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Global Discipleship Initiative

YOU KNOW WHY. WE KNOW HOW.

Transforming disciples who make disciples through MICRO GROUPS (3-4 people)

"Go and make disciples."

Upcoming GDI Events

Jan. TBD **GDI Online Cohort 1**

Contact: Greg Ogden

Jan. 28-30 Cornwall Church

Bellingham, Washington Contact: Ralph Rittenhouse

(805) 216-6430

Feb. 16 7 Mile Road Church

All Church Retreat Houston, TX

Apr. 5 Gordon-Conwell Seminary

Discipleship Convocation

South Hamilton, MA

Apr. TBD **GDI Online Cohort 2**

Contact: Greg Ogden

May 6-8 Camarillo Community Church

Camarillo, CA Contact: Jim Moyer

(805) 482-2657

May 18-23 **European Leadership Forum**

Wisla, Poland

Contact: Greg Ogden



The Vision of GDI

Matthew 28:18-20

Compelled by Jesus' Great Commission, we want to multiply transformed disciples through MICRO GROUPS in every country in the world by 2026.

Make disciples the way Jesus made disciples.

"Suppose I have a new convert by my side and I need someone to walk with them next year—to disciple them. What is the plan in your church if someone came up to you and asked that?"

- Greg Ogden's Challenge to the Global Church



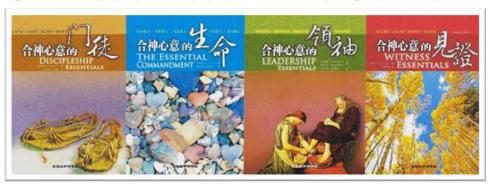
GlobalDI.org

For more information, visit us online.

Contact Greg Ogden or Ralph Rittenhouse for details about each event.



Chinese Essentials Set for Takeoff!



In my 3, 3-1/2 hour sessions in November in China, I was able to convey the biblical foundations of Jesus' relational approach as well as the practical mechanics of a micro group through my excellent translator who conveyed the concepts into Chinese.

"The feedback on your teaching on discipleship from the participants has been very encouraging....We look forward to further solid and firm partnership in the ministries in China in 2019 and the years ahead."

MOST IMPORTANT ASPECT

The most important aspect of the training was to be in gender-specific groups.

The actual practice of relationship-building is one of the essentials. They also used 3 lessons in simplified Chinese from my introductory book, *Essential Guide to Becoming a Disciple*.

END-OF-YEAR APPEAL

One of our goals for 2019 is to raise funds for 5,000 sets at \$14/set for a total of \$70,000 in China. The next major step is to get discipleship resources in the hands of pastors and the 2019 graduates from the seminaries and bible schools. This is akin to seed planting.

Once the resources are available, they will have the tools that can implement the disciplemaking strategy in the micro group format.

National Disciple Making Forum Standing Room Only



SITTING ON THE FLOOR

Overflowing Interest in Making Disciples Who Make Disciples

At the National Disciple Making Forum in October, the initial response to the sessions presented by Greg and Ralph was standing room only with people sitting on the floor and standing by the walls! We needed a larger room.

After each of the five sessions, people continued reaching out to Greg and Ralph with questions about the details of implementation. *How* is the question.

We also connected with several who may be involved soon in translating *Discipleship Essentials* into Russian.

WANTING TO KNOW HOW

Overflowing Interest in Making Disciples Who Make Disciples



ROMANIA UPDATE

50/50 Challenge Launch

OCT & NOV NEWS



Dr. Dobrin and his wife Lavi helped to coordinate the first National GDI team in October. Leaders came with their wives also participating in micro groups. The focus was "Building a Culture of Disciplemaking." Ralph presented, illustrated, and defined four characteristics:

- 1) Shared language
- 2) Shared set of values
- 3) Shared practices
- 4) Shared story of vision

resulting in 3 important outcomes of clarity, capability and consequences.

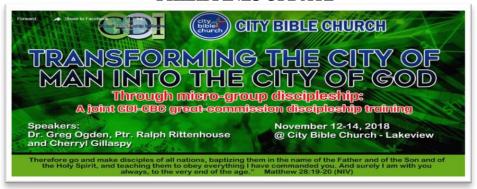
NEPAL UPDATE

I'm so excited and sad at the same time when I'm writing these stories. I see that our leaders, believers, and new believers are being tortured, beaten, ex-communicated, and kicked out. We are now in the 25th position for the most persecution of Christians; foreigners have been deported and 73 arrested and in prison.

At the same time we see that new people are coming to Christ and getting baptized and new churches have been planted. Lives are being transformed in the midst of persecution.

Five trainings are scheduled for December. They are taking initiative in their own regions. We will have covered 25 districts of Nepal which is 33% (total 75 districts). Still we are targeting to reach out all 75 districts of Nepal by 2020. It seems possible as more trainers are being equipped! We appreciate your prayers as we move forward in His Kingdom.

PHILIPPINES UPDATE



Jim and Leah have a network of 37 churches primarily in Luzon and Mindinao. This church was the host site for the disciple making training conference we had in November. The Sunday morning service began with energetic singing, an introduction of the entire GDI team (Greg & Lily, Ralph, Cheryl & Joe), and then the message.





The room was packed and the message Ralph titled, "Commanded to Multiply," was warmly received. Most Filipino people understood English. Monday the room filled with leaders from seven City Bible Churches in Manila, as well as pastors and leaders from other interested churches who eagerly embraced it. They have enthusiastically committed to launching discipleship quads, both pastors and lay people alike.

Pastor Jim plans to take the disciple making training to the churches of Mindanao and Visayas, the other two groups of islands in the Philippines as the years allow for expanding multiplication of disciple-making quads.

NORTHWEST DISCIPLE MAKING INTENSIVE

GDI is offering a new discipleship intensive in January 2019 at *Cornwall Church in Bellingham, Washington*, We are limiting registration to 100. We are asking pastors to bring at least three people with them for maximum impact.

Each host church is modeling an effective disciple-making ministry, and you will be able to visit discipleship quads and interact with leadership. There will be multiple practice sessions to see how the reproduction riddle is solved and how to insure the highest percentage of group multiplication. You will discover how an effective disciple-making initiative increases authentic spiritual growth, volunteerism, giving, evangelism, leadership development, and church unity. How do you encourage leadership "by-in" to refocus the vision of your church so that they embrace Christ's Great Commission?

GDI ONLINE COHORT TRAINING

GDI launches a new initiative after the first of the year. We are creating online training called cohorts for pastors who are leading their churches to become disciple making missions. Greg Ogden will facilitate a monthly online gathering of 4 pastors over a 2-year period. We will grow to be friends, ministry partners, and each other's cheerleaders over the next two years together. If you want more information, click the <u>online cohort menu</u> on our homepage for details. You can review the schedule, cost, course design, etc. Complete the <u>application form</u> and mail or email it to me. We already have a few applications in so our decision for inclusion, will, in part, be on a first-come-first-served basis.

End-of-Year 2018 Appeal for 2019 Initiatives



DR. GIGI DOBRIN

Continuing the 50/50 Campaign

WATCH WHAT'S HAPPENING HERE

"Great Commission or Great Omission"

Another goal besides the 50/50 campaign is funding the invitation that Dr. Greg Ogden has accepted to speak at the European Leadership Forum. The cost for one is \$600, plus travel, and GDI would like to sponsor several pastors from Romania and the Netherlands.



GLOBAL SPIRITUAL EPIDEMIC

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