

How can we build a strong support team for prayer, support, encouragement, & accountability?

God does not intend us to serve on our own without help from anyone.

Ask for the help you need.

Appreciate everyone who tries to help you.

Ask people to pray for you & give them real, measurable requests & regular updates. Thank people for praying & give them credit when the answer comes.

Spend more time appreciating help people have given you than you do asking them for more things.

Develop a team of at least three people with whom you regularly share your heart—your ups and downs in the ministry. Seek out people who have encouraging words for you.

Find at least one friend who will regularly ask you the hard questions. Are you living faithfully? Are you preparing in advance for your class? Are you giving it your best effort? Are you praying about your teaching and those you teach? Are you setting goals for your class? Do you feel you are improving, declining, or holding steady? Do they see any sin in you that may hinder your service for Christ?

Share with your support team the good results of your ministry—children converted, baptized, started to church, praying in class, behaving better, doing assigned homework tasks, etc. Give them credit as part of the team.

From time to time, invite a team member to visit your class or ministry. Keep in touch, using letters, email, phone, visits, pictures.

Ask about your support partner's life and ministry as well. Seek to develop a two-way friendship (as opposed to a one-way friendship where everything is about you).