To flourish, a plant needs the right environment. Most plants need good soil, nutrients and the right balance of rain and sun.

Like plants, human beings thrive when they are in a good environment with plenty of outside resources. Simply put, no matter how strong or amazing we think we are, none of us would even survive, much less flourish, without the support and nutrients outside of ourselves—from God and others.

Through my 24 years at Desire Street, I’ve unfortunately seen time and again many amazing young boys and girls, created in the image of God, filled with talent, potential and hope, slowly wither simply due to lack of a supporting environment. Too many bright eyes are slowly turning grey.

Fortunately, I also get to see the difference it makes in a life when a DSM leader helps develop a healthier and more supportive environment. When kids are well loved, and also supported with excellent education, healthcare, and nutrition, amazing things can happen.

One other thing we’ve noticed—the leaders are often not getting the nutrients for themselves to flourish, and too many leaders are burning out. When a leader burns out, it usually has a long term, harmful effect on the environment for many kids and families.

Our goal at DSM is to create healthy environments for urban ministry leaders to flourish, which ultimately leads to healthy neighborhoods, environments where kids and families have an opportunity to truly flourish.

Thank you for helping us in our mission to revitalize under-resourced neighborhoods into flourishing communities.

At Desire Street Ministries, we can’t help but express gratitude for our amazing supporting cast – which includes each and every supporter that we have. As you know, the needs in our under-resourced communities are myriad. The battles that our ministry partners face are fierce every day. In order to offset their burdens and to buffer the challenges they experience, it requires a host of women and men who give, pray, and love our partners well.

As Paul writes in 2 Thessalonians 1:3, our hope is that your own faith will continue to flourish as you see the Lord’s kingdom continuing to grow and expand in broken and hurting spaces. In turn we hope that all of us will continue to rally and love one another more – to uplift Christ’s servants to glorify His name.
Our Leadership Retreat offers our Partners and their spouses a time of rest, connection and encouragement.

Conversations around Emotional Wellness and Best Practices happen thanks to our Lead Coaches and partnership with The Rest Initiative.

We couldn't support these amazing leaders without YOU!
Follow our partners on social media to stay connected with the work God is doing in their neighborhoods.

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