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Unlike a virus that spoils, spreads and separates us, we want the “good infection” for making disciples who make disciples who restore, revive, and connect us with our calling. We are walking alongside followers of Jesus Christ in many countries in their spiritual growth to maturity. Read about more updates in [China](#), [France](#), [Germany](#), [Hungary](#), [Romania](#), [Russia](#), [Ukraine](#), [India](#), [Nepal](#), [Pakistan](#), [Philippines](#), [Taiwan](#), and [Zambia](#).

Great Compassion

“The LORD is gracious and righteous; our God is full of compassion.”

Psalm 116:5

We take extra “Vitamin C” by being commissioned, commanded, and committed to being disciples who make disciples. We intentionally choose to reflect compassion, which literally means “suffering with” others, such as helping those who are hurting because of COVID-19.

COVID RELIEF

“God gave a unique opportunity during the lockdown to serve people in our community irrespective of their belief system as we provided the food items to the needy families. In total we reached out 650 families.” The United Nations has estimated that 130 million additional people will starve this year as a result of the economic damage resulting from the lockdowns. Many of the pastors we work with are in countries where people are “daily workers.” If they work today, they and their families eat tonight. They have few reserves. In some Muslim countries, the government assists Muslim families but ignores the needs of Christian families. We have been trying to help, routing funds given for this purpose through GDI. Pastors are buying food in bulk, dividing it up and delivering it to needy families.



Great Commitment

“This calls for patient endurance on the part of the people of God who keep his commands and remain faithful to Jesus.” Revelation 14:12

A *commitment* is defined as “the state or quality of being dedicated to a cause, activity, etc.” Those who have [participated in a GDI cohort](#) know what commitment means. “I have had the joy of participating in a two-year cohort on disciple making, led by Greg Ogden, one of the forward thinkers and writers on the ministry of discipleship in the church today.”

Great Commandment

**“Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind and, love your neighbor as yourself.”
Luke 10:27**

Love is the foundation for the Great Commandment. Being a disciple and making disciples shows up here:

- Soul (being – the real you)
- Heart (desiring – what you want)
- Mind (thinking – desires expressed in words)
- Strength (doing – thoughts expressed in action)
- Others (caring – all the above expressed in how you treat yourself and others)

“Indeed, we can say that we have been able to sustain the intimate and dynamic relationship among our church members and new converts during the pandemic because of the micro-group system we learned from GDI.” [Read more in this expanded report from the Philippines how the Great Commandment is working.](#)

Great Commission

“Then Jesus came to them and said, ‘All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 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. And surely I am with you always to the very end of the age.’”

Matthew 28:18-20

As 2020 ends a very unusual year, we begin 2021 with renewed hope! Making disciples who make disciples is an unending challenge to take the Word to the world. Now is the time. We fulfill the **Great Commission** and the **Great Commandment** with our Spirit-led **Great Commitment** that reveals our Christlike **Great Compassion** working in and through us.



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