Books on How to Build a Successful Prayer and Financial Team

Building a partnership team who joins your Wycliffe ministry through prayer and finances can feel overwhelming, but it doesn’t have to be! We have several books that you can read that give tips and advice on how to make this time as easy and successful as possible.


   The heart of the book focuses on biblical reasons as to why it’s okay to “raise support” and how to go about doing that in a God-honoring way. You’ll walk away having learned three things: 1) Money isn’t the real goal of partnership development; 2) Faith alone is necessary, but not sufficient; 3) God wants every missionary to be successful.

2. “Never Do Fundraising Again: A Paradigm Shift from Donors to Lifelong Partners” by Ken & Gaylyn Williams

   Using personal stories from their lives and the lives of other missionaries, this book suggests tips on how to build lifelong partners. In an interactive workbook style, you’ll be able to consider questions at the end of each chapter and apply the concepts to your personal life.

3. “Friend Raising” by Betty Barnett

   This book outlines four pillars for partnership development: 1) Friend raising; 2) Generosity; 3) Communication; and 4) Prayer with promises. Find tips on face-to-face visits, sharing testimonies and stories, how to write newsletters and more.

4. “A Spirituality of Fundraising” by Henri J.M. Nouwen

   The primary focus of this book is that fundraising is first and foremost a form of ministry. Dive into topics about money, the rich, community building, asking, prayer and gratitude, and kingdom building. Walk away feeling inspired by quotes that hit at the heart of God.

5. “The Sower: Redefining the Ministry of Raising Kingdom Resources” by R. Scott Rodin & Gary G. Hoag

   The theme of this book is to see the role of partnership development as sowing seeds and helping others become godly stewards. Focus on: growing in your understanding and freedom in relation to material goods, living an example of good stewardship and generosity, and learning to share with others in a way that isn’t asking for money but giving people an opportunity to share in kingdom work.