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Dear Friends:

The November PathLight letter mentioned Isaiah 57:15, about God living in the high and holy places but also among those who are in low places. The personal impact that verse has on me is to intentionally seek out the poor.

A friend called and asked, “How can I connect with the poor? What is it that I can do to understand God’s love for them?”

PathLight works hard at answering that question. A personal relationship with the poor can be the truly transformational experience many of us need. To my friend, I suggested he go to Belize and see PathLight’s work. To walk through the villages where PathLight operates. To have dinner with the students and their parents. To see and touch and feel what life in these impoverished communities is really like.

A PathLight short-term service opportunity is a great way to grow deeper in your faith as you serve others. Some of the teams work in the schools, providing everything from music workshops to science classes. Other teams work on construction projects. There are a wide variety of opportunities, and you do not need to be a certified teacher or hold a contractors license to help.

Some of these service opportunities are at set times and individuals can join. No need to organize a group! The next scheduled service trip is May 3-10, and another one for August 2-9. Mark and Adrienne Parcher, the directors of PathLight, are the hosts. This is a great way to meet likeminded people who want to serve God in a meaningful way.

Other service opportunities are designed for a group that wants to serve together. Perhaps your church, small group, youth group, or just a few friends want to travel together and serve. Mark and Adrienne will help you prepare for the trip, choose appropriate service opportunities, and provide follow-up ideas to keep what you have learned deep in your heart.

Whether as an individual or a group, short-term service opportunities are incredible experiences. It is one good way to be intentional about walking with the poor. It is an excellent way to break away and rethink our priorities. Ultimately, it is a tremendous way to grow closer to God.

Interested? Visit our website at www.pathlight.org and click “service projects”. To learn more, email info@pathlight.org.

In Christ,

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