



### Success in ministry doesn't just happen. Failure in ministry doesn't just happen, either.

Leaders in the church need both training and encouragement to succeed for the long haul. They need people like Aaron and Hur who supported Moses, or like Paul, who mentored Timothy and later encouraged him in his work.

Many church leaders are struggling. In a recent study in North America, several reasons for pastors leaving the ministry were identified:

- moral failure (most common)
- personal problems
- health problems
- lack of support
- conflicts in the church
- burnout
- isolation

### what is needed

a place where discouraged pastors can be encouraged, and where under-trained pastors can receive the training they so desperately need.

a place where ministry couples can come together and rediscover their love for each other and their passion to serve the Lord.

### what is the answer

the Brook

## what is the Brook

The Brook is a place for ministry professionals to connect with others to learn new skills or sharpen the ones they have. It is also a place of spiritual renewal where ministers can hear again God's call on their lives, or perhaps reconnect with their spouse.

A resort campus is under development in Costa Rica. Convenient to the entire Western Hemisphere, this tropical paradise is known for:

- great, drinkable water and excellent food
- a mild, tropical climate
- safety, with good security and no military
- a stable economy
- friendly residents who are educated and helpful
- good infrastructure, including cell service and internet

## how can I help...

### pray

Ask God to direct and bless the foundation and growth of The Brook Ministries.

### serve

Offer your talents and skills to the ministry.

### give

Donate to our capital campaign, or offer your monthly support.

For nearly 20 years I worked as a pastor in three local churches. During that time I was blessed to see thousands of lives changed. There is truly no force on this earth that can compare with the local church.

I love the church, and I know you do to. And yet, the leaders whom God gave to the church to help build and strengthen it are under attack like never before. More than a hundred quit every day. And the leaders in the underdeveloped countries of Latin America are lacking basic resources that their North American counterparts take for granted.

Several years ago, the Lord gave me a vision for a place of training and renewal that could serve all the churches of the Americas.

I need your help and I don't mind asking for it. Jesus left us with a commission bigger than all of us, and we need to work together to see it to completion. Your support of The Brook will be multiplied many thousands of times over because the people we minister to are the people who minister.

Because of Christ,

Steve Lucas  
 Founder and President  
 The Brook Ministries, Inc.

