

Anonymous Conversations

with a Dallas Theological Seminary Student

Paying for seminary weighed heavily on our minds. We decided to try everything we came across. But when it came to support development, I equated it with begging.

My last year was a tough year, though. I was working 30 hours per week at a public school, doing 20 hours per week as a resident apartment chaplain and going to school. We decided that something needed to give. Not wanting to give up the spiritual opportunities in the apartment community, I considered support development but still wasn't sure. While praying through these decisions, I felt God telling me to continue with the apartment ministry and SMI. I was still hesitant regarding support development, but in sharing with some ministry partners, I began to understand that it was not begging. These people helped me realize it was an opportunity for them to be involved in ministry through what I was doing.

My paradigm changed.

I began to share this ministry excitement with potential ministry partners and was overwhelmed with the response. I now love hearing what God is doing in the lives of those who partner, and I always keep them informed with the ministry I am able to do as a result of their ministry partnership.

I am so appreciative of SMI. They help with the fundraising process and offer accountability, and their professionalism is unmatched. SMI's administrative fee is completely worth it because SMI does everything for you. They manage your ministry account and process all financial contributions. They send monthly electronic statements regarding your status as well as forward receipts and supplies. Because of SMI's program, I feel comfortable with developing support and doing ministry. SMI's integrity enables me to communicate with confidence to ministry partners regarding my opportunity with SMI to engage fully in a professional ministry apprenticeship and maximize this time of preparation.