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To put it simply, I could not have gone through four years of seminary, full-time, with four young children without SMI.

I am so grateful for God's provision through SMI.

SMI allowed me to raise support over the course of my seminary studies and be involved in ministry projects related to my future calling. **I am better prepared as a pastor**, because SMI allowed me to work in local church ministry, rather than having to take another type of outside employment.

Another benefit of SMI is that ministry partners did not just provide financially, but they prayed and supported in other ways. Many called regularly to encourage us during hard times. One family sent our children all new clothes at Easter, and another provided stamps and calling cards. **We would not**

have had this "team approach" to seminary education without SMI. We never felt "alone" as seminary students with our SMI family behind us.

The financial accountability that SMI provided was important to ministry partners. They knew that their giving was not only preparing me for future ministry but was making a difference "now" in my ministry projects. **Every ministry partner had a hand in every person that came to place their trust in Christ, or rededicate themselves to God as a part of my work through SMI.**

The only unfortunate part of SMI is that more seminary students do not know or take advantage of it. SMI is a unique and effective way to finance seminary life. **I thank God for SMI.**