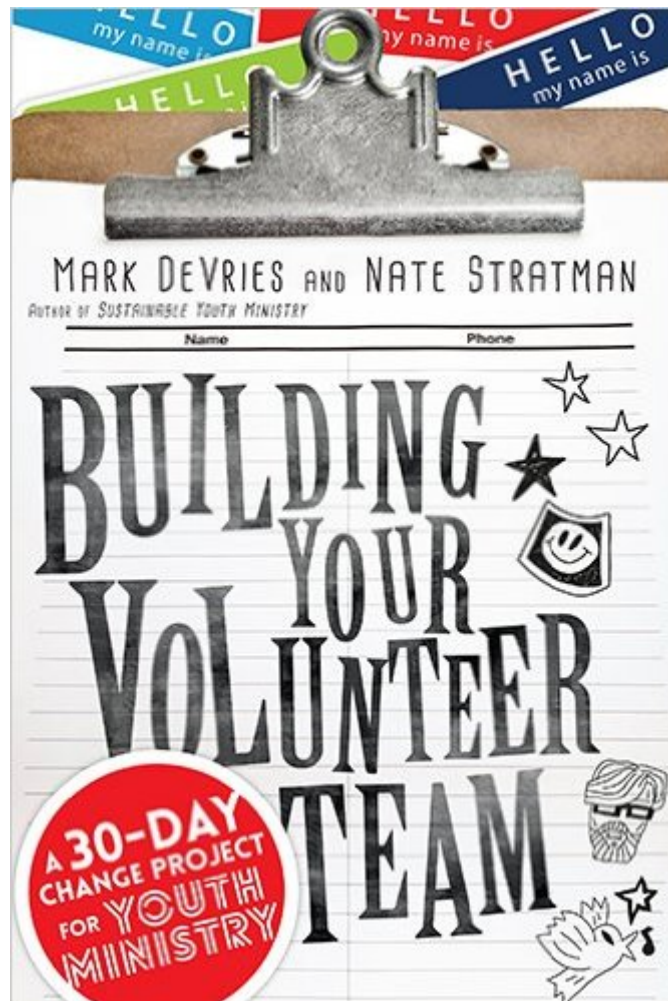


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Building Your Volunteer Team: A 30-Day Change Project For Youth Ministry



Synopsis

Do you find yourself again and again wondering what it would take to get some new volunteers onboard for your ministry? And yet does it seem that you are never able to focus your energy on recruitment? Maybe you find yourself saying things like: "It's just easier for me to do it myself." At one level, of course, this is true. Almost always, it is easier to "do it ourselves." We avoid the hassle of having to coordinate and communicate. We avoid having to follow up with people who drop the ball. Youth leaders Mark DeVries and Nate Stratman have heard dozens of reasons why leaders choose not to build a solid volunteer team. But faithful ministry is not a do-it-yourself project. It's more than just recruiting—it involves changing the culture of your ministry so that volunteers want to become involved. That's why they have developed this 30-day change approach. In these pages you will find the step-by-step support you need to actually make one of the most important changes you want to see in your ministry. DeVries and Stratman are so committed to the ideas that they offer the following guarantee: If you work this 30-day process for one to two hours a day, six days a week, for 30 days, and it does not create significant change in your ministry, Ministry Architects will gladly refund the cost of this book and offer a credit of \$20 toward any downloadable resource in their online store at ymarchitects.com. You have so little to risk and everything to gain. It's time to put together that team you've been longing for!

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I still remember the day youth ministry got fun. It was during a meeting with my adult leaders in my

rookie year in youth ministry. As we went through our upcoming youth ministry gathering, I remember sitting there thinking, "You guys are fun. You make this job fun. I cannot do it without you." Ever since then, I've greatly valued adult leaders. Yet, like so many other youth workers, I've found it difficult to recruit and train them. For that reason, I was excited to read *Building Your Volunteer Team* by Mark DeVries and Nate Stratman. The underlying premise of *Building Your Volunteer Team* is that most youth workers struggle with building their team because they simply do not invest enough time in doing so. Mark and Nate remind us that "creating a habit requires sustained investment day in and day out for several weeks." In *Building Your Volunteer Team*, they attempt to help youth workers create such a habit, challenging them to spend one to two hours a day for 30 days focused on this important part of youth ministry. They're so confident in their methods that the book even comes with a money back guarantee from Ministry Architects. To be sure, *Building Your Volunteer Team* is a book filled with wisdom. It reminds youth workers that "faithful ministry is almost never meant to be a do-it-yourself project. It's a do-it-together project." It also offers practical, step-by-step instructions for building your volunteer team. To help you do so, the book is packed with resources you can use. The ones found in the appendix are, even by themselves, worth the price of the book.

I have been apart of an effective youth ministry team. I was not the pastoral leader but a team member, so I wasn't responsible for creating and building the team, but it was great. We met together, did retreats together and did team building exercises. We called ourselves the 'Youth Support Team' (insert your favorite jock strap/bra joke here, we made them all). As the Youth Support Team (YST) we planned our weekly youth worship service, we mentored, we prayed with and for kids and planned special events. On a whole, we did effective and fruitful ministry together. I have been part of youth ministry before and since when finding an adequate ministry team was difficult and appreciate resources for building teams. These days I don't directly work with youth, but as a solo senior pastor in a small church I am invested in seeing the youth of my church thrive. Mark DeVries and Nate Stratman of Ministry Architects have written *Building Your Volunteer Team* to help youth ministers raise up volunteers for their church. The book is a 30-day Change project for youth ministry and DeVries and Stratman guarantee that if their program is followed, it will build your volunteer team. DeVries and Stratman organize tasks for each day to help youth leaders to approach recruitment systematically. Much of what they give you to do amounts to calling and follow-up with people in an organized way. The goal isn't just to get new warm bodies into youth ministry to serve, but to build a team where people are serving in their gifts and passions (the right

people on the bus). DeVries augment the practical steps with instructions for prayer partners and weekly sabbath days (AKA reflection days).

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