

## **A Message from David Roth - President, WorkMatters**

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*It is with deep emotions that we move forward from this chapter in our WorkMatters history. Helping business people between jobs was never on our radar. It was never a part of our vision. But Sam Bates and I...and then a few weeks later Butch Scruggs... received a clear call from the Lord to help alter the journey of these business people in need. It has been an incredible journey.*

*The Joseph Project was a clear answer to Jesus' command to help the "poor and the sick". This group of poor and sick were mostly people who have never been poor and sick before, but in terms of the marketplace...they were looking for help. There was a huge unrealized need not being met.*

*It has been an indescribable blessing for our WorkMatters Board of Directors, staff, volunteer Leadership team, volunteers and financial supporters to serve our Lord for those between jobs. The stories of life change are inspirational. Every week, new stories came. In some of the most difficult times in these people's lives, God showed himself powerful, merciful and loving.*

*I want to offer a special thank you to Mr. Butch Scruggs, who answered God's call to give his life to this marketplace ministry for 2 ½ years. Without his heart and hard work, I don't know that The Joseph Project would have ever happened. Also, thanks to Jim Shankle and Cameron Smith who played sacrificial and inspirational roles in The Joseph Project. And, Andy Wilson, Executive Leader at Cross Church, also deserves thanks for being an ardent Joseph Project advocate from day one.*

*Sam Bates and I pray that God will now open new doors to help this awesome group of men and women who remain between jobs. May they have wisdom and courage that can only come from our Lord.*

*Thank you for the blessing of serving you in this Joseph Project marketplace ministry. We will continue to pray for those between jobs and the future that God has promised you!*

*David Roth  
WorkMatters President*