## Tom & Ruth Denlinger Prayer Requests - February 2024 Serving with www.lightshineministries.org for the past 29 years

Hello Everyone!

We are very excited about the coming year and are actively training and equipping people to embrace their calling. **I would really appreciate your prayer for wisdom as I organize and train groups like you see in this photo.** Jeff Zimmerman (in the light blue shirt) and I are leading three different discipleship training groups in Mount Joy, Reinholds and Hershey. There are many people who are hungry to be part of a group which provides a personal connection to others of like mind and calling. We call it "a tribe" which describes a place of belonging, of accountability and love. It's really an accurate representation of the Church (the Body of Christ) meeting in homes.



Are you part of a tribe? If not, consider joining one of our groups. Jeff and I could even start one in your home!

Why is this important?

I believe meeting in a larger context is also vital for a well rounded view of the local church. **Nothing can replace corporate worship** where we worship our LORD together with many people as we do on

our own in the secret place with Him (Matthew 6:6). But interaction between people is something that many people are missing today. "*Iron sharpening iron*" helps us learn the importance of exercising what we believe and testing it in our relationships with others. Once we master that in a small group setting, people are more equipped to lead a missions team to actually accomplish something amazing in another place.

**Thank you** for helping me do my job as you financially support my wife and I. There are so many things that happen behind the scenes in ministry that are often overlooked. A good quote on leadership is this: "Servant leadership is getting people to accomplish great things and allowing them to conclude that it was their idea in the first place". That is what ministry is all about!

Thank you for your years of prayer and financial support for me as a missionary with LightShine. We send you this newsletter to help you understand what I do. I need to raise \$5,250 per month to cover my salary. The money that comes in from our supporters goes into a column in our ministry's books that I draw from when I report my hours each week. If you ever want to talk to me personally, I would be happy to answer any questions that you might have. Thank you so much!

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