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***“You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit - fruit that will last.”
John 15:16***

Dear Friend of Leaman,

I am privileged to direct the ministry of MAF's Learning Technologies team and want to share with you the importance of Leaman's role in our LT ministry. We believe that Leaman has unique gifts that God can use for His glory and the building of God's Kingdom around the world.

What makes the role of MAF Learning Technologies so critical in advancing the Kingdom around the world?

- A Venezuelan seminary leader recently told us that schools like his will not survive unless they embrace Distance Learning technology. Bible Schools in many other locations around the world echo similar concerns.
- Life circumstances increasingly prevent rural pastors from traveling the distance to attend Bible school. Most of them work full-time to support their families, while pastoring a congregation at the same time. The cost of training, travel, and relocation remains far beyond their means. In some places, persecution makes open training not only hazardous, but impossible as well.

MAF Learning Technologies is a “last mile” ministry. We help bring Christian education where the obstacles are the greatest and the resources the least. Each training situation presents unique political, cultural, religious, and economic challenges. But, the Lord is using MAF's LT ministries to overcome these barriers through our computer and communication technology.

Leaman's strong abilities in training, testing, and planning—the practice of instructional design—will play a crucial role. God has gifted him with the passion, skills, and ability to bring education to church leaders in areas where both resources and encouragement are scarce. This is very important because he will partner with national ministries to develop the training to help isolated leaders grow in knowledge and spiritual maturity. Then, under knowledgeable and mature leadership the isolated church not only grows, but flourishes, bringing God's Word to the world's forgotten corners.

With missions having a different face in the 21st Century, Leaman represents the new kind of missionary equipped to meet today's leadership training challenges through appropriate technology. The goal remains the same, but the methods have changed.

I hope that you see the importance of Leaman's role in the completion of the Great Commission, as I do. Your encouragement and prayers are essential. God has already provided his entire set up costs. The on-going ministry support is almost 80% committed; would you please prayerfully consider joining his financial support team to bring him to 100% of his ministry support goal? We need to know he has a complete team behind him before we can allow him to move to MAF headquarters. We are eagerly awaiting his arrival and the beginning of his LT ministry this fall.

Your coworker in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Richard Morris', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Richard Morris
Director, Learning Technologies