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Subject: Marriage team recommendation

Good afternoon guys,

I am going to make this short and sweet.

I believe you received a note from Gary Floyd recently about MarriageTeam ministry, and I want to affirm what you have already heard. Al and Autumn Ray have been a blessing to me and Northside, and their ministry has saved me a great deal of time and energy. If most ministry leaders get as excited as I do about the work that comes with a wedding (that is sarcasm for those who don't have the gift), they will consider the training of a church couple by MarriageTeam a benefit that outweighs the cost by far.

I am attaching a personal letter of reference you can simply delete with this email or pass along to pastors or ministry leaders who might benefit from it.

Please feel free to contact me or encourage others to do so if more information or testimony would be helpful.

Blessings,

Tim

P.S. I have full color brochures I can provide in an attachment if anyone is interested.

Dear Mission Directors,

I would like to share my experiences with a nonprofit called MarriageTeam. They have a local program and a regional and national vision. MarriageTeam equips Christian couples in healthy marriages to serve as marriage coaches for pre-marital and married couples. They have been in ministry since late 2001 and formed as an independent non-profit two years ago. Their coaches have led three couples to the Lord.

I had a couple in my congregation trained by MarriageTeam and over a two year period they provided pre-marital coaching for couples that I was marrying. It was an excellent supplement to what I was doing with the couple and I knew that the couple was going to receive 10 to 12 additional hours of coaching around a national inventory. All MarriageTeam coaches are trained in the use of PREPARE/ENRICH as well as other materials to strengthen and save marriages.

MarriageTeam can help achieve any of the following objectives:

- Strengthen and save marriages and families in the church and community.
- Reach out with services that meet a need and draw people to Christ.
- Equip members of the body to serve and act on their faith.
- Provide additional pre-marital training and skill development for married couples using PREPARE/ENRICH.

MarriageTeam accomplishes these objectives through the following process.

MarriageTeam trains church couples to be coaches

- Couples desiring coaching call MarriageTeam or are referred by the pastor
- Couples who are referred by the pastor can be placed with a coach couple from his church when available or another MarriageTeam coach couple.
- MarriageTeam provides all the administration and processing for placement, evaluation and reporting.
- Coaching occurs for the normal 8-12 sessions (6 session for premarital) as determined by the coach couple and the couple being coached.
- Coaches are encouraged to invite their unchurched couples being coached to attend church
- MarriageTeam provides the referring pastor with a copy of the coach's and coached couple's evaluations of the program.

MarriageTeam has a very informative website, www.marriageteam.org. Couples completing MarriageTeam coaching have rated their experience a 9.2 on a scale of 1 to 10 and have reported an average 70% improvement in their relationship. I am in the process of identifying more couples for their upcoming March training and highly recommend their program for your consideration.

MarriageTeam will travel to train couples in your congregations if you are interested in participating in the MarriageTeam program. Their Executive Director is Al Ray and he can be reached at 1 866-831-4201 or al@marriageteam.org.