Dear Lexie,

Several years ago, while on a Sligo Mission trip to Mexico, I recall balancing on a ladder at odd angles as I fastened metal bars together. I had to take frequent breaks, for while I was keen and eager in desire, my biceps and triceps told a different story. Holding a heavy drill above my head while applying enough pressure to get the job done was not something my willing, yet little, arms could sustain for long.

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"RAISED ROOFS AND RAISED HANDS"

Standing at the bottom of the ladder, a fellow Sligo member held it in place so I would not topple over from my precarious position. Now, this person was far stronger and much more experienced than I was. However, instead of taking over, they patiently directed me, encouraged me, and held me up on a ladder so I could raise a roof in Mexico.

We have been talking a lot about raising roofs at Sligo. My experience in Mexico taught me that to raise a roof, not only do we have to raise our arms, but people of varying strength and different levels of experience must also all work together for one
Angel Rodriguez
(8:45 & 11:15 a.m.)

**BULLETIN**

**Worship Service**

**Musicians:**
- Ken Lowenberg, organist
- Jon Gilbertson, chorister
- Valerie Ganta, children's lesson vocalist

**Sligo Sanctuary Choir**
- Jon Gilbertson, director

**UPCOMING SPEAKERS:**
- October 13 (Sligo School Day)
  - Charles A. Tapp
    (8:45 & 11:15 a.m.)

- October 20 (Adventist Heritage Weekend)
  - David Trim
    (8:45 & 11:15 a.m.)

Worship Services every Saturday:
- First Service - 8:45am
- Sabbath School - 10:00am
- Sabbath Celebration - 11:15am

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purpose and a common goal.

A mighty man of God found himself in a position similar to mine in Mexico. He was not on top of a ladder, but on top of a hill. His desire was huge, his heart strong, but his arms were weary. The Amalekites came to fight against Israel. Moses told Joshua to go and fight them, while he would be on top of a hill with his hands raised holding up the staff of God. This raising of Moses' hands indicates fervent prayer. This battle would not be won but by the power of God. (Exodus 17:8-13).

As the battle waged, Moses discovered that while his hands were raised the Israelites prevailed and when he lowered his hands the Amalekites prevailed. If Israel was going to "raise the roof", in other words, do the impossible, Moses had to keep his hands raised continually in prayer. But like me, Moses' arms grew weary. Aaron and Hur, like that patient Sligo member in Mexico, are by his side to encourage and hold his arms up. They find a rock where he can sit, and each of them takes an arm to hold it up in prayer. The prayer of the mighty man of God now becomes the prayer of a community of three. With the help of Aaron and Hur Moses' raised hands are steady till evening.

Joshua won the battle that day because of raised hands, but it was not just Moses' hands. If we are to "raise the roof" in our community, we have to keep our hands raised in prayer like Moses, but also, as Aaron and Hur demonstrated, we can do it only if we work together and pray together.

Let us come together in purpose and focus, with our different strengths and experiences, as did this community of 3. Let us keep our hands raised in prayer to God so we can "raise the roof" in our community. Let us learn from Moses, Aaron, and Hur, that we can only "raise the roof" if we are bonded to God and to each other.

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Youth & Young Adult Pastor
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