

# Annual TOOL Contribution

## **When:**

In the Spring of each year Team members will receive a letter from the Secretariat Couple requesting an annual contribution. Included with the letter is a blank envelope for the contribution. The members are asked to return the envelope to their RC during a regular team meeting.

## **How:**

As RC you are requested to collect the envelopes and mail them to the Team Office, the address of which is printed on each envelope. Please mail them as soon as you receive them as a courtesy to your teammates so that the checks can clear promptly. A couple with financial hardship may include a note saying that they are praying for the Movement and it will be credited as a contribution. Teams is a 501c (3) organization so your contribution is tax deductible.

If we do not hear from your team a follow up letter is sent in early Fall.

## **Why:**

Because we live a life of mutual help, we assist in the spread of the Movement. Some couples do this by traveling to pilot teams in remote areas, most write a check. The funds collected are used at all levels in the Movement. Each Sector is provided with a small budget to pay for expenses including mileage expenses incurred while giving Information Meetings and piloting new teams.

The Region also has a budget to use to print and mail the Regional newsletter; expenses for the Sector Couples to meet annually with the Regional Service Team; and mileage funds for the Regional Couple to visit local sector events.

The US Super Region uses the funds to print and mail piloting material and other Team literature; print and mail the Magnificat; purchase videos to use for retreats; travel for the Super Regional Couple to visit regions for training and support. The US Region also meets with the Regional Couples twice a year in a central location to discuss policy and team formation. Once a year the Super Regional Couple attends a meeting with other worldwide leadership.

Funds are set aside to pay for future expenses, including national meetings, training sessions and a "rainy day" fund.

On an international level we tithe to the International Movement so that teams can be started in countries without financial resources. Currently the ERI is supporting team formation in the former Eastern block nations, Africa, Oceania and South America. The funds are used to print materials in the local language and pay expenses of piloting couples. We are assessed the tithe, ERI determines the amount by the use of a formula involving the GNP of each country.

US Teams rent a storage unit for Team materials. No salaries are paid. Leadership couples at all levels use their own computers and telephones for the Movement. We are very frugal with your money!

Thank you for your prayerful contribution.