

## ACCOMPANY

*"If I then, the Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet." John 13:14*

Mission leaders often work in isolated contexts and are looking for fellowship and companionship on what can be a long and testing journey. Sadly 'burn-out' is not uncommon among senior mission leaders and practitioners, with others surviving in a 'head just above the water' mode – unable to remain innovative and reflective or to motivate and inspire their teams. **Accompaniment** provides personal support, fellowship, challenge and spiritual refreshment along the way.

Faith2Share provides this through:

- Leader to leader accompaniment
- Accompaniment by staff
- Mission Hubs
- Organisational collaboration
- Referrals for support

### A LEADER MUST SHOW COMPASSION

*"We've seen that if people don't have close friendships on the job and if they don't have a leader who really cares about them individually, there's almost no chance that they'll be engaged in their work."*

*"We asked followers in that study to give us the initials of the leader who's had the most influence in their life. Then later on in the study, we asked them how long they've known that person. The average duration of the relationship with the most influential leader in their life is ten years. The kind of leadership that makes a real difference in someone's life takes time, patience, and a powerful relationship." Tom Rath*

TOM RATH AND BARRY CONCHIE: AUTHORS OF STRENGTHS BASED LEADERSHIP BY GALLUP



*In Nairobi, Faith2Share's Africa Coordinator has drawn together a 'hub' of about ten mission leaders who regularly meet for fellowship and to learn from each other. This draws together network members and other partners. It has already resulted in a training consultation for francophone African leaders (held in Goma, DRC, in 2015) which focused on mission in the midst of suffering.*



*In Yangon, Faith2Share has fostered the development of the 'Myanmar Faith2Share Chapter', four mission leaders who have shared their journey in mission and facilitated training opportunities for another 30 mission and church leaders. They have equipped and encouraged local leaders in what has been a fast-changing and fragile context; especially as it comes out of military dictatorship.*

*We asked network leaders: "In what ways has Faith2Share helped you personally in your ministry?"*



*"Being part of a network, feeling that I am part of a bigger family, that I am not alone. The fellowship, encouragement, prayer, and support of other network members and the staff team."*

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