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Ministry is Like Monkey Bars!

In some play grounds there are monkey bars. You might have played on these as a child. They are a series of bars off the ground, and require you to go from one bar to the next in a swinging motion, without your feet touching the ground.

To successfully move through the monkey bars from beginning to end, you have to be constantly letting go to move on. As a Leader, you are the person most challenged in the art of letting go and moving on!

In the context of monkey bars, by merely holding on, you are left dangling in the one spot with your destination no longer the focus, but mere survival. I have observed too many ministers (of all ages) who are hanging on for survival in ministry. Unfortunately letting go in their case is a downward decent.

Moving forward has a lot to do with momentum and once that momentum has been lost it can be really difficult to get the swing or rhythm of ministry going again. I remember a few times where I've needed a friend to help me, give me a push, (maybe a kick) to get moving again.

So, what bar do you need to let go of, or what friend needs a push or some genuine encouragement to keep going? The Scripture below is often used in an offering time. While this is quite fine, the context has more to do with forgiveness, letting go or release! The amazing thing is, that when you release, you find more. It's just God's way.

Give away (release) your life; you'll find life given back, but not merely given back - given (released) back with bonus and blessing ... Luke 6:38 Message

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From the Field

An update from Jossy Chacko of Empart:

Following on from my last post, I want to thank you for your prayers and financial support to help our Church Planters who are suffering in the terrible heat wave. I arrived in Delhi on Monday night and it is definitely the worst conditions I have ever seen here. In addition to the three Empart leaders who have already lost their lives, I now know that over 120 of our team have been hospitalised due to the heat!

90% of Empart workers are ministering in rural villages where farming is the only way to make a living. Empart workers and leaders are being confronted with tragic situations on a daily basis.

In the face of this disaster, Empart leaders have increased their commitment to dig more wells to reach more villages. We have already dug 55 deep core bore wells and another 102 are underway. But with the current desperate situation, we urgently need another 148 wells.

You can contribute an entire well or part of one. Friends at Apostolic Church Australia, I urge you to get involved in this desperate situation and make a tax deductible donation now. Or if you would prefer, you can still contribute to help us support our Church Planters through this tough time (not tax deductible).



If you would like more information please click this link to [Empart's website](#).

From the Office - Admin

June Ministry Account Reports

A reminder to all Ministry Account Holders that your June 2016 Quarterly Report is due by 7th July 2016. As this is the final report for the end of the financial year it is imperative that your report is submitted on time to allow us to meet our legal obligations. For those reports that are not submitted on time, your entire allocation for the June quarter will be listed as personal drawings.

If you have any questions or issues with the report submission please contact Erica at the National Office (erica@apostolic.org.au) prior to the 7th July.

Update your details!

Moved house? New number? Changed email? Church Name Changed?

It's essential that you update your details with us, so we can keep you in the loop. It's really simple, all you need to do is log on to the website using your login details and update.

