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“Five years ago, I moved to Holland because of my Dutch husband. Last year, I made the decision to join TWR so that I could use my talents and experience for God’s work in the world. I’m sharing the needs for my ministry with TWR in my Dutch as well as Korean networks of people. I have also been studying for my finance degree.”



Frank (American/German) and **Alenka** (Serbian) **Stephenson** work in the Fund Development and Communications Department in Bratislava, Slovakia.

“Our job is to communicate the needs of TWR’s ministry as well as share the praises and listener stories with a broad audience. We do the same amongst our personal support network.”

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Philipp Rüsich, from Germany, works in the Human Resources Department in Vienna, Austria.

“Many of my friends support me as they see the difference we can make in the ministry together.”

Voices of TWR staff raising personal support ...

“Supporters of ours once told us that they wanted to give to us regularly because then they will pray for us too! We’re so blessed to have financial supporters who are praying for us.”
 ~ **Dawn Siemens**

“We have six children and need to raise support to live in Europe. But our conviction is that if our heavenly Father feeds the birds, He will not fail in feeding us too (Matthew 6:26). ~ **Pierre-Yves Mutrux**

“The most valuable lesson I’ve learned concerning support raising is that I should not decide for God *how* or *through whom* He will provide! In other words, it’s up to us to share the opportunity and let Him surprise us and take care of the rest.” ~ **Eileen Bettig**

“An encouraging thought from one of our supporters is that supporting us and investing in our ministry will yield fruit for eternity—fruit that moth and rust can never destroy!” ~ **Malek Chene**

“When I started raising support, I didn’t know how to raise money. But I had friends and I knew how to build and maintain relationships. If you fear you can’t raise support, ask yourself: “Do I have friends and can I build relationships with people?” ~ **Heike Huhn**

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Personal Support Raising

What?
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Money & mission

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What are the benefits?

Most Christian organizations depend on donations to allow them to function and pay their staff. TWR staff, like those of many other mission organizations, raise some or all of the employer expenses needed for their area of ministry. This is normally called raising personal support. Support raising is about connecting givers and receivers who work together for the extension of God's Kingdom!

Is it biblical?

The tradition of some of God's people being set apart from direct income-generating work and being supported by others is a heritage founded in Scripture and carried on throughout the life of the Church.

Examples from God's Word of giving and receiving His way:

The earth belongs to the Lord. And so does everything in it. The world belongs to him. And so do all those who live in it (Psalm 24:1).

But who am I? And who are my people? Without your help we wouldn't be able to give this much. Everything comes from you. We've given back to you only what comes from you (1 Chronicles 29:14).

After this, Jesus traveled around from one town and village to another. He announced the good news of God's kingdom. The Twelve were with him. So were some women [...] These women were helping to support Jesus and the Twelve with their own money (Luke 8:1-3).

See also Numbers 18:3-32 (priests and Levites), 1 Corinthians 9:3-11 (early church apostles, teachers, and evangelists), and Philippians 4:4-16 (Paul).

WHEN do I raise support? There will be a period of time dedicated to support raising before you begin working in your designated position. In most cases, the initial support raising is done while you continue working in your current job. Developing good partnerships through active communication with your supporters once you have built your support base is, and always will be, an integral part of your work in TWR.

HOW MUCH money needs to be raised? An amount that covers your monthly salary expenses plus additional costs, e.g.: insurances, retirement benefits, etc.

WHERE does the support come from? Many sources—friends, people who are interested in your chosen ministry, family, your home church, other churches where your network has contacts, youth groups, people who have worked with you in Christian activities, etc.

WHY shouldn't people just give directly to TWR? There are many people who want to use their money for God's work. Those who know you personally are more likely to support your ministry rather than a general cause where they have no personal contact. Current trends show that when people stop giving, they cut personal support last (after projects and organizations).

WHO raises support in TWR? Historically, staff who serve in TWR have always been funded in a variety of ways: Some are hired by TWR locally and paid through funds coming out of the mission income. Others are members of a Christian organization in their country of origin and are salaried through their respective mission income. Some staff are employed with a sending organization in their country of origin and raise personal support. And many are funded in a combination of the above models. TWR embraces a diversity of people serving in the ministry—all equally important and valued. As an organization, TWR is dependent on this variety of resources to fund the ministry.

For the supporter: to know that their gift is being used to help fund the ministry of a particular individual, often a friend or family member. A real sense of partnership with the "supportee" and their ministry can develop as a result.

For the person being supported: to be encouraged by the fact that you are not alone—people are so interested in you and your ministry that they're willing to support you regularly. Supporters are also more likely to pray when they are committed to you financially.

For the organization: to draw in many people who otherwise would not have known about the ministry or considered supporting it.

How will TWR assist you?

TWR assists its missionaries by offering **C**oaching, **A**ccountability, and **T**raining. This empowers staff to raise and maintain a network of people who join their prayer and financial support teams.