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AUGUST 2015 WHAT IS A “SPIRITUAL BRUSH STROKE?” Several years ago a good pastor friend of mine said, “Bill, the only way to handle all the migration of the people in your congregation is to see your ministry as just putting on spiritual brush strokes.”

I could get frustrated by not seeing the people come to a place of full discipleship, because so many would be transferred to another state or country. At that point the Lord was bringing a lot of people to Gamboa who were in the military. Most were placed here for a three year term. By the time we got to meet most of them, in a short time they were being moved to another base. Many came to Christ, united with the church and began a discipleship program, but did not complete it because they were transferred.

God brought a lot of love into our lives, but we were all continually coming and going. That's when my pastor friend, Spencer Bowers, encouraged me with this principle. It is not my responsibility to bring people to the point of complete maturity, but to do what I can do during the time that they are in my life. Then I have to release them into God's hands to bring them to the next step in their lives.

I have to continually practice this principle. Recently I have shared in our newsletters about the excitement of meeting the various teams from areas around the world. Some of the team we get to meet for just during one service and others I have time to lead them in places of ministry for several weeks...but all of it is still for just a small time and later I can hardly even remember their names.

BUT, it is amazing to see what God has done in their lives in such a short time. It is also amazing to experience what God has done in the lives of our congregation during that time. Do you see how so many team members focus to pray for our congregation during that time? The team not only prays for us, but their home churches pray for us.

So what is your situation? You may be only giving one tract for a person, or giving a good word on Face Bok or reading a Bible story to the children...but this principle of the “spiritual brush strokes” can encourage you and give you a new desire to pray?

Thank you for your love and prayers for the mission here in Panama...truly, you are placing “brush strokes” in our lives!

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