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# Halftime Newsletter August 2010

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## Supporting Halftimers Overseas

**By Bob Durfy**

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Proverbs 9:6 (paraphrased) reads, “Find life...leave inexperience behind...pursue the way of understanding!” Could the writer have been contemplating the Halftime journey? The phrase defines the heart of many of our international Halftime friends. In South Africa, Sweden, Australia, and Singapore, groups of men and women are putting aside dreams of worldly success to pursue a clearer understanding of Halftime for themselves, and thereby help others discern and live out God’s calling and find the works He prepared for them to do in advance.

A few of our Halftime team just returned from Singapore and Australia where the heart cry of Halftime and pursuit of one’s calling is palpable and infectious. In Singapore, 22 men and women gathered from four countries to “pursue the way of understanding” in relation to their Halftime journeys. They set aside more than 50 hours in three days to identify their core strengths and passions, develop personal mission statements, and clarify how God might use their skills and experience for His work. Two dozen highly successful marketplace and ministry leaders were in hot pursuit of God’s calling in their lives.

A bank executive named Maria displayed “pursuit” by flying to the Singapore Summit from Manila, Philippines. She further demonstrated pursuit by spending an evening alone with the Lord, her two days of Summit notes spread out on the floor before Him. On Day 1 she had come to understand her passion was to help create and support healthy families—her own and others. She had come to the Summit thinking she would have to leave the marketplace to live out her calling. The morning after pursuing the Lord for clarity, she was full of excitement when she shared with us. She was going to return to the corporate world to use her 25 years of executive experience to build “family” at the bank. Maria committed to reorganize and reprioritize in order to offer a more meaningful work experience for her employees and to strive to bring significance to what her teams accomplish. This is the fruit of pursuit! This is finding LIFE!

There are Halftimers in many countries. We facilitate workshops, coach and encourage them by phone and face-to-face. We are in the process of building capacity to help Halftimers worldwide by training men and women called to serve those in Halftime to run workshops and utilize our unique coaching process. These committed men and women (we call them Halftime Affiliates) are gathering in Dallas on November 1–5 for more training and best practices sharing. The time together will be an important way to “leave inexperience behind,” and will be critical to the growth and quality of the Halftime ministry going forward.

Please pray for the Halftime Affiliates who are many time zones away from our Dallas support team. Let us also take a lesson from our international friends as well as the ancient sage of Proverbs and **really pursue** the way of understanding. In doing so...we will find Life!



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Click the video below to hear Patricia Liu share her story of letting go of her career with HP to make way for something even better.



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## Finding the Courage to Let Go

By Lloyd Reeb

Primary Spokesman of Halftime

The Halftime journey often involves letting go of good things to make space for the best. First half dreams sometimes have to die, so that more significant dreams can emerge.

Last week I was in Tasmania, an island off the southern coast of Australia. Landing at sundown, I was struck by its beauty and remoteness. An early morning breakfast with about 80 local business people was a great way to begin to learn how Halftime plays itself out in their setting. A sharp looking young businessman approached me with a smile as if we knew each other. It was Andrew Overton, a successful real estate developer in his early thirties who is well on his way to making his second half count.

Andrew's story touched my heart because he and his wife Stephanie found the courage to let go of some good things early in life so they can pursue things they feel have more eternal value. Here's what he shared with me.

"I read your book *From Success to Significance* and it started my wife and I on a journey. I was challenged as to how I could use what God has so graciously given to us and how to be a wise steward. Here are some things we decided as a family to put in place since that time.

1. We decided to sell our "larger" family home and have since rebuilt a home that meets our "needs". This enabled us to eliminate our personal debt, which has freed us up to be more generous with what God has given us.
2. We decided to set a "standard of living" and an "income level" that we believed would be a more freeing way to live.
3. We decided to track our expenditures as I believe when we have "extra" it is very easy for this to disappear without often knowing where it all went.
4. We are doing our best to take our daughters on this journey of generosity too, showing the love of Jesus to a broken world. They each now have 3 money jars ...Giving, Saving, Spending.
5. We've had the privilege of going to Africa with Compassion International and will be heading to Indonesia in January to visit the children that we sponsor in these locations. We sponsor children in a few different countries and hope to see them all with our family at some point over the coming years.

It's wonderful what God (and the impact of a couple of books) can have in your life for change and for the greater good. I love the term 'the economics of enough'.

Andrew leaves us with this verse to reflect on... “You will be **enriched** in every way **to be generous** in every way, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God.” 2 Cor 9:11