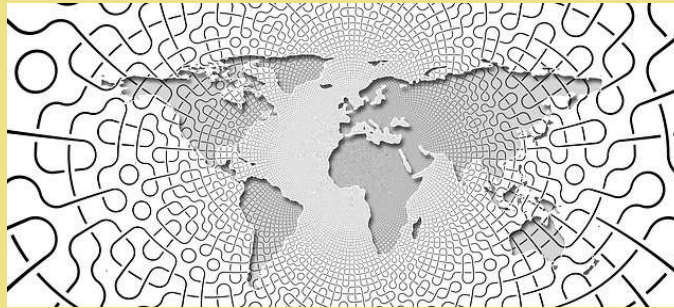


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What Does Collaboration Actually Mean?

Well, according to the dictionary, is it “the action of working with someone to produce or create something.” Typically, when we think of collaboration, we imagine agencies working together to accomplish something greater than what either one of them could accomplish alone. And that is a worthy consideration. But I want to direct our thoughts to a different facet of the diamond of collaboration - a type of collaboration we can catalyze through our individual or collective efforts. The collaboration of our program participants or beneficiaries.

Mary is a woman with a disability – marginalized and ostracized by her community – definitely not the “go-to” person for help or advice. But recently, Mary had the opportunity to participate in a 4-month wholistic discipleship program called Transformation Training. This training covers a variety of topics in wholistic health – physical, emotional, spiritual, economic, relational, and intellectual. A couple of days after one of the training classes, Mary was awakened in the middle of the night by the sound of wailing from her neighbor’s house.



She knew her neighbor’s young son had been sick, so she ran next door to see what had happened. She found the child unconscious from severe dehydration.

Only a couple of days earlier, Mary had completed a lesson on treatment for diarrhea and dehydration. She knew what the child needed. Without wasting time, Mary mixed up oral rehydration solution as she had been taught, and began to spoon it into the boy’s mouth. She sat with the boy all night, spooning the solution into his mouth. By morning, the boy had regained consciousness, and the family was amazed. They regained hope for his life, rather than resignation for his death. He was taken to the clinic for treatment and made a full recovery! Without Mary’s quick, decisive, and well-informed action, the boy would have died!

Mary didn’t stop there. When she received training on the prevention of COVID-19, she quickly took that knowledge back to her village as well. Now many in her village know what to do to prevent the

respect and has skills and gifts to use for the flourishing of her whole community.

This is collaboration at its best! Working together to produce and create life and health among the poor.

Empowering Mary led to a pathway of life and wholistic health and transformation.



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