retreat drained. The first night she broke down and told us that what she most wanted was to leave her work with the local church. But by the closing ceremony, Vero was full of gratitude for the rest, nurture, and encouragement she had received, and she returned home with new strength and a sense of hope.

Dr. Jaime Morales (support of ministry): Using materials we helped develop, this Ph.D. is providing accredited youth work training on the Internet. Jaime has taken our materials and adapted them to fit into a formal curriculum so students can receive high school, college, or even master's-level credits for them (the course work varies depending on the degree the student is pursuing). The material is also open to the public, so anyone who is interested can take the class for free, although if they want credit the cost is only around \$10 per course. The great majority of Dr. Morales' income comes from donations, and \$100/month of that comes from our support of his ministry.

Jonathan Peralta (editing): We've written before about this outstanding young Chilean whose freelance work helps us communicate more clearly when we publish materials in Spanish and helps him with his living expenses while he finishes his degree in literature.



Margaret McCombs (travel expenses): A wealth of wisdom packaged in a vivacious, up-for-anything body, Margi has gamely traveled ridiculously long trips, including riding all-night buses to bless youth leaders with her perspective on the family's role in education and Christian formation. We look forward to continued partnership with her!

Tim & Annette

Latest news

We are now living in Buenos Aires, Argentina. If you can't remember why we moved, the short answer is that we were invited—and accepted—to help start a series of accredited youth ministry institutes—the first in Spanish-speaking Latin America. Please pray for us in this new phase of life and work ... it's a huge challenge and way more than we can handle, so God's going to have to do that thing where through our weakness he shows his strength.

