Looking Ahead: 2020 Our Biggest Year Yet

The doors of opportunity globally are flying open, and along with these come increased expenses for our translation, teaching and travel schedule in 2020. By far, the places we go cannot afford to underwrite our costs. Needed resources total $61,000 to underwrite these additional ministry expenses. Can you help? And look at the bonanza of translations coming in 2020! Read more...

Reports from the Frontlines: Updates from our GDI International Directors

Nepal
Despite our losses in the middle of the year we were able to complete 15 training assignments in which we have trained 500+ people and about 100 micro groups have been started. Please pray for us. I’m mentoring 3 more core team leaders and developing more trainers so that we can speed up the training in 2020. Read more...

Romania
For GDI Romania, the year 2019 was one with many historical events: The book Essential Guide to Becoming a Disciple was translated and printed, in addition to the updated Discipleship Essentials. The first GDI Romanian National Conference with the theme "Disciples Who Make Disciples" was attended by nearly 100 and another with international participation was held in October. Now we are planning our first GDI Seminar in Germany. Read more...

Philippines
Since the implementation of GDI micro-group discipleship strategies in City Bible Church in 2015, CBC has intentionally applied the principles of GDI micro-group ministry to all our daughter and affiliate churches. We hold monthly, quarterly, and yearly trainings. In September around 60 quad leaders participated from 7 churches. Read more...
Other News from Our International Efforts

**Taiwan**

We are very thankful that all the groups continue to meet and grow together and are amazed that the dynamics among the groups are so different. We are so pleased to see deeper relational fabric and stronger trust bridges forming. [Read more...](#)

**European Leadership Forum (ELF) in Poland**

The church in Europe has been in rapid decline for decades. Dr. Ogden was invited to give 5 workshops in Wisla, Poland in May at ELF. “The mission of the European Leadership Forum is to unite, equip, and resource evangelical leaders to renew the biblical church and evangelize Europe.” [Read more...](#)

National Opportunities

**Dan Dominguez – New Cohort Coordinator**

His focus during the last three years has been on equipping leaders to fulfill their God-given role of making disciples who make disciples. Central to this work has been the use of the *Discipleship Essentials* framework and process which he came to fully embrace through his involvement in the initial GDI Online Cohort. [Read more...](#)

**National Disciple Making Forum Report**

For the last three years, GDI has been a full partner in the conference that focuses on Jesus’ relational style of disciple making. NDMF was conceived by Bobby Harrington and others as a means to return “MAKING DISCIPLES of all nations” to the central mission of every church. Bobby’s vision was to provide a place where disciple-making ministries could gather under one banner in a cooperative and supportive environment believing we could accomplish more together in unity than we could individually. [Read more...](#)

**Catholic University Research and Adoption of Discipleship Essentials at the Franciscan University of Steubenville, Ohio, (published for Oct-Dec.2019 edition)**

“The study examined best practices from both Catholic and Protestant organizations, in order to find a model that resulted in spiritual multiplication, not just in the short term but substantively proven over a period of time. The fruits of the micro group have been substantiated for over three decades, with approximately 60% of those participating in the micro group discipleship process continuing on to develop their own groups and, therefore, generating a process of spiritual multiplication. After studying Ogden’s methodology and process, and then consulting with him personally to determine the essential elements of two-fold discipleship, the Christian Outreach Office at Franciscan University developed a process called Discipleship Quads.” [Read more](https://review.catechetics.com/disciples-forming-other-disciples)