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Dear Partner,

You have heard the old adage that if you give a man a fish you feed him for a day, but teach a man to fish and you feed him for the rest of his life. We're all in the "fishing" business in some sense. Maybe it's teaching our children how to tie their shoes, teaching a co-worker a new task, or teaching a friend how to change the oil in his car. Our goal is for them to do it on their own once we're not around, and for them to pass that teaching on to others.

As a partner with Entrust you are also helping train men and women so that they can minister effectively for the rest of their lives, as well as help them to multiply themselves in training others. What a great business to be in!

Here are two stories I think you'll enjoy from students that have been trained and, in turn, are becoming "fishers of men (and women)":

"My name is Irina. I come from Voronezh, Russia. I was born in the Urals in a small industrial town where my mom was an atheist, since the school principle could not believe in God! My grandmom, a believer, raised my sister and me as our mother was always at work. My first grade teacher also was a believer who shared a few words about her faith, even though it was forbidden and many of her family had been sent into exile.



My life is very busy balancing a family, work in my local church, my job as an engineer and manager in a metal casting company, teaching at the Voronezh women's ministry training center and overseeing five other centers in our region. There are many challenges to be a woman in a position of respect and leadership in my church and region but the pastors see the value of the training and curriculum and asked me to oversee their implementation in our denomination all across Russia. ***God has even more multiplication in mind than we did!***

And here's another:



"I am a pastor in an Entrust group in the Middle East [name omitted for security reasons]. One day in our group a few men were discussing a lesson from the Gospel of John.

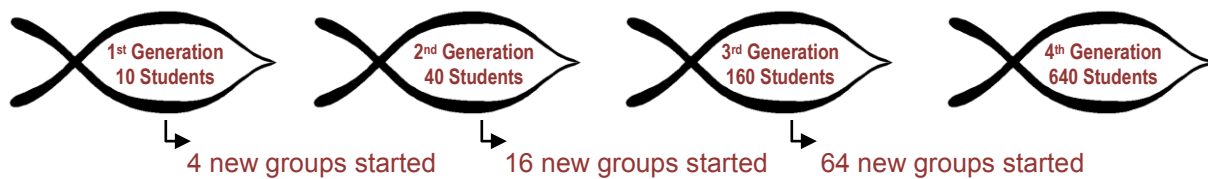
One of them remarked, 'People from outside our country who just come here for a few days really don't understand what it's like here. It helps that people like Dr. Mark [Entrust facilitator] actually live here and sweat through the days with us. That's why I love John 1:14, "and the Word became flesh and *dwelt among us.*" My wife and I are now praying about moving to a small village because many people are

coming to know Jesus there and they need someone to live among them and help them learn His Word and His ways.’

The other men and I looked at him in horror and one replied, ‘But life is very hard there! It’s much worse than the city! Besides, there is disease and sickness—people are dying there all the time!’

The first man smiled calmly at us replying, ‘I know, my friends, but *can we do less than our brother Jesus did?*’”

To turn a student into a “fisherman” costs a surprisingly small amount. One year is only \$500 (compare that to a year of schooling here in the States). But the impact is exponential: would you believe that **one person trained through Entrust can result in 640 trained people**? The multiplication effect is amazing and occurs because students are encouraged to start a new group on their own, who then turn around and encourage their students to do the same, and so on. Groups typically have ten students and at least 40% go on to start new groups so it looks like this:



(Assuming each group has 10 students and 40 percent of the students in each group go on to start new groups)

Would you prayerfully consider helping a student become a “fisher of men,” by providing an opportunity for him or her to attend a year of training? By your generous gift you become an agent of change in someone’s life by helping them become a leader who will rise up and boldly share the Message of Christ in places that desperately need to hear it like Europe, Africa, Asia, the Middle East, and Latin America.

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P.S. Please join me today in committing to raise up these church leaders by filling out the enclosed card for your gift.