

# Partnership tapestry



*Nat is one of our amazing supporters. She faithfully partners with Suzanne who is preparing to join the Silk Road Area team.*

*In this piece, Nat shares her thoughts on the interlocking nature of Kingdom partnership.*

## **On committing to partner**

**As someone who has served interculturally and learned to speak another language, I know firsthand the isolation that can come from it.**

I remember feeling like nothing made sense. Especially in the early stages, communication with locals is very difficult. So I know the incredible encouragement of having people pray, write and call. That's why I choose to actively partner with people like Suzanne.

## **On Senders and Go-ers**

**The relationship between the sender and go-er is very important. I know how challenging moving into an intercultural environment is.** There are language and cultural barriers, as well as different outlooks on life.

This can be an extremely daunting experience for the go-er. And so knowing there are people who are praying for them, encouraging them and supporting them is vital. Even when they spend time back in their home country.

As a sender, it's my privilege to pray, encourage, write and call so the go-er knows - in a tangible way - that they are not alone. **We are all part of the wider family of God.**

It's a beautiful weaving of sending and going, partnership and call - we're woven together in God's mission and story.

## **On Kingdom Partnership**

For me, partnership in God's mission means using what God has given me for Him. It means investing in ministries that allow people to hear and respond to the good news of Jesus.

God has given us so much! Our finances, skills, abilities, time and more. Everything God has given us is an opportunity to invest in Kingdom work.

***My motivation in using my gifts to partner in God's mission, is to encourage others who are sharing His love.***

## **On Giving**

I give to support others as they share God's Word with people, particularly those who have not had the opportunity to hear it before. Or who need encouragement and discipleship to grow in their faith in God.

**This enables the go-er to work in the place God is sending them, and to devote their whole time to their ministry.**

I like to pray and ask God whom He is asking me to support and how much. There are so many good causes out there, but to me, it is important that people have the opportunity to hear God's Word in their own heart language.

***I believe that God provides all our needs. And so if God has put a cause on my heart, then I can trust Him to supply my needs as I give.***

## **On Prayer**

There are many challenges serving interculturally, even more so when sharing the Gospel. Prayer is vital.

Prayer also encourages the go-er as they know that they are not the only ones lifting their requests to God. There is power in followers of Jesus agreeing together in prayer. And God delights in answering these prayers.