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*Discipleship is caring enough to share your life with another. How are you pouring your life into another's?*



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*“You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last—and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you. This is my command: Love each other.”*

*John 15:16-17 (NIV)*





## DISCIPLESHIP CAN BE LIKE APPLES IN A SEED

by Michael Ramos,  
Kingdom Come Director

Five years into ministry, back in 1993, I was reading a magazine titled “WorldWide Challenge.” On the front cover were three young men standing in a row. Two of them were college-aged, the third just a few years older. The oldest was a young 5’4” Filipino American named Butch. He was the ministry staff person assigned to the campus, who later became a friend of mine. The second, whom we’ll call Chuck, was a 5’10” third year American engineering student, and the third, David, was a 6’4” sophomore, business major and sports enthusiast at the university.

This trio who were lined up on the cover quickly captured my attention because they had positioned Butch, the shortest of the three, on some type of platform standing shoulder to shoulder with the other two young men. The article spoke briefly about each of their lives, where they grew up, and the differences in careers into which they were heading. But then it

shared how one caring conversation, and the willingness to spend time with a person, led to life-changing experiences.

Butch and Chuck first connected over lunch, where Butch challenged Chuck to learn more about what a true spiritual life really was. Butch started a Bible study, and during their time, Chuck made a decision to receive Christ. Going into their second semester, Butch challenged Chuck to do the same – to start a Bible study with a few of his friends and see what would happen. Butch committed to spend time with Chuck and teach him all that he wanted to know about the Bible. David, who knew nothing about Jesus, started coming to Chuck’s Bible study. He not only later came to receive Christ as his Savior, but as Chuck invested into David’s life, the two of them then started nine weekly Bible studies on their campus, each with at least five to eight guys in their group!

I once read this quote that states, “*Though you can easily count the seeds in an apple, it’s impossible to count the apples in a seed.*” The article went on to say, “*The point is that even though it’s very easy to count the 1-10 seeds in an apple, it’s impossible to count how many apples will be produced from just ONE APPLE SEED. The amount is staggering and impossible to predict.*”

Discipleship is seed planting. Discipleship is caring enough to share your life with another, with the hope that they will open up their heart to allow Christ to be revealed in their life as He is in yours. Even though Butch, David, and Chuck may never know the impact of the investment they made in the lives of those they met with each week, it was important to them to spend time with their friends, with the hope that they would not only lead them to Christ, but also guide them to investing into the lives of others.

The articles in this year’s “On Mission Review” reflect the uniqueness of **Discipleship** in the cultures and communities of each partnering ministry. As you read, you may wonder, “How important is it that I consider discipling someone or sharing what I believe? Will it even make a difference?”

*“Though you can easily count the seeds in an apple, it’s impossible to count the apples in a seed.”*

Let’s answer it this way: A few days ago a meme popped up as I was looking at Facebook. It traced a thread of discipleship and evangelism starting with a guy named Edward Kimball, a kind and committed Sunday School teacher whose desire was to simply invest in the lives of young boys. The meme went on to depict five generations, or in keeping with our metaphor, five seeds planted. Each received Jesus as a result of the discipleship or evangelism of the one prior, and through this thread, thousands ultimately came to know Christ. All of this was made possible simply because Edward Kimball, a humble Sunday School teacher, cared. Here’s the list:

**Edward Kimball** led D.L. Moody to the Lord. **D.L. Moody’s** ministry led Wilbur Chapman to the Lord. **Wilbur Chapman** preached, leading Billy Sunday to Jesus. **Billy Sunday** led Mordecai Ham. And **Mordecai Ham** held a crusade, which led Billy Graham to His Savior! Do you think **Billy Graham** had any disciples or led anyone to Christ? Romans 10:19: If you declare with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord” and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved!

If you don’t know these names, let me encourage you to look them up. I believe that it is possible that, either in your life or in the life of someone you know, these men have made a difference. You can too! Who are your disciples? «



# RADICAL

IS NORMAL

by Jerry Gillis, *The Chapel*

As we reflect back on the last two years, it remains my firm conviction that God intends for His mission to be carried out through His people. It's paradoxical, yet purposeful: the God who is self-sufficient, who is complete within Himself, who lacks for nothing - that same God chooses to carry out His divine plan through human instruments. Said another way, He will work out infinite purposes through finite people.

It's staggering just to say it. It's humbling to dwell on it. But to take it one step further, God intends for His mission to be carried out through ALL of His people. Try that on for size. You may even be thinking, "Jerry, you had me until you said, 'ALL.' I know God is going to use people like you, the preachers and teachers. I know God is going to use exceptional missionaries, like the ones represented in this magazine. But ALL of His people? I'm not so sure."

Believe me, I understand. We know ourselves and our own shortcomings all too well. We all feel inadequate at times, especially for a huge task

like making the Gospel known in the world. But we seem to be way more intimidated by this plan than God is. In fact, God seems to be unbothered by this arrangement; more than that, He appears to be all in on it!

The Apostle Paul wrote, "His [that is, God's] intent was that now, through the church, the manifold wisdom of God should be made known..." (Ephesians 3:10). Did you see it? God's *singular* intent was that now, through the *singular* instrument known as the church, the *manifold* wisdom of God would be proclaimed. He has one intention, one purpose, one plan. There is no backup. There is no bench. There is no second-string. He has one instrument, one vehicle, one people: the Church. And it is through this incredibly "narrow" plan that God is going to reveal his multifaceted wisdom.

God is omniscient; He knows all things. He could have masterminded any number of ways to make Himself known in the world. But He has chosen one: Christ's people. *All* of His people.

And His intention has not changed.

That's why my conviction remains firm after all this time: God intends for His mission to be carried out through His people. All of them.

So what you will see in this magazine are stories of God's people and their relentless commitment to Christ and His mission. But as you flip through these pages, you may start to believe that these are radical examples of extreme obedience, things that are uncommon for "ordinary" disciples. It can be easy to think to ourselves, "Wow - I could *never* do what they do. I could *never* go where they went." Certainly, God will not call each and every disciple to move halfway across the globe for Gospel expansion.

But be careful: do not create a false barrier between what these ministry partners do and what all of us are called to do. Instead of thinking, "I could *never* do what they do," first, thank God for your brothers & sisters who *are* doing it. Then, ask God for direction on what you *could* do. Seek His leadership through His Spirit, looking for ways that you can magnify

the Son in your sphere of influence - right where you live, work, learn, and play. We need more "radical" examples of "extreme" obedience because the truth is, radical obedience should be *normal* for people who claim that Jesus is their King.

Radical becomes normal when you realize the radical nature of the Gospel: that God would step down into the story of humanity, put on human flesh, die for your sin and mine, rise from the dead, and ascend to Heaven's throne. *That* is radical. But God did this to demonstrate His immense love for us. There was no distance He would not go to save sinners, even if that distance was to a cross. *That* is radical. And all who are rescued by His radical love suddenly become emboldened to share it with others.

I don't know what the future holds any more than you do. But I remain confident in this: I will see the goodness of God flow all throughout the land of the living, because Christ's people - all of us - will carry His Gospel all over the earth.

# Discipling

THE UNREACHED PEOPLE GROUPS OF

# INDIA



Dr. Paul R Gupta  
President, HBI Global Partners

## THE RAJBANSHI

The vision of discipling a nation is to establish worshipping communities everywhere, so that the knowledge of the good news of Jesus Christ is accessible to every man, woman, boy, and girl in every people group of a nation.

In the last 40 years, the major focus of Hindustan Bible Institute & College (HBI) has been on equipping, training, and mobilizing the Church of Jesus Christ so that every village and colony of every town and city of India will have access to the gospel of Jesus Christ. We want to thank the strategic partnership of The Chapel in joining God and the ministries of HBI in discipling over 800,000 people, and establishing 16,500 worshipping communities in 23 states of India! Praise the Lord!

Our strategic effort is to equip church planters and mobilize pastors to equip their local churches with a vision to multiply churches everywhere. This has significantly impacted not only growing the Church but multiplying churches and enabling Church planting movements throughout the country. Consequently, all of God's people throughout the nation have been engaged in the mission of God, and indeed Christ's presence has greatly increased. Hallelujah!

The visibility of the Church in the East, West, North, and South is very obvious all over the nation. Large geographical areas that did not have churches 40 years ago now have the visibility of the Church in the urban and rural parts of the nation.

In 1983, the city of Chennai had fewer than 500 churches. Today, not only has the Christian population of the city grown, but the visibility of the Church has grown phenomenally, so the Church is seen everywhere. The gospel is undoubtedly accessible from a geographical point of view in a greater way.

In the last two years, intentional efforts were begun by both Hindustan Bible Institute & College and Indian National Evangelical Church (INEC) to target unreached people groups, and to envision and mobilize both the INEC and also the larger Church of India about the significance and importance of the people groups. They are focused on unreached people groups to establish indigenous leadership to multiply churches and to establish Church planting movements among them.

One of the people groups that has become our focus is called the "Rajbanshi" people. They are located



in the more densely populated area of northwest India. The population of this group is 4,951,000, and Joshua Project identifies them as having only 0.04% Christians. They are distributed throughout the country but are densely present in the northwest region of West Bengal, Assam, Bihar, Nepal, and Bangladesh.

Rajbanshi is an agricultural, indigenous people who live in India and Bangladesh. Many of the Rajbanshi are unable to read and write, so they pass their culture on by oral tradition. Most Rajbanshi still live in rural villages surrounded by their farmland, the men cultivating the land and the women caring for home.

Our regional center in Siliguri, West Bengal, has made an effort to bridge into the community. We started working with the children through a child development program. We have also have begun an adult literacy program where more than 30 women attend to read, write, and do math.

While there, they are being discipled to Christ.

We are intentionally making efforts to identify individuals to potentially become church planters among their own people. We can train them and equip them to facilitate an indigenous church that reflects their unique language and culture.

We have identified a couple to work as cross-cultural missionaries to reach out and disciple this community to Christ. They are making every effort to allow God's Word to transform and bring about an indigenous worshiping community, one that will not mirror the cultural practices of the missionary, but rather will look like the Rajbanshi people.

We are so thankful for the partnership in the gospel with The Chapel and very grateful that we all are focused on giving every man, every woman, every boy, and every girl an opportunity to hear, understand, and respond to the gospel and be discipled into communities of believers. «

## PLEASE PRAY

Pray that as we try to identify mono-cultural and cross-cultural leaders to further the cause, one day there will be as many as 5,000 worshipping communities among Rajbanshi.

Pray that God will give us a great response among the people, many will be discipled, many small groups will be formed, and people will be rooted in the Word and their relationship with Jesus Christ.

Pray that God will help us enable a church planting movement and many churches established so all the Rajbanshi people can be discipled to Christ.

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## *Did You Know?*



The 10/40 Window is located between 10 degrees north and 40 degrees north latitude on the globe. The area includes countries in Asia, North Africa, and the Middle East where Buddhists, Hindus, Muslims, atheists, and other non-Christians are in the majority.

# Lift

## YOUR EYES

MULTIPLYING IN AN URBAN AREA

by *Ashraf Ibrahim*

One of our main ministries is what we call “Approaching Ministry.” We focus on the needy areas such as a garbage area in Cairo, sick people in upper Egypt, churches living under pressure and others. Two years ago, we started a plan with the pastor and leaders of a church in the urban “garbage area.” Our plan is to help them financially fill some of the needs for the people and then help the church grow spiritually and multiply. The first year, last year, we helped the families, individuals, and the churches in many different ways. We bought a minibus for the church to take kids to the school and take the aged people to the church, clinics, and other places. Remember that this place has nothing: they did not have schools, clinics, hospitals, electricity, running water... NOTHING! So we brought clothes and toys with us on our trips to give to them. We bought backpacks for the kids, school supplies, and many other needs.

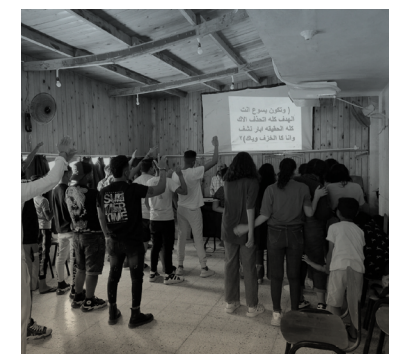
This year, we started to support them financially to do many different retreats for the kids, youth, young adults, families and for the leaders. They have never had the money before to go to a retreat. The church had retreats for youth, families, and young adults, as well as training for their leaders. The results were overwhelming and great. Praise the Lord! >

I want to say again a sincere “thank you” for the support we received for our church plant in the urban poor area of Cairo. Because of the minibus we were able to purchase, we had three retreats and one leadership training event for the first time in the church’s history. We observed numerous conversions, as well as other believers who rededicated their lives to Jesus. The church is clearly growing. Here are two testimonies representative of many others from this church plant.

M had a hard life and faced many challenges and failures. He was irreligious, but a friend invited him to our youth retreat where he found Christ as Savior. M reported, “I never thought I would be in this place. I was very uncomfortable thinking about God and church. But once I attended that retreat and heard the message, I felt peace and joy. I will never go back to my old life or old friends. I will live only for God.”

S was an addict. He gathered garbage in the day and pursued drugs at night. His life was miserable, cursing God and associating with people like himself. But he attended one of our family retreats and experienced the love of God for the first time in his life. S testified, “I’m very sorry for the violence I brought to my wife and kids. I will never return to the drugs, and I will never miss one Sunday at church.”

Rejoice with us, because you are all part of this work. Without your support, this church would not have been able to have these retreats and those people would not have met Jesus. We thank God for this opportunity, for it is God who opens the door for us. People are being saved. Believers’ lives are rededicated to God. Leaders are being trained. The Church is multiplying in this “garbage area” of the world. This is the end result of discipleship. «





# Giving them a future

Dennis R. Campbell, President of MissionGO



that facilities and technology are in place to support these college-level programs after their high-school graduation. Access to higher learning provides them with additional honed skills and earning potential to support themselves and their families. Each year, we have 600 students graduate from our MissionGO high schools. These students become evangelists, teachers, church planters, nurses, and parents. In their numerous career paths around the country, each student becomes an ambassador for Jesus Christ!

Meet Omar. Omar's family lived in poverty, struggling to make ends meet daily. Despite the odds stacked against him, Omar had a strong desire to attain an education so that he could help his family and improve their situation. Omar spent hours studying by candlelight, and he walked for miles

every day to get to the nearest school. Despite this, he persevered. With MissionGO's help, Omar continued his education and graduated from high school.

In his senior year, Omar accepted Christ! His solid Christian education allowed him to begin to study the Bible in a deeper way. He was then offered a scholarship to attend higher education. After completing his studies, Omar returned to his community and started an outreach ministry, connecting young believers. Now, he and his friends travel by motorbike to remote villages, sharing the gospel he learned from our MissionGO American missionaries. Omar is leading people to Christ and planting small churches in villages along the roadside. Omar's story is a testament to a life changed by the gospel, along with proper Christian education and the resilience of the human spirit. Although he faced adversity, by God's grace, he overcame his circumstances and now has a bright future ahead of him. This shows the power of the gospel, Christian education, and discipleship!

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*“For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the Lord, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope.”*

Jeremiah 29:11 (NKJV)

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# MISSIONGO

## *G.A.P. Year Program and Short-term Trips Provide Discipleship Opportunities*

by Jeff Hackett

Think about living in a tropical country, learning a new language, learning about a different culture, being taught in God's Word, and serving alongside amazing missionaries. This is what our GAP Year program in Costa Rica offers. I come across so many young people graduating from high school with no idea what they want to do. I also come across so many young Christian students in churches who have not been discipled. Because of this, many have no idea what the Bible teaches. Unfortunately, discipleship has fallen by the wayside in many churches in North America. It may be because of the many distractions our society

has for the family and specifically young people. We can blame it on technology, school sports, social media or just the breakdown of the family unit. But the reality is that the majority of young people grow up in church being Biblically illiterate. This burden was laid on my heart about 15 years ago, when I helped to develop a GAP Year program in which young people are discipled in God's Word and mentored in what it means to live a godly life. In simple terms, we teach what it means to live a missional life.

Our specific GAP Year program has Bible classes, Spanish language instruction, and ministry opportunities to serve alongside passionate missionaries. This all takes place during a school year in Costa Rica. The heart behind the program is to develop fully-devoted disciples of Jesus, who will then mentor and disciple others. We do this by teaching them God's Word, so they understand what they believe, then understand why they believe, which leads to them

being able to explain and defend what they believe. Because we have Bible teachers from seminaries and Bible colleges, we can offer college credit to the students. The students also receive certificates from the Spanish Language Institute for their language learning. Many of the students go on to Christian colleges and full-time ministry or missions. All our students understand that no matter what vocation they settle into, they are on mission with God.

Alongside the GAP Year Program, short-term mission teams can also serve as a great way to disciple people in their faith. Going on a short-term mission trip can sometimes kickstart a desire to grow in your faith by learning how to share your faith in a different context or culture. I remember a person who went on a trip with me who had never shared her testimony. As we trained in learning how to share our faith story, you could see she was nervous to share. She wasn't convinced that God could use her

story to bring people to Himself. We were in a small sugar cane village in the Dominican Republic when I asked her to share her story with people. She was nervous but agreed. As she shared her story, tears appeared in her eyes as she shared how God had saved her and showed her His amazing grace. The reality of her salvation was now flowing out of her. At the end of our time in the village, one of the older ladies in the village came up to her and said her story moved her to ask Jesus to come into her heart and save her. My friend was overwhelmed. The missionary pastor who was with us asked my friend to lead this lady in a salvation prayer. The bus was filled with weepy people that day as we all realized that God can use our story for His glory. My friend will now share her story with anyone that will listen. «



Jeff has served in missions fulltime over the last 20 years. He serves local churches in WNY and North America to help them mobilize their people for missions. He trains and travels with groups to Central America and the Caribbean. Jeff is the GAP Year Director of USA Operations and Logistics. MissionGo partners with Atlas Travel and Study Abroad in making the GAP Year a successful ministry.

[Read more about Atlas at atlasabroad.org](https://atlasabroad.org)

Short-term mission trips and the GAP Year Program are great ways to disciple people to become fully devoted followers of Jesus. The GAP Year program is for high school graduates between the ages of 17 and 24. The program runs from September through April. If you are interested in the GAP Year Program or a short-term mission trip, please contact Jeff at [jhackett@missiongo.org](mailto:jhackett@missiongo.org) or visit the website at:

[missiongo.org/get-involved/opportunity-detail/study-abroad-program](https://missiongo.org/get-involved/opportunity-detail/study-abroad-program)



# 4 *Four* UPSIDE-DOWN PERSPECTIVES УБЪ2IDE-DOMИ

by *Dwight Smith*

I don't really like the word discipleship. It has become so overused that many cannot explain what it is or why we use it. I prefer the word mature, as mature in Christ. At the very beginning of the evangelistic process, all the way to the end, we are calling people to cooperate with the Holy Spirit to mature into the image of Christ. What is our part in this process? It is to blow air on ever-increasing flames!

To add a bit more content to my statements, I can find no better words than this to describe the Bible, and its expectations: upside down! I see four perspectives above all others.

## *The eternal dominates time.*

God's perspective is always well beyond our human perspective. We are enamored with ourselves too often. We live life as if we are the only ones who have ever existed, and therefore our good, our wants, our needs are all front and center to our daily lives.

But to God, as the apostle Peter says, "one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day" (2 Peter 3:8). Once Adam and Eve rebelled against Him, we, all of us, have lived in a fallen world, not the world that God had designed for us.

We are responsible to keep our eyes on eternity, our true home. >

## *The global dwarfs the local.*

This does not mean that the local, its "lostness" and our church needs, are completely unimportant. But the degree of emphasis that we have placed upon them is greatly out of balance to God's concern for salvation in the gospel, to and for the nations.

All former generations died without seeing what was anticipated in the words of Jesus—that the gospel would find its way into the entire world, and that we could then expect the end of the rebellion even as we anticipate a new heaven and a new earth (see Matt. 24:14).

We live in a different time. I know of no other time in Christian history when so many people from so many places have been confessing followers of Jesus. The church is bigger today than many in past generations would ever have believed possible, and bigger than too many of us today realize.

Of course, the fact that the Lord has not returned means that our task is not completely done. There are certainly still people, either in the few pre-Christian places still awaiting the gospel or in post-Christian places, who have yet to come to salvation.

In the latter days of the nineteenth century, the leadership over this global effort to take the gospel worldwide orbited from Europe to America. Over the last three decades, however, global leadership for world evangelization efforts has orbited again, this time away from American leadership—but to whom it has orbited is not yet clear!

We are not the center of the universe, and thus we need to live in daily, radical investment of all that we have in our hands with greater regard to God's history. This is why we in SCP have given ourselves to the formation of a GLOBAL fellowship.

## *The Bible dominates our focus.*

Without apology I have said that the Bible is the primary antidote to all of our true needs. Sermons, worship, DVDs, film series, books, are all – ALL – inferior to what God has better designed to be accomplished through His word, fed daily into all of His children through the instructive, correcting, healing, and maturing ministry of the Holy Spirit.

We must never allow the daily focus of our lives to be built by anything other than time in God's word. We must never allow our wills to be given to anything but the new life that is ministered to by the Spirit. Only in a daily time in God's word can these things be most effectively done. Those of us who lead must not allow the many things that we create and administer to get in the way of the saints building this lifestyle.

## *Stewardship is why we live.*

When God created Adam and Eve, He gave them two distinctive essences that were not given to anything else that He created. First, relationship with Him, and second, the right and the ability to represent Him. As followers of Jesus Christ, everything we "possess" belongs to God. >

It belongs to God in the first place because He made it. For Christians, it further belongs to God not only because He made it, but now we are prepared to embrace His purpose for us in this world: to represent His image, and to administer His creation. And so we progressively and joyfully hold all of the assets He gives to each one of us in our hands, anticipating that the Holy Spirit will daily instruct us where, how, and how much to “spend” on others.’

We have a great weakness in and among ourselves that misses the eternal and therefore strategic value of our lives. How we live, in connection to what we say, is a powerful redeeming instrument in the hands of the Spirit of God. Maybe more so today in a culture marketing the ultimate significance of what one possesses. <<

More about each one of these four upside-down characteristics can be found in my book, “Divine Design, in the Beginning”, available at:

[dwightpaulsmith.com/books](http://dwightpaulsmith.com/books)

## HOW DO THESE FOUR THINGS LOOK IN OUR DAILY LIVES?

*First, a majority of us are taking baby steps in our daily relational time with God through His word.*

*Second, a majority of us have reoriented our lives around our reception of grace.*

*Third, a majority of us understand and use our gifts from the Spirit.*

*Fourth, a majority of us have transformed interpersonal relationships because of the new fruit that the Spirit is maturing in us.*

*Fifth, a majority of us are stewarding all of our assets for the glory of God and the extension of His kingdom.*

*And a sixth easy measurement for every church which declares itself to be on journey with Jesus: our church is making a measurable impact on the world around us.*

## CLAPPING WITHOUT HANDS

by Lamech Inbaraj

You may wonder what that means and how that is possible. Covid has certainly rocked the world in a number of negative ways. But God turns evil to good, many times for the eternal salvation of souls.

One such opportunity emerged for True Happiness ministries in 2021, to reach out to a community of people called Leprosy Community. In this community there are 74 families and each family has a patient. The non-patients can go to school, college and then employment. But those affected by this bacteria cannot, so their only profession is to seek alms (begging).

The Lord first helped us to provide cooked food, and then on to supply dry rations like rice, oil, pulses legumes, tamarind, etc. For the school children we supply notebooks, bags, etc. And the Lord also helped us to provide them a water purifying plant to supply clean drinking water which research has shown can itself greatly improve their health.

Today, as a result of all of this, there is a church planted, a soul baptized, an after-school program for the children, and a regular Friday worship attended by some 20 people, both adults and youths. All to disciple this nation as a whole. <<





# EACH & EVERY EVERY

## THE VISION TO REACH EVERY MAN, WOMAN AND CHILD BEGINS WITH EACH MAN, WOMAN AND CHILD

*by Will Plitt, Christ Together  
Executive Director*

In July 2012, a group of like-minded churches representing roughly 17 cities concluded that God wanted to use all of His people to reach every man, woman, and child across our nation with the gospel. This was the start of Christ Together. In 2023, we will see this same vision expand to over 100 cities across North America. We are seeing the Lord continue to use Christ Together to help shift the tracks for the re-evangelization of our nation.

Through the One Church, we desire to mobilize ALL of God's people to live as sent missionaries to where they live, learn, work and play, plant new churches, meet the physical and spiritual needs of the people that are far from God but close to us, and unify the Church to consistently demonstrate and communicate the gospel of Jesus Christ to every man, woman, and child.

Recently, CT conducted a national survey to get a sense for how generations of Christians view one aspect of our discipleship: the sharing of our faith. This will enable us to inform and equip thousands of churches in the US and Canada, as well as other networks and denominations, on how to more effectively mobilize the Church to share the good news. The study revealed something that we did not expect: that the Church does not largely have an equipping problem, we have a persuasion problem.

[christtogether.org/  
evangelism-snapshot](https://christtogether.org/evangelism-snapshot)

In light of this, CT has developed a friendship and partnership over the years with Exponential, the largest church planting conference in the world. They asked us if we would be willing to write a blog for them on the study that we conducted. This will be highlighted by them this year. Exponential has the attention of tens of thousands of churches, including numerous networks, mission agencies and denominations. This is one example of how the Lord continues to use the vision of CT to inform, equip, influence, and envision more churches for the gospel saturation of North America.

[christtogether.org/  
exponential-blog-survey-results](https://christtogether.org/exponential-blog-survey-results)

We simply cannot continue to do things without the ongoing kingdom generosity of The Chapel. Thank you, Chapel family, for being a model and example to other cities across the US and Canada of what it looks like when churches unify in order to reach every man, woman, and child with the good news of Jesus. Your kingdom investment in CT is making a difference as we contend to help the Church across our nation change the narrative of what has been to what could be when a John 17 unity is on full display. «

# LIGHTHOUSE FAMILY RETREAT

by Jennifer Reynolds



This year in the United States, more than 15,000 families will hear the unbelievable news that their child has been diagnosed with cancer. As they make their way through treatment they will face a thousand battles. Moms and dads might seldom see one another other than passing in the hospital parking lot. Mounting medical costs can be overwhelming on their own, made even more so with one of the parents quitting their job to manage the care. Siblings might feel loneliness from an understandable lack of attention. Because of these realities and so many more, the family unit bears unimaginable weight and is exposed to profound risk.

Unfortunately, this is a reality our family knows all too well. Our daughter Caralyn was diagnosed with a brain tumor in 2012. She has

undergone several surgeries and 33 months of chemotherapy. We feel as though God uniquely positioned and prepared us for what was to come. Along this journey, we have been supported by our Chapel family and we are forever grateful.

We first came to know about Lighthouse Family Retreat as an attending Retreat Family in 2016. Lighthouse Family Retreat is a faith-based non-profit that exists to strengthen every family living through childhood cancer. They host restorative retreats and offer helpful resources so that families and their support systems can find hope in God and help in their fight. Lighthouse offers respite for families living through childhood cancer by organizing volunteers, called Family Partners, to provide a week of deep rest, relational connection, great

laughter, and palpable kindness.

Upon our arrival, we were overwhelmed by the love lavished upon us. Complete strangers were willing to sacrifice and be a demonstration of love to our family. It was an immediate bond that we have cherished and embraced which has led to a passion to serve and give back as a family. We have served with others to facilitate environments to support times of rest, joy, restoration and hope.

Common Ground, which is the parent group that we facilitate, is a time in which parents build community with other parents walking a similar journey. While parents are in their group, our daughters, along with the many family partners, engage children in Flip Flop groups. Kids are divided by age and gender to

participate in a variety of activities. In addition, families participate in various activities, like Dad's Poker Night, Parent's Night Out, Midnight Munch, Mom's Lunch, Unbirthay Party, Night of Worship, and Beach Picnic. Aside from this programming, families also have specific time each day to connect together; time to slow down and invest in their relationships.

Lighthouse provides over 20 retreats a year to over 275 families, and this number is continually growing. They provide domestic mission trip opportunities for individuals and families to serve and share the hope of Jesus with families walking through childhood cancer. Lives are being changed in and through this ministry. Your on-going support is so greatly appreciated! «



# DISCIPLESHIP: THE KEY TO REACHING STUDENTS FROM AROUND THE GLOBE

by *Scott Matheny*

One of the most critical parts of reaching international students is developing meaningful relationships that go beyond simply attending Bible studies or large group gatherings. While community events and small groups are certainly a part of spiritual growth, individual mentoring and personal spiritual discipleship make the difference when it comes to long-lasting growth in the Christian faith.

These relationships take time to develop and require trust and consistency. But close relationships are the fertile ground for the kind of spiritual growth needed while international students are here in the United States. Our goal is to create rich opportunities for personal discipleship that lead to real life change. Discipleship allows for accountability and deep communication, which are important parts of growing in the faith.

Scott has this kind of relationship with John. John recently graduated from Stony Brook University and will be continuing his studies at Duke. Scott disciplined John last year and they developed a friendship that fostered true spiritual growth. Discipleship is about developing biblical patterns of thinking and actions that lead to godly lifestyles which put God and His Kingdom first.

Whether it was discussing personal relationships, considering career directions, managing crisis situations, or applying general spiritual truths, personal discipleship and real friendship helped Scott and John navigate these important parts of life together in meaningful ways that went beyond mere intellectual assent and tradition.

Discipleship can look different for different people. For Scott and John,

it meant Zoom calls, phone calls, emails, texts, and meals either with each other or in group settings. They could be in the same city or across the globe. The important thing is not location but a commitment to open communication and spiritual growth. Modern communication now makes these opportunities easier than ever.

The goal of discipling international students is to help them become spiritual leaders wherever God may lead them. It is not for them to become dependent on us, but to learn

to disciple others as they have been disciplined while they have been here. The Apostle Paul disciplined Timothy, and then Timothy taught and led others. Jesus did the same with His disciples. It is the heart of how God reaches every man, woman, and child.

We believe that reaching the world for Christ can only happen with effective discipleship that digs deeply into the heart and soul of those who follow the Savior. This is true with international students, and it is just as true with those who live in your neighborhood. «



# IF NOT NOW, WHEN?

by Hannah Fletcher



## Discipleship Matters

2023 has been a busy year for Eight Days of Hope (EDOH), serving as a continual reminder that God has called us to put people over projects, in order to love and serve those in need with excellence!

We started the year in Selma, AL, and Amory, MS, serving tornado victims before heading to Memphis, TN, for a safe house build. In May, we came together for our 19th rebuilding trip in Fort Myers, FL, serving 102 families through the help of 1,040 volunteers. Then in July, we began the

largest project that we have worked on to date: Safe Harbor Ohio a restorative campus for girls rescued from trafficking. Also in July, EDOH – Buffalo 2023 gathered in the Lovejoy District, where 475 families saw Hope in action. We finished out the summer by raising funds to support those impacted by the Maui wildfires.

In all that we do, we have seen the value of discipleship and how investing in a single life can change that individual as well as our ministry.

## Nicole's Story

Nicole Germain started following EDOH in 2018 after seeing our Hurricane Harvey response in the news. But it wasn't until EDOH launched its Buffalo satellite that Nicole began to volunteer.

"I saw a light and a love in each person I was volunteering with. I wasn't a believer at that point. I was working next to Steve Tybor, when he asked where I went to church. I shared that I didn't go to church," recalled Nicole. "I thought for sure I was going to get some sort of lecture from him about how I needed to go to church, but instead, he tapped me on the shoulder and said, 'That's okay! We love you anyway.' That was so special because there was no shame about where I was. It made me keep serving."

From there, Nicole joined Rapid Response and Rebuilding trips, where volunteers took the time to intentionally pour into her. They pointed her to Christ through their invitations to church, answering questions about the Bible, and showing her unexpected trust.

Nicole explained, "One guy let me use his truck – he had an it's-just-a-material mindset that didn't make sense to me. I know now that material things don't matter when you have Jesus. Your hope is in Him and not in what you have. I saw that time and

time again as I volunteered. Their hope was in Christ."

These discipleship steps were simple but intentional moments, where Nicole felt seen. Each one played a key part in her salvation journey. When she entered The Chapel on January 6, 2019, she knew she wanted the Hope and Light that she had experienced. The altar call lit a fire inside, and Nicole kept hearing, "If not now, when?" Taking a step of faith, Nicole surrendered her heart to Christ that day.

Today, Nicole is grateful for the volunteers and leaders at Eight Days of Hope who have taken the time to invest in her, point her to Christ, and encourage her growth. In 2018, Nicole started as a volunteer. Then, she joined the National Leadership Team. Today, Nicole serves with EDOH as our Administrative Assistant.

"Volunteering is such a highlight and a chance to mobilize into communities who need Jesus. It's a privilege to serve and to share what God has done in our lives. That's why EDOH is so incredibly important," explains Nicole. "It's people over project. There's something so beautiful in the fact that we can make someone feel seen and heard. In fact, that's what discipleship is - making people feel seen."



# THE HANDS AND FEET OF JESUS

by Bruce MacQueen

The ministry of 8 Days of Hope exists to bring the love and compassion of our Lord and King Jesus to those affected by the devastating damage done by hurricanes, tornadoes, and floods throughout the country. By making ourselves available within 48 hours of an event, we are able to give those who are suffering a hope for the future. In the case of flooding, we can bring in our volunteers and missionaries to begin the work of gutting the damage from peoples' homes at no cost to them. With tornado damage we can immediately begin the tree work and clear away damage. With hurricane damage we can bring both.

Most importantly we have the opportunity to show the love, mercy, grace and compassion of our Lord and King Jesus and share the Gospel. We desire to show the redemptive work He has provided us through the restoration work we do for them. If possible, we will help them rebuild some months down the road. All of this work is done

for free through the resources our Lord provides, funded by the generous gifts of His children.

Another arm of the ministry allows us to participate in Safe House construction, creating facilities for those rescued from sex trafficking. This will provide women and children a safe place to recover and be ministered to. Eight Days of Hope is also launching a mass feeding ministry. The purpose of this ministry is to provide meals to those directly affected by disasters, in areas where power and life resources are not readily available, until things can be restored.

As missionaries with Eight Days of Hope, our deepest desire is to demonstrate the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and to allow those affected to see and hear the compassion of our God and Savior Jesus Christ and offer them the opportunity to receive the free gift of salvation through the redemption provided by His love for us all. «



## Colleen's Story

As a teenager who had grown up in church, Colleen Fabling knew what it meant to follow the rules of following Christ, but she had never seen faith in action. She joined EDOH on a church mission trip, and during her time there, experienced something new – utter dependance on God lived out among generations.

“There were people sharing their redemption stories and what Christ had done in their lives. That surprised me, because I had never heard anyone talk about who they were apart from what was acceptable in religious circles – nothing about redemption or repentance,” explained Colleen. “It was always about how you are supposed to live, or you will be shunned from the church, or not trusted as a leader, or looked at differently. That wasn't the case at EDOH. I saw people praying, and God answering them to make the rain stop so we could get a roof on. I saw faith in a way I had never experienced before.”

Seeing people who had gone before her in a spiritual sense, with no reservation about truly walking in faith, changed Colleen's life.

“I was radically different and gave my life to the Lord. It was more than being saved from eternity in hell. It was true belief that He called me according to His purpose and the goal of walking

in that purpose. All because those around me at EDOH were willing to walk and disciple me as a teenager,” recalled Colleen.

Colleen joined the first group of “Junior Ambassadors,” and eventually the National Leadership Team, while directing a local nonprofit in her home state. Today, Colleen serves as our Safe House Ministry Manager.

“I think that the biggest influence behind giving my best as a leader today is knowing the impact that it made on my life. If every long day and every prayer for patience and wisdom impacts one teenager's life, and allows one teenager to see what it looks like to live with dependence on the Lord, then it's worth it,” reflects Colleen.

## Discipleship and EDOH

At EDOH, we strive to put people over projects, not because the work isn't important, but because the workers are the ones who leave a lasting impact both on those served and on the other volunteers. If we aren't willing to disciple those around us now, when will we be ready?

From Nicole experiencing unconditional hope, to Colleen seeing faith in action, the small acts of discipleship at EDOH changed not only their lives, but our organization as well. We are better because of the eternal investments made in discipleship.

## CAMPUS AMBASSADORS



# Learning THE WAY OF Christ

by Tim Stewart

Adam grew up in a white, middle-class Christian home. But as a teenager, all of his friends were of a secular/atheistic mindset. During high school, Adam left his family's faith behind. While attending the University at Buffalo, he had a realization: all of the best people he knew were Christians. This was problematic to Adam's theology. One person in particular stood out. Her name was Kinja.

Kinja is Congolese, but she moved to the United States when she was nine. Kinja was so utterly different from anyone Adam had ever met, particularly because she was the kindest person he had ever known. After becoming friends, Kinja invited Adam to Campus Ambassadors. Here Adam finally found the right audience for his questions. When we gathered for large group, Adam would participate, but usually held on to his questions until the end. Then he'd open up and a whole new discussion would begin. Most nights I resisted the urge to answer his questions and simply said to the group, "That's a great question. What do you guys think?" The students have done a marvelous job responding to Adam's questions.

This has continued throughout the summer. Every Wednesday night

during the summer we meet to play sports and have a Bible study. I do not think that Adam has missed a single week. Recently my son, Josh, was in a conversation with Adam, who asked a question to which he did not know the answer. Josh said, "Paul Decker, one of the campus ministers, will be here soon. You should ask him your question. Adam responded, "I don't want to ask Paul." When Josh asked why not, Adam responded, "Because Paul's always right. I like being right sometimes!"

Adam asks good questions, but more importantly he's found his people. He isn't a Christian... yet, but he has friends who are willing to wrestle with him and his many questions until he finds answers that satisfy. Jesus said, "Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free" (John 8:32 NIV). We pray that Adam and many other students from the University at Buffalo will come to know the truth, found only in relationship with Jesus Christ. «

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*"Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."*

John 8:32 (NIV)

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# LETTING GOD'S WORD DO THE WORK

FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN ATHLETES

*by Jake Hannon*

When the world shut down in 2020, God put a vision in our hearts to launch an online discipleship program for the high school and middle school athletes of WNY. We were driven to get athletes into God's Word during a time when fear, tension, and loneliness had a grip on our nation. So we developed a three-month Bible reading and discipleship training initiative called FCA Training Camp. We began to secure weekly guest speakers on Zoom from the Buffalo Bills and Buffalo Sabres, and we partnered with YouVersion to curate a special Bible reading plan to disciple our athletes. Even if only one athlete signed up, we just knew we had to be available for these kids. By God's grace, we saw 132 athletes' lives transformed as each read the entire New Testament in 100 days.

The first FCA Training Camp made such a splash during Covid that we decided to continue doing it even after restrictions were lifted. In year two we saw 182 athletes' lives transformed by another amazing program. We journeyed through

a YouVersion Bible plan called "Heroes of the Old Testament" and introduced many new discipleship and evangelism challenges for our athletes.

God continues to show us that when we let His Word do the work, He will take care of the increase. This year, we ramped up FCA Training Camp still more. We had 139 volunteers, 25 huddle leaders, 30+ churches, and 252 athletes from 61 different schools in WNY join together for an epic 3 months of discipleship. We read 65 chapters of the Bible from Acts, Romans, and John! We hosted all events in-person, utilizing a strategic blend of meeting rhythms designed to elevate the discipleship experience even further for our athletes. We held regional home group "huddle" sites led by coaches and volunteers. We broke into small groups of 8-12 and used the "Discovery Bible Study (DBS)\*" method, where the athletes had the opportunity each week to marinate on a small portion of Scripture and discuss it with their teammates. We also put together mega worship

nights at regional church venues, where all 252 athletes gathered together to encounter God with our FCA Worship Team, play sports, win prizes, and hear a message from special NFL speakers.

Training Camp Graduation and the Fields of Faith Event were held at Highmark Stadium on June 13. The athletes heard from Buffalo Bills players Damar Hamlin, Dawson Knox, and Von Miller, along with Bills legend Steve Tasker and Bills trainer Nate Breske. Around 630 athletes and a total of 1,270 guests heard the Gospel clearly presented from the turf of Highmark Stadium. Seven athletes surrendered their lives to Jesus for the first time. Many more recommitted their lives to Him and accepted our challenge to share their faith with a teammate this coming year! «

\* This method of Bible study is being used in the underground church in Iran and China, which are thought to be the fastest growing church gatherings in the world.



## church center

Our Church Center App is a great way to connect throughout the week! You can check campus specific news, listen to current and past messages, and access community group information, event registration, giving, and more. To download the app, visit the Apple App store or Google Play store.





# Hearts for the Homeless

by Nicholas Calandra

Since 1990, Hearts for the Homeless® has been dedicated to serving the community through relationship ministry. Characterized by a profound spiritual motivation to share the Word of God, Hearts' staff and volunteers nourish the community physically and spiritually through various outreach programs and initiatives within the city limits. This year, through prayer, partnerships and hard work, Hearts is able to serve communities outside the city of Buffalo, for the first time in the ministry's history.

Hearts' latest program, the Hearts Food Pantry Express, is taking the dedication of serving and sharing the Word of God beyond the city of Buffalo. Hearts Food Pantry Express brings a client-choice food pantry into communities in need that are facing consistent gaps in service because either food pantries do not exist or those in need cannot reach services due to a lack of transportation. Hearts has dedicated the Food Pantry Express to not just physically nourish the members of these communities, but to

also feed people spiritually. We believe it is a great privilege and honor to meet new faces and form relationships with our neighbors outside of the city of Buffalo. Hearts Food Pantry Express currently serves at two site locations each week, in the Cleveland-Hill area and in Kenmore.

This program relies heavily on the partnerships of the site hosts, allowing this food pantry on wheels to be at their location every week. One of the site hosts is the Buffalo First Church of the Nazarene. At the program's dedication in July, Pastor Ramona Williams, lead pastor of the church, shared that she was new to Western New York and seeking new opportunities outside of the church doors to help her new community of Kenmore. "God only worked in the way God can," said Pastor Williams. One day she received a phone call from Hearts asking for a meeting to talk about the needs in her community. We showed her a map of her neighborhood, which was in a gap of service with the church at the center of the gap. Pastor Williams shared that when we asked her if she would be interested in hosting the Hearts Food Pantry Express, this was an answer to her prayers. Little did she know that her agreeing to be our site host was an answer to our prayers as well!



It has become clear to our staff and our generous partners and donors throughout the launch of the new program that God has been intimately involved in each step of this project: from concept, to project, and now as a program sharing the love of Christ throughout Western New York. This one partnership created a Kingdom-focused way to continue to reach the community and make disciples.

We are thankful to have the continued support and partnership of The Chapel as one of our sponsors for the launch of Hearts Food Pantry Express. It is evident that this program in particular is an example of the Kingdom at work as the Church of Western New York links arms to help meet the needs of our brothers and sisters and send the gospel out to corners of the region that are hungry for the saving grace of Jesus Christ. «



# Set FREE

DISCIPLESHIP IN PRAYER

by Rev. Dr. Al and Deb Warner

In numerous ministry contexts, Set Free Inc. disciples and mentors leaders in WNY and beyond. But could a ministry such as ours be mentored? In Earl Creps' book *Reverse Mentoring*, the author proposes that older church leaders can learn from younger leaders who are more conversant with culture, technology, and social context. May I suggest that our ministry, along with intercessors and pastors from our region, was "reverse mentored" by a prayer team from South Korea?

In May 2023, Set Free along with Pastors Ted Howard and Jon Hasselbeck hosted a team of nine intercessors from Seoul, South Korea. They had a burden for Mother America, who brought Christianity to Korea through Dr. Billy Graham in 1973. They emphasized that they were **NOT coming to pray FOR us, but WITH us.**

We accepted their challenge. Prayer meetings were held three times a day – twice a day in Buffalo, once a day in the suburbs. The nations gathered to pray. Our Korean friends were up at 4am to pray before we welcomed them to our 7am prayer meeting. Such sacrifice and love for people and a city they had never met.

Most of us were stretched by Korean "crying out prayer." This style of prayer is characterized by everyone simultaneously praying out loud in full voice. (Wow—earplugs were needed for our locals!) Although the style >

stretched us, we could not deny the power of South Korea's prayers which they believe have built a prayer canopy over their country, protecting them from occupation and destruction by the dictators of North Korea.

As we listened and joined in crying out prayer (somewhat timidly at first), we experienced its power. Our Korean brothers and sisters disciplined us in another style of prayer. Seoul and Buffalo came together as one. Was it initially uncomfortable? **Yes.** Did we see and feel the passion at higher levels? **Yes.**

Overall, the week was life-changing for so many of us.

Pastor Ted Howard summarized, *"This week has been igniting, empowering, and we're encouraged to carry on."*

Pastor Jon Hasselbeck emphasized, *"The beauty of what has happened is that we have caught the fire of the Holy Spirit for prayer through our Korean brothers and sisters. We're so grateful that they came."*

After the Koreans returned home, we continued to feel a deeper passion to pray and intercede for our city and the needs around us. Their prayers changed our hearts. We learned that our younger South Korean brethren had much wisdom to impart to us. We definitely received a deeper passion to pray and cry out. We may not use this style every time we pray, but we now have another manner of prayer available in our intercessory toolbox.

The Koreans definitely planted fruit that will remain. We are Better Together! <<

*"Yet when holy lovers of God cry out to Him with all their hearts, the Lord will hear them and come to rescue them from all their troubles."*

Psalms 34:17 (TPT)





# PATH: PEOPLE AGAINST TRAFFICKING HUMANS

by Julie Palmer

**PATH** Inc. is a faith-based, not-for-profit 501(c)3 organization, with a mission to end human trafficking through education, prevention and restoration. The PATH Enrichment Center established in 2015 has served over 850 individuals and offers support services addressing the whole person physically, emotionally, and spiritually, for victims of human trafficking and those at risk. We serve all counties of Western New York and have also been identified as a service provider by the state of New York and have offered support across the state and nation. We engage the community through speaking engagements and training opportunities. PATH has reached hundreds of thousands through media, radio interviews, schools, colleges, churches, community groups, and other providers. We work with at-risk populations offering prevention and stabilization.

The PATH Enrichment Center offers services for adults and youth who are at risk or have been affected by sex or

labor trafficking. We focus on a variety of therapeutic modalities, and provide a safe place for restoration and healing while offering mentoring and support. The Enrichment Center is unique in the broad array of free services it provides. Its compassionate staff are trained to engage trauma victims of various challenging backgrounds. In addition to counseling and intensive case management services, PATH offers alternative approaches to trauma and rehabilitation through art and music therapy, fitness classes, support groups, spiritual care, massage therapy, meals, tutoring, and work readiness programs. PATH has a Well Health program that offers medical and substance use treatment on-site. Other services provided include transportation and a Child and Family advocacy program.

We seek to love as Jesus would and demonstrate Christ by our actions. One such story of the impact PATH is having was shared by \*Sarah (name changed to protect identity), who has been receiving services and support

from our PATH Enrichment Center for years. A profound statement she made when speaking about her victimization was, “Don’t have wool over your eyes, this happens everywhere.” She is a survivor of human trafficking and other abuse. She told us that because of her unique trauma experiences, PATH would not have been the first organization she would have gone to for help. After experiencing clergy ritual abuse and human trafficking, going to a Christian organization for help was counterintuitive, Sarah explained. “I did not believe there were good people, and I especially did not believe there were good Christians. The way this ministry has changed my life, I mean when I first came to PATH, I was fresh out of a very, very long hospitalization as a result of complications from escaping human trafficking. PATH really held me in

their arms,” says Sarah. She further shares that “this ministry has given me hope not only in humanity again, but in Christians specifically. You guys stood in the gap. PATH is doing the actual things needed for prayers to be answered.” Sarah participates in support group, art therapy, music therapy, spiritual healing group, and our work readiness class. She told us that we helped facilitate healing with her relationship with God.

The relationships of our staff and volunteers that developed over the years were significant in Sarah’s healing and restoration. Proverbs 23:18 says “There is surely a future hope for you, and your hope will not be cut off.” We can all be a part of bringing hope and Christ’s love into peoples’ lives. «



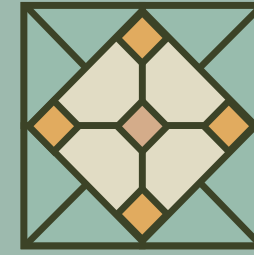


# IMAGINE COMMUNITY GARDENS

by Tera Domaradzki

Imagine Community Gardens (ICG) has continued to have a positive impact in all of the areas they serve. This last year upwards of \$90,000 went into the surrounding communities. However, the ultimate goal of ICG is not to feed people physically, but to provide a platform for our partner churches, like The Chapel, to reach out to people in the community. Our managers and pod leaders serve the garden members and the community, showing the love of Christ as they tend not only to the gardens but more importantly to the people.

The time spent working in the gardens is also spent investing in the lives of others. They get to have conversations that bring people closer to Christ, to pray with them, and to be examples of how Christ wants us to treat one another. It has often been said by garden members that “there is something different about the pod leaders.” They can tell that there is a sense of peace and joy, no matter what is going on in their lives. And while they do not always know right away, Jesus is the difference. ICG opens the door for conversations that allows its leaders to point it all back to Jesus. «



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**WHAT WOULD OUR REGION LOOK LIKE IF IT WERE COMPLETELY SATURATED WITH THE GOSPEL?**



# IT ONLY TAKES THREE CIRCLES

## To Share Your Faith

Have you ever wanted to share your faith with family or friends, but didn't know how? One way is to turn everyday conversations about our "broken world" into conversations about Christ. The goal of explaining the Three Circles to our friends and family is to help us share our faith easily and prayerfully, and to see them respond.

The Three Circles illustrates God's design, our brokenness, and the good news of the Gospel. And all you need is just a pen and paper, or even a napkin!

So how do you start the conversation? It could go something like this:

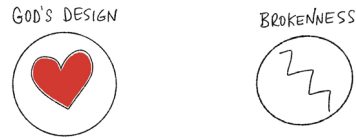
*"I believe that we live in a broken world, full of hurting people who hurt each other. We try to escape brokenness by focusing on things like money, drugs, gambling, or other hurtful things. But all this just leads to greater brokenness. It can look like this."*

Draw a circle and label it "Brokenness."

Draw a jagged line through the center showing a broken world.



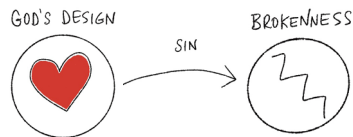
Start a second circle on the left and write "God's Design" above it.



*"But 'brokenness' was not God's original design. God's design was perfect, like Himself, with no brokenness present."*

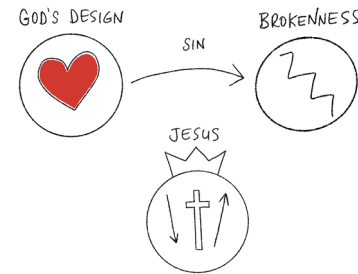
Then, draw a heart to symbolize God's love.

Next, draw an arrow from God's Design to Brokenness and label it "Sin."



*"Each of us has rebelled against God and walked away from His perfect design. The Bible calls this rebellion sin, and this leaves us in brokenness. Are you familiar with the concept of sin? Have you seen this in your own life?"*

Now, draw a third circle below and between the first two and write "Jesus" above it.



*"God saw that we could not escape our brokenness on our own, so God demonstrated His love towards us!"*

Draw a down-arrow below Jesus' name inside the circle.

*"God sent Jesus to the earth. Jesus is perfect and lived a perfect life, because He is God."*

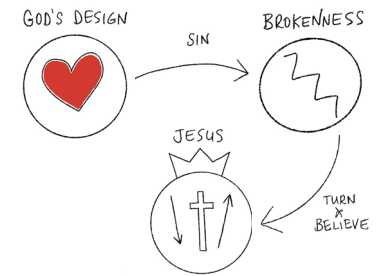
Next draw a cross next to the down-arrow.

*"He suffered a horrible death on a cross to take our sin upon Himself."*

Then draw an up-arrow next to the cross.

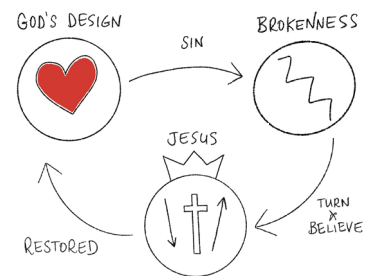
*"Then Jesus rose again proving that He has power over sin and death! He's alive!"*

Now, draw a line from Brokenness to Jesus, draw a king's crown, and write "Turn and Believe."



*"Jesus tells all people to repent and turn from their sins. He also tells us to believe that He died for your sins and that God raised Him from the dead. Jesus wants you to follow Him as king of your life. Jesus promises that if you do that, you will be forgiven and restored back to God's design!"*

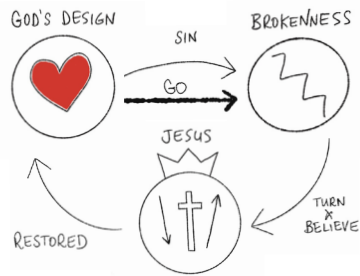
Draw a line from Jesus to God's Design and label it "Restored."



*"If we turn and believe in Jesus, we leave this world of brokenness and are restored into a relationship with God to pursue His design."*

Draw a line from God's Design to Brokenness and write "Go" above it.





*“More than that, God then sends us back into this “Brokenness” to tell others about the Good News of Jesus Christ.”*

After the diagram is drawn ask: *“Where do you see yourself? Are you in God’s perfect design or are you currently in brokenness?”*

Their answer to this will show you where they see themselves in relation to God and give them an opportunity to respond to follow Jesus. If ready, ask this question:

*“Would you like to ask Jesus into your life right now? It’s a faith step through prayer, and prayer is talking with God. God knows your heart and is not so*

*concerned with your words as He is with the attitude of your heart. If you are ready, you can pray words something like this:*

***Lord Jesus I need You. Thank you for dying on the cross in my place for my sins. I believe in You. I open the door of my life and receive You as my Savior and Lord. Thank You for forgiving me of my sins and giving me eternal life. Take control of my life and make me the kind of person You want me to be.***

The Bible tells us that, “Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life. I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life” (1 John 5:12-13).

*\* Three Circle concept used with permission from NAMB.*

## WANT TO GROW IN YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD?

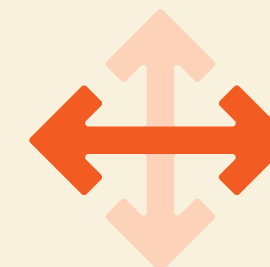
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WORLD**

# Kingdom Bound



MADE IN THE

# IMAGE of God

by Dave Bruno

Twelve year old Emma stood with her group in the Six Flags Darien Lake amphitheater, as Darren Mulligan of the band We Are Messengers spoke to the thousands gathered for the first night of the Kingdom Bound Christian Music Festival. “With all your brokenness, with all your messiness, with all your running from Jesus, I promise you, you are made in His Image.... When the Gospel takes hold, everything changes. If you believe it, you lift your hands!” Tears streamed down Emma’s face as she chose to accept Jesus into her heart and, believing the words, lifted her hands and sang out, “I’m made, made in the image of God, made in the image of God.”

Two days later, on the final day of Kingdom Bound, eleven year old Maddie gripped her mom’s hand as they approached Katy Nichole at Kingdom Bound’s Artist Meet and Greet. Her mom said, “Maddie had cancer, and we played your song ‘In Jesus Name (God of Possible)’ every day in her hospital room. Her cancer is now in remission. She’d love to meet you!” Tears streamed down Katy Nichole’s face as she embraced Maddie, a living miracle.

This is Kingdom Bound Ministries’ mission – to share the Gospel through the arts, encourage the Church, and see people encounter Jesus. Partnerships with churches throughout the region provide the labor, creativity, and finances to produce this event. At this year’s festival a team of over 200 volunteers served, investing in the lives of others during the three-day event. Following the festival, churches from across the region assisted with new believer follow-up, prayer ministry, and discipleship to the hundreds of people who responded to the message of the Gospel that was presented throughout the festival.

Thank you for partnering with us to see the lives of men, women, and children changed. «





## DISCIPLESHIP

*A call to come  
and die*

by Dan Trippie



Discipleship is a call to come and die. The journey is not glamorous, but its ends are glorious. Discipleship is about Christ-likeness, and Christ's likeness includes the image of a suffering servant. We cannot be His disciple and escape the command, "Take up your cross and follow me."

Kingdom Come weekend marks 15 years since Restoration Church was planted. On October 15th, 2008, we had no idea what the future would hold. We dreamed big dreams and made great plans. We could never have imagined all that has transpired. Would we have said "yes" if we knew what lay ahead? Discipleship's path is often paved on suffering's uneven stones.

The Blizzard of 2022 took our building; thus, the past 10 months have not been easy. And while we know buildings are only tools, tools can excite memories. The cross was a tool; it reminds us of discipleship's cost. Our building contained memories of workdays, baptisms, dedications,

funerals, community meals, and nights of lament – discipleship happens in a specific place with a particular people.

Nevertheless, while discipleship includes unexpected trials, it offers undeniable joys. Joys such as the Church at WNY embracing us in love, prayers from people around the country, parking lot prayer meetings, and gifts of support from neighbors we have never met. Disciples come to learn that suffering is where love is confirmed. It is often in taking up our cross that our Savior meets us with unexpected expressions of love.

We look forward to the next chapter as we continue our rebuilding journey. We would never have envisioned this form of discipleship, but the Lord knows what our fellowship needs. Restoration Church is not the same community – how could we be? We have grown despite our displacement, and we have deepened because of it. Discipleship is the process of becoming Christ-like, and through the trial of 2023, we have come to know anew what Christ is like – He is good! «



## SONRAYS

*A ministry  
for life*

by Cheri M. Henry

The SON of God sets people free and we, in Him, are to be the RAYS of that truth – in word and deed! SonRays Ministries was originally formed in 1982 as an intercessional prayer outreach under the guidance of the local 700 Club. In 1983, we became independent when the Buffalo office of The 700 Club closed. From there the Lord led SonRays to focus on ministering in the area of unplanned pregnancies. We now have two different campuses: the Faith Home, which is located in Amherst, NY, and our newly opened Life Resource Center, which is located in Buffalo, NY.

We believe in God's design for family, and our wraparound style services include resources for each member of the family. We offer unplanned and planned pregnancy support, single

parent ministry, birth parent advocacy, post-abortion healing workshops, labor and delivery doula support, Christian childbirth classes, as well as adult Bible studies, international student ministry, and youth services. The SonRays team will meet people where they are and journey through their circumstances alongside them with the hopes to grow each individual toward their true identity as a child of God. We teach that every person is uniquely and lovingly made in the image of God (Genesis 1:26-28).

We pray that each person who walks through our doors will not only meet our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, but will come to know the truth of who they are in Him. Our mission is not only to save babies – we are wholeheartedly chasing after the restoration of entire families! «

*“We teach that every person is uniquely  
and lovingly made in the image of God.”*

# EVERY CHILD INC. IN WORD AND DEED

by Jon Grimaldi

Every Child exists to be the bridge between the church and some of the most vulnerable children and families in Western New York. Each year, thousands of children endure abuse, neglect, and abandonment right in our backyards. Hundreds of families experience separation, with close to 2,000 children being removed and placed into the local child welfare system. And sadly, many willing foster and adoptive families close their homes within the first year due to the challenging nature of this call.

In the midst of the child welfare crisis, we believe God has called and equipped His church to respond. We believe that by training Christ-centered people who desire to volunteer their time and extend a caring hand into the child welfare world of Western New York, we can give these children, their families, and the foster and adoptive families caring for children, repeated opportunities to hear and see the Gospel. As a partner church, your collaborative effort to recruit, equip, and release your people to support

these children and families is essential to reaching the most vulnerable in our community. Every Child is focused on drawing individuals to Christ through a variety of opportunities, including support groups for kinship, foster, and adoptive parents, and collaboration with CarePortal.

Every Child facilitates monthly support groups for those in the trenches. These groups provide opportunities to share questions and challenges of the journey, while receiving encouragement and wisdom through a gospel-centered lens. Parents are regularly reminded of the hope of the Gospel, the sovereignty of God, and His great love for children, their birth family and those who work within this system. Many foster parents have shared that these groups have been essential to continuing their journey in this role.

This year, through our partnerships with WNY churches from Niagara Falls to Jamestown, over a hundred families, have seen the Gospel on

display in word and deed. Through our partner churches implementing the use of CarePortal, these families have received essential items, such as beds, clothing, and baby supplies, all delivered by trained church responders. These volunteers not only helped meet a need that kept a family together, or supported a foster family, but they used the opportunity to build a relationship and share with them the hope of the Gospel.

One recent example of this happened when a foster family in Chautauqua County got a call to take in four teen boys. The foster family said yes, knowing they would need a couple more beds. Through CarePortal, Every Child was able to secure the

beds and bedding they needed, and coordinated the church responders to deliver the items. As the boys helped set up beds, the responders made a connection and extended an invitation to their youth group. Immediately they said, "YES!" and before the responders left the home, the foster parents wanted to learn more about the church. Before long the boys started attending everything they could at the student ministry, and shortly after that the mom began attending church. Today, this foster family is part of the church community, attending weekly worship. They are connected to other believers outside of the church, and are seeing their lives forever transformed as they together follow after Jesus. <<





# LIGHTHOUSE Station

EMPOWERING WOMEN FOR LIFE

by Sarah Sutay

Light House Station Maternity Home in Warsaw, NY, provides a safe home for pregnant women and their children. Women can come to Light House Station at any stage of their pregnancy and stay for up to six months following the birth of their baby. For staff in the residential program, discipleship means doing life together- tackling the daily ups and downs of pregnancy and motherhood.

Since we opened in 2018, we have experienced, learned, grown, and adapted. We have built and assessed and torn down and rebuilt the program. We exercise flexibility to better serve each individual that comes through our doors. We have cheered and cried and puzzled and prayed our way through every hour with each of the 37 moms and children who have lived with us.

We strive to disciple in practical ways like Jesus did. Jesus lived, traveled and taught through everyday life. He included, served, and cared for women in a time when it was counter-cultural to do so. He respected families and created a band of friends closer than brothers. He navigated the hostile culture speaking truth to win people back to the Father. This is how the apostles spread the Gospel as well – by living together and sharing. >



As we respond in obedience to God's calling by loving and caring for mamas, we witness the extent of the brokenness, the hurts, and the trauma these women have experienced. The anger suppressed over so many years. The unhealthy coping mechanisms taught by living in survival mode for so long. The distrust born from years of broken promises and broken relationships. We walk alongside these moms in the deepest and darkest trenches, earning their trust as we go. Discipleship includes intercession, so each day we pursue God's provision and protection in prayer, trusting our shattered hearts to Him. From occasionally weary and tearful places we cry out to the Creator on behalf of these women and their chains.

We celebrate each victory alongside our moms too, every day of sobriety, healthy boundary, positive choice, step forward, and new life brought into the family. Discipleship happens in sharing highs and lows for the day around the dinner table each night, and learning to pray for each other at devotions each morning. It is volunteering to take a shift walking a fussy baby so an exhausted mama can take a shower or a nap. It is a high five when she passes a test, and a picnic in the park to commemorate a birthday. Discipleship at Light House Station is creating a supportive home and family where moms can feel love, safety, and belonging. <<

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*“The Lord hears his people when they call to him for help. He rescues them from all their troubles.”*

Psalms 34:17 (NLT)

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# DIVINE APPOINTMENTS

LOCKPORT CARE NET PREGNANCY CENTER

*by Bonnie Birkmeyer, Executive Director*

Since 1985, Lockport Care Net Pregnancy Center has focused on offering compassion, hope, and help to women facing unplanned pregnancies. Last year we had the opportunity to minister to 246 clients that came to the Center. We praise God for each baby whose life was saved from abortion, and for the 37 babies we were able to welcome to Care Net. We celebrate and thank God for each of these precious children. It is our prayer that each of them will not only experience life but will ultimately experience abundant life in Christ with loving parents and church fellowship.

We believe that each appointment in our day is a divine appointment from God. From the moment a client walks into the Center, it is our mission to provide a safe place for individuals making pregnancy decisions to get factual information, compassionate care, practical assistance, and Christ-centered support. One of the first questions we ask our clients is about their relationship with God.

In the process of this conversation we're seeing lives being saved and seeds being planted. It is our hope to encourage, teach, and disciple clients with each of their appointments to Care Net. While some clients we may see only once, others seek out support through parent education, Bible Study or by coming in for monthly material support. It's our hope that with each encounter the women, men, and families that we serve will see God's love demonstrated through our words and actions, and that we will have opportunity for prayer and discipleship.

Many of the women that we minister to have found themselves in unhealthy relationship patterns, impacted by cycles of abusive relationships and trauma. Over this past year there were several clients that we have been able to provide intensive support to through individualized education and Bible Study lessons, offering hope and healing for their family. At Care Net we are often reminded of John 10:10 (NIV): "The thief

comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full." It is our prayer that clients will come to know Christ and that we will be able to connect them to a local church so that they will continue to find encouragement, support, and discipleship. This past year we had the joy of celebrating the marriage of one of our clients who had come to know the Lord, and introduced her to a local church through ongoing discipleship at Care Net.

We are grateful for the support we have received from The Chapel. You have been generous both in your giving and serving. We have been blessed to partner with The Chapel's Embrace Grace Program, a Bible Study specific for single, pregnant women. This past year we had one client in particular who found tremendous support from the program. It helped her not only navigate through her pregnancy decision but also provided discipleship for her to discover the abundant life God desires for her and her family. «



STIR

CAFÉ + RESOURCE CENTER

Visit Stir! The Chapel's Café + Resource Center is located in our CrossPoint Campus. Stir is a great place to pick up a resource recommended by our pastors or a beverage and snack. We would love for you to stop in on a Sunday morning before or after service. Enjoy your favorite beverage and snack as you spend time studying and reading at Stir.

Stir is open every Sunday morning!





# SAVING GRACE MINISTRIES: OUR ROLE IN A COMMUNITY CRISIS

*by Rev. Terry King, CEO & Trace Gillis, Exec. Assistant*

Over the last year, Saving Grace Ministries has seen a drastic increase in the number of homeless individuals coming to us for food, shelter, and general direction. Our newly renovated homeless shelters, Grace House at 1932 & 1938 Bailey Avenue in Buffalo, remain at full capacity at all times. This is largely due to the fact that we are the only New York State licensed homeless shelter for adult males in Erie County. Our partners at the Erie County Department of Social Services (DSS) are dealing with a homeless housing crisis. They've become reliant on Saving Grace Ministries to put a roof over the heads of 34 homeless individuals nightly, all while we are managing 76 other housing units.

Erie County's housing crisis has worsened significantly over the last year. On average, the number of homeless individuals exceeds 250

individuals per night. The majority of these individuals are being sent to area hotels and motels without the necessary support, leading to public safety concerns.

Erie County DSS has requested that Saving Grace consider increasing our homeless shelter capacity. In order to do this, we would have to convert a home that we currently use for aftercare housing (1920 Bailey Ave.-12 bed capacity) to a homeless shelter facility. Similar to our renovation projects at 1932 & 1938 Bailey, 1920 Bailey will require some renovations in order to meet New York State licensing standards.

Our aim is to expand our shelter capacity and house twelve more homeless individuals nightly by 2024. This process will take a significant amount of work and will test our staff at times, but we are trusting that God's

plan for Saving Grace Ministries is to act in the midst of a crisis and to be a light in Buffalo. James 2:14 (NIV) comes to mind: "What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone claims to have faith but has no deeds?" Many know the roots of our ministry, but it is important that they see the love of Christ compelling us to act in times of need.

We are also viewing this opportunity as a chance to create more disciples of Jesus. We will be reaching more individuals with our services, which in turn allows us to plant gospel seeds in their lives. Romans 10:14 states: "How

then will they call on him in whom they have not believed?" Saving Grace is serving individuals who are down to their last resort and may be running low on hope. We believe that pointing them to Jesus is the greatest source of hope we can offer.

We will continue to shelter, love, and guide the individuals we serve. Our hope is that the community sees Christ alive through our work and through strategic partnerships like the Kingdom Come ministry. Together we can make a difference in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ. «







# DISCIPLESHIP

at The Chapel

At The Chapel, we have opportunities available for you to **grow as a disciple of Christ**. These opportunities are both short-term, and long-term in their length.

## SHORT-TERM DISCIPLESHIP

### 1. Foundations

Foundations is an environment that walks you through the basics of what it means to be a disciple of Jesus Christ, and is a necessary class for those waiting to pursue baptism.

### 2. Membership

Our Membership process helps people formally join The Chapel. Our class helps you understand who The Chapel is and what it means to be a meaningful member of this local church. The Membership process consists of a formal class and a time to sit down and talk at length with someone from our church.

### 3. Engage

Engage is a 7-week discipleship cohort. This cohort is designed for anyone seeking to grow in your relationship with God and your daily walk with Him. You will be asked to complete daily spiritual activities, such as a Bible-reading plan and prayer exercises, as well as weekly tasks designed to challenge you and grow you in your involvement with others.

## LONG-TERM DISCIPLESHIP

### Community Groups

Community groups are small groups that gather regularly outside of a Sunday morning service. In community groups, we are able to have an opportunity to grow in Christ and grow in meaningful relationship with other believers.

For any questions on the discipleship classes, please email Doug McClinsey at [dmcclinsey@thechapel.com](mailto:dmcclinsey@thechapel.com)

For any questions about community groups, please email Dana Macchia at [dmacchia@thechapel.com](mailto:dmacchia@thechapel.com)

Need more information?

Visit [thechapel.com/discipleship](http://thechapel.com/discipleship) or scan the QR code.





# FOUR LEVELS OF PARTNERSHIP

▀ BY MICHAEL RAMOS

COMMUNITY RELATIONS  
SEED PLANTER  
DISCIPLE MAKERS  
GOSPEL PROCLAIMERS

I shared a while back that if you look up the definition of a **partnership** you would read that it is a “*formal arrangement by two or more parties to manage and operate a business and share in the profit.*” What is the profit that comes from our Kingdom Come partnerships? It is the changed lives, either through discipleship or by guiding a person toward a personal relationship with Jesus.

From local ministries and organizations to global missionaries and ministries overseas, the question I am often asked is:

*“What does The Chapel look for in a Kingdom Come Partnership?”*

For us, partnership is a reciprocal arrangement of shared opportunities, serving each other in intentional relationship and development that guides people to Christ, strengthening their spiritual life, encouraging biblical development, and reproducing themselves or causing multiplication.

And to do this, we see them in four partnership types:

## COMMUNITY RELATIONS

The first type we refer to as **Community Relations**. In Matthew 5:16, Christ reminds us to:

*Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.*

What does this look like? It looks like an intentional pursuit, at all four of our campuses, of establishing a foundational presence in our communities by serving both ministry and secular services, through sincere committed >

relationship and community support.

Who is that with, you might be wondering? It could be volunteering at our local YMCA or Youth Mentoring programs. It could be serving in the local food pantries or shelters. It could be attending and supporting local civic meetings or community events. Or it could simply be faithfully patronizing your local restaurants and services, knowing them by name, and letting them know who you are.

Why? Because by participation or presence, your Christ-centered character, without any immediate expectation or hidden agenda, becomes a foundational presence in the community. And your presence indirectly invites the community to the Lord's house to learn more about who He is!

### SEED PLANTERS

The second type of partnership is **Seed Planters**. Paul states in James 2:14-17 that,

*What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save them? Suppose a brother or a sister is without clothes and daily food. If one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and well fed," but does nothing about their physical needs, what good is it? In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead.*

Seed Planter ministries are those that

have created volunteer opportunities, which open relational and conversational doors for us, to share the love of Christ through community service, by working with others or alongside others.

To name just a few, let's start with *Imagine Community Gardens* or *The Teachers Desk*, which allow for conversations about growth and development through gardening, or through the school supplies they share.

How about *Jericho Road*, *PATH*, or *Project Mona's House*, which seek to reach out to the marginalized community and offer hope and care through the gift of time, medical care, and physical and emotional healing.

These are just a few that give us both direct and indirect opportunities to engage with people in natural conversation, inviting questions about our own personal relationship with Jesus!

### DISCIPLE MAKERS

The third type of partnership is **Disciple Makers**. Jesus gave us direction in Matthew 28:19-20 to

*Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.*

Locally and globally our partners

create and engage in spiritual development with both individuals and in groups. They seek to see lifestyle change through studies or personal one-on-one discipleship.

Ministries such as *True Happiness Ministry* in India or *Mission of Hope* in the Dominican Republic spend time mentoring local pastors. In the U.S. sports ministries, like *Fellowship of Christian Athletes* or *Cross Training Athletes*, implement Biblical principles as they engage in the sports discipline of young athletic leaders.

Partnerships like this reach out most often to believers who desire to grow in their relationship with Christ. In turn we hope they will multiply themselves by sharing what they have learned with others through a disciple/discipler relationship.

### GOSPEL PROCLAIMERS

The fourth is **Gospel Proclaimers**. It's easy to know who these are, right?

They are ministries such as *Compass Care* who, as they walk alongside a young mother who is confused about keeping her unborn child, share the love of God and the healing relationship she can have by inviting Christ into her life. It is *Responders on a Mission*, which uses Emergency First Responder training and support as the introduction to Biblical teaching about Jesus. It is para-church organizations

like *Cru* or *Bridges*, who realize that there is a small window of time to be with our college student community.

David, the Psalmist said; *"Sing to the LORD; praise his name. Each day proclaim the good news that he saves. Publish his glorious deeds among the nations. Tell everyone about the amazing things he does. Great is the LORD! He is most worthy of praise! He is to be feared above all gods."* (Psalm 96:2-4)

Let me thank you ahead of time for your willingness to read these articles, and for lifting up in prayer each of our partners who have invited us to join them in communicating the gospel wherever God has called them to serve.

***"Each of us use whatever gift we have received to serve others, and be faithful stewards of God's grace in the various forms of giftedness that He has given us to draw people to Him."***

We do this so that every man, woman and child...hear, see, and respond to the Gospel of Jesus Christ!



# STEWARDSHIP & GENEROSITY

by George Fu, The Chapel, Finance Director

“God owns everything. I’m His money manager.” This quote is from the book *The Treasure Principle – unlocking the secret of joyful giving* by Randy Alcorn. A money manager (or steward) manages assets for the owner’s benefit. The author further defines the steward’s mentality as that the steward carries no sense of entitlement to the assets he/she manages. It’s his/her job to find out what the owner wants done with his assets, then carry out his will.

In the fiscal year of 2022 to 2023, The Chapel continuously distributed funds to support the Kingdom Come partners and Church Planting Initiative (CPI). It accounts for 14.5% of total donation in collaboration with 80 plus gospel-minded partners. The partner’s ministerial mission and serving regions exhibits Kingdom Come’s geographical intention with global partners (12%), Sierra Leone alliance (9%), national and regional partners (10%), and WNY partners (69%). From the generous donation of our congregation, Kingdom Come was able to explore new opportunities or ministry projects to expand the outreach of the gospel

of Jesus Christ and serve the local communities and global projects (Persian Bible Campaign, CRU-Romania, Lift Your Eyes – Egypt, Wings of Compassion – Puerto Rico, and other projects).

As God’s money manager (or steward), we are fulfilling our duty of asset management entrusted by God on earthly mission (Matt 25:14-30). Jesus Christ has the best investment advice for us, “Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth .... but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven.” (Matt 6:19-20) This is because the earthly treasure won’t last, but the right place to transfer it is on ahead to his Kingdom with lasting value. The Chapel family recently paid off all debts using the accumulated working capital and the pandemic government funds. This is a good example of stewardship and asset management of the money God entrusts to us. This will provide us more flexibility and financial freedom to engage in building additional partnerships with many local organizations in Western New York and all around the globe in areas of financial support, equipment,

training, volunteer connections, use of facilities, consulting and/or mentoring, and more. We learn how to wisely deploy God’s eternal investment capital.

Every day is an opportunity to queue up for more shares in His kingdom. Jesus Christ Himself is our ultimate treasure! By exercising stewardship and participating in discipleship initiatives, we will experience God’s presence and

pleasures of fullness of joy (Ps 16:11). God is the greatest giver in the universe, and we are made rich to be generous on every occasion. Most important is that He won’t let us outgive Him. The application of our church mission in stewardship and discipleship may be understood as ensuring to use God’s entrusting money and resources to build His Kingdom in Heaven, but not to build our kingdom on Earth. «



## CHEEKTOWAGA CAMPUS

by Leroy Wiggins

The word discipleship has been and continues to be defined in many different ways. Here at The Chapel we have chosen to define it in a very simple way: Daily following Jesus and compelling others to do the same. In Matthew 28:19-20, Jesus specifically tells His disciples (and by extension us) they are to: “Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.” One of the operative words in this passage is to “GO”. And that is what The Chapel endeavors to do... “GO”! It is at the core of our mission statement, which I’m certain you have read in many previous articles.

But what does that look like? Well, there are many facets (stages) of discipleship. What I’d like to do is share what that has looked like as we “GO” from the Cheektowaga Campus.

Mission of Hope clearly states its mission – “As an organization

following Jesus Christ, it exists to bring life transformation to every man, woman, and child.” They serve in Haiti and the Dominican Republic and believe that nations can be transformed one life at a time by focusing on nutrition, education, medical care, and church advancement.

While on mission trips with MOH, significant effort is made to reach that “one life at a time” through personal touchpoints with the many Haitians and Dominicans we serve. But before we GO, our teams must be trained. Which means growing as disciples ourselves. The discipleship training in the life of a short-term missionary plays itself out in many ways: a better handle on how to share the gospel, practicing the discipline of praying for and with people, understanding how to have a spiritual conversation, and tying our personal grace story to scripture.

In addition to training in cross-cultural education, the aforementioned discipleship training helps fully equip our short term teams to maximize the impact

of the gospel and further share the hope that only Jesus provides.

For 716 Ministries, the way of Jesus is central to the desire to create opportunities for others, and to serve their community. And they believe untapped potential can be released in people through a few open doors. Through 716 workforce training programs, Cheektowaga congregation members have been able to use their personal gifting to partner with, and provide mentorship for, 716 clients.

Many 716 clients reside in marginalized communities. However, the marginalized, the underserved, the immigrant, and the refugee each have inherent dignity, value and worth. It is through these mentoring opportunities that congregation members come alongside 716 to train, teach, encourage, and equip their clients as they seek a better life.

These clients have repeated opportunities to see the person of Jesus through those who provide the mentorship. It has been witnessed that through these mentor/mentee

## CHEEKTOWAGA CAMPUS







# COMMUNITY GROUPS

**Community Groups** at The Chapel enable us to Love God, Love the Church, and Love the World by using the strength of relationships. Walking through life alongside our brothers and sisters not only grows honest friendships, but also deepens our nearness to God. To discover more about Community Groups or to find a group meeting near you, please visit [thechapel.com/community](https://thechapel.com/community).



relationships, mentees have “kicked the tires” on the church thing and have come to visit the church from time to time. Our prayer continues to be that as we serve our Kingdom Come partners, opportunities like this simply become the norm.

“Going” and engaging with their local communities is the way those who are disciples of Jesus Christ become the hands and feet of Jesus, bringing hope to all.

Firehouse Church in East Buffalo shares the hope of the gospel to those previously incarcerated who have restrictions on their movement. But the Gospel can move in any life. And that takes several different forms for a few faithful folks that worship at the Cheektowaga Campus. A small team of Chapel men, serving this primarily male environment, spent a few Saturdays together on work projects to keep their resident home a safe place. For another small group of men, that looks like hosting a picnic just to hang out and encourage Firehouse Church attendees. For another congregant that looks like leading worship and singing His praises at Firehouse

Church services. And for a small group of Cheektowaga men, that looks like hosting Firehouse Church Baptisms.

Yes, there are many facets of discipleship. And often it starts in small ways. But when we’re daily following Jesus and compelling others to do the same, man, we can see the Kingdom not only come, but we can see the Kingdom grow. So, what does your “Going” look like?



## CROSSPOINT CAMPUS

*by Jon Cook*



You can't attend a campus of The Chapel without soon hearing someone talk about the mission that we are on together. We are clear that our mission is to provide repeated opportunities for men, women, and children to hear and see the Gospel of Jesus Christ. One of the ways that we press forward with this mission is through the intentional engagement of the communities in which our campuses are located. You may have heard someone here refer to a "circle of accountability." This principle can be embraced by us as individual disciples. Simply look at your home on a map and begin to ask the Lord what portion of this neighborhood or community you are accountable to begin reaching with the gospel of Jesus.

This is a principle that we also take seriously for our campus locations. We believe that God has geographically placed each of our campuses with intentionality, knowing that there would be people who live and work close by to a place where believers in

Jesus gather, and who would reach out to the community around them. Each community is unique, and God has continued to refine and shape the opportunities that we embrace as a campus, as we continue to understand the needs and opportunities that surround us. That's why at the CrossPoint campus, we have continued to celebrate the thriving Donation Hub ministry that you see when you walk in the doors of this location. Donation Hub is propelled completely by the disciples of Jesus who attend this campus. Items are donated freely each week, placed on a shelf by volunteers from our congregation, and taken off those same shelves by people who either have a need themselves or who plan to bless someone else in their own circle. This is not just about donated items, but about a group of disciples who are growing in generosity and serving the Lord through kindness to those around them.

There have been unique opportunities throughout the year for our campus to engage the community nearby us together. In

August of this year, we facilitated a "Back To School Pop-up Pantry" at a nearby community center, where hundreds of families received free clothing and school supply items as they prepared to send their students back to school. In September, we had Serve Day. At CrossPoint we served nearby residents in a number of ways, including providing haircuts and other personal care services to people in need. In every instance, this wasn't just about the work done or the items donated. For us as people of Jesus, it can never just be about that. Each of these are opportunities for us as disciples, followers of Jesus Christ, to proclaim the hope of the gospel to the world around us. «

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CROSSPOINT  
CAMPUS



## LOCKPORT CAMPUS

by Edwin Perez



## LOCKPORT CAMPUS

We are grateful to be on mission together and carry out the Great Commission that Jesus has given to His Church. We want to be serious about disciple making because it is what we are called to do. I am excited to highlight a few stories from this past year that help to portray the beauty of how Jesus has changed and transformed lives. Although there are many ways we can highlight how discipleship is taking place at the Lockport Campus, I am going to highlight three stories that we have seen from this past year.

The first was seeing a married couple publicly declare their allegiance to Jesus by way of baptism. What was beautiful about this was seeing their resolve to love Jesus and serve Jesus. Not to mention their precious daughter was sitting in the front row watching mom and dad get baptized. It was a moment where I thought, “This is the powerful work of God altering a household for generations to come.” This is really what disciple-making is:

making a Kingdom impact beyond ourselves that lasts for generations to come.

In addition to this, the second story we witnessed was seeing two ladies from a local halfway house give their lives to Jesus and then get baptized. This came about because a member from our congregation was serving at a halfway house, made an impact among those she was serving, led them to Jesus, and they were baptized at our church. It was such a powerful picture of someone who is living on mission and bringing people to Jesus as a result. To be a part of this in such a small way and to see those ladies get baptized was such a blessing to witness.

The last story is related to someone that we highlighted during our Easter services this past year at The Chapel. It’s the story of someone from our campus who shared her testimony of how she came to know Jesus through friends from her work, got connected to their Bible study, and eventually came to the Lockport campus. She was baptized,

and is now serving by helping disciple middle school students. I highlight this because in front of our congregation on Easter, she boldly shared what God has done in her life. It was very powerful to see the impact her story had. It not only impacted her family, who was in attendance on that day, but all who heard. For that I am grateful.

I couldn’t possibly highlight all the ways that we have seen discipleship taking place at the Lockport campus. However, reflecting on these clear, visible pictures that we have observed this year of God working in people has been a gift and a blessing. May God continue to work and move among His people for His glory. «

*“We want to be serious about disciple making because it is what we are called to do.”*



## NIAGARA FALLS CAMPUS

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*by Mark Cushing*

Over this past year at the Niagara Falls campus, we have seen so much growth in our public gatherings: our children's ministry numbers have basically doubled, and we are seeing nearly 300 adults in our services from week to week. With this increase in number, we see the need for discipleship and community only growing. We have Niagara University students who attend regularly on Sundays. Our Community Garden team that delivers groceries to our Lasalle neighbors in need, and the Niagara Outreach Ministry brings the hope of the gospel to those on 19th Street in Niagara Falls. And a Ladies Night Out at the campus introduces people to Jesus while providing some tangible support, as needed.

All of these ministries, together with our existing ministries within the walls of our church have made it a very busy place on Sundays, and a place where discipleship is increasingly needed. We are praying as a campus that God would continue to give us wisdom and discernment as we

walk alongside those in need, both physically and spiritually. At times, the needs can feel greater than the workers in the field. That is why this prayer of Paul speaks so strongly to us as a campus:

“And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, so that you may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God” (Philippians 1:9-11).

The agape love that Paul speaks of here is evident in many who call this Niagara Falls campus their home. We see so clearly in many a selfless, sacrificial concern for the benefit of others in our congregation. And, like Paul, I am praying that this strong love will grow even more. God is using this active love by the people of God to bless both the people of God, and to visibly portray the gospel to those that need Jesus. I am praying that this love would continue to grow, and

that each person would have an opportunity to personally disciple someone, or be personally disciplined by someone. It is a constant prayer of mine for the people who attend this campus; that is, that we would be compelled and compel others to daily follow Jesus.

These are challenging times for so many, but as we pursue Christ together, we remind ourselves of what Jesus told his disciples:

“In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.” John 16:33b «

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## **CAMPUS AMBASSADORS**

We are looking for volunteers to provide rides for students to church, as well as to help facilitate Common Grounds, a free food and coffee event held weekly during the school year (UB North campus in Commons 200). If someone has skills they think could help our campus ministry, please contact Tim Stewart at (716) 263-8809.

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We would love assistance from men and women with teaching gifts to potentially help speak at our weekly gathering (a co-ed group of 10-70 students depending on the university). Also, if you (or your small group) love to cook, we have several outreaches during the year where we could use assistance providing food for students. If interested, please contact

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Each year the annual Kingdom Bound festival recruits over 300 volunteers. We would love to have you join our team. If interested, please contact Danielle Rose at [volunteers@kingdombound.org](mailto:volunteers@kingdombound.org) or (716) 633-1117 ext. 126.

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Lockport CARES needs daily Direct Care volunteers to serve our guests. In a given week we need to fill thirty (30) shifts, and each shift must be filled with two people. If you are interested in volunteering with Lockport CARES, please contact Dani Kelkenberg at (716) 438-2273 or by email at [adminassist@lockportcares.org](mailto:adminassist@lockportcares.org). *Background checks required.*

## **LOCKPORT CARE NET PREGNANCY CENTER**

We have volunteer needs with the following positions: Peer Counselor (training required) to work one-on-one with clients, Office Worker to help with day to day operations, and Fundraising Committee to help with events in the community. General work and prayer are always needed! If interested, please contact Lori Mead at (716) 434-1771 or [lmead@lockportcarenet.com](mailto:lmead@lockportcarenet.com).

## **NIAGARA GOSPEL RESCUE MISSION**

We need volunteers for painting, food pantry organization, cleaning, baling of salvaged clothes (this is an off-site project), mentoring (for qualified individuals), 3M ministry (meals, music, message), outside landscaping, and various other projects. If interested, please contact Donna Stevens on her cell at (716) 946-6163.

# Ministry Partner Directory

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OpOverwatch utilizes outreach and benevolence projects as ways to bring the knowledge of Jesus Christ to law enforcement. If you have skills in promotion, graphic arts, solicitation of businesses, or event planning, embrace the mission of OpOverwatch (OpOverwatch.org), and would like to volunteer, please email Steve Ritchie at [sritchie@opoverwatch.org](mailto:sritchie@opoverwatch.org).

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PATH is in need of volunteers for evening and afternoon van drivers, evening clean up (including vacuuming, disinfecting surfaces, and cleaning the bathrooms) and kids room help specifically on Friday afternoon. If interested, please contact Becky Symon at (716) 601-5678 or via email at [rebecca.symon@pathofwny.org](mailto:rebecca.symon@pathofwny.org).

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Saving Grace needs volunteers to help with porch/deck repairs, as well as an ongoing need for painting and landscaping work. This includes lawn care, weed pulling, trimming, and gardening. If you are interested, please contact Trace Gillis at [trace.gillis@sgmworld.org](mailto:trace.gillis@sgmworld.org).

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If you're interested in getting more involved with SonRays, please go to the Volunteer tab on our website ([sonraysministries.com](http://sonraysministries.com)) to sign up for

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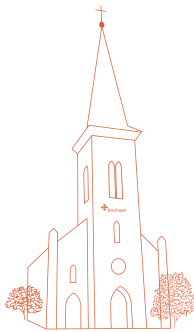
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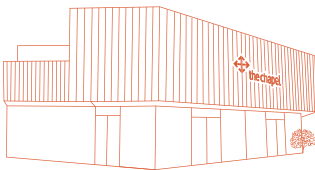
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