

# 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

- Oct. 2019 **China Intensive**  
Contact: Greg Ogden
- Nov. 2019 **National Disciple-Making Forum**  
Franklin, TN  
Contact: discipleship.org
- Jan. 2020 **Minnesota**  
Contact: Ralph Rittenhouse
- Mar. 2020 **Malaysia**  
Contact: Ralph Rittenhouse
- Apr. 2020 **National Disciple-Making Forum**  
Carefree, AZ  
Contact: discipleship.org
- May 2020 **European Leadership Forum**  
Wisla, Poland
- Aug. 2020 **Ukraine**  
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



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For more information, visit us online.

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



## Discipleship Essentials Translations for More Intensives

### Translations Multiplying

*Discipleship Essentials* in **Arabic** is now completed. The **Russian** and **Ukrainian** translations, from contacts of Ralph Rittenhouse, are all fully funded, and will be ready by the spring or summer of 2020.

In addition, **Hungarian, Danish, Polish, Latvian, Tagalog, Hindi, Swahili, Albanian,** and **Serbian** are beginning. We are grateful for those who are willing to invest their own time, talents, and treasures. *The Essential Guide to Becoming a Disciple* was translated this year into Romanian and distributed at the Intensive in May. Contact us if you would like to know more about a book in your own language.



### Romanian Discipleship Intensive May 14-16

Dr. Gigi Dobrin, GDI National Director, notes that there were 94 representatives, pastors, and their wives, from 42 churches gathering from Romania, Ukraine, and USA.

Ralph and Greg spent time in the 6 sessions to combine technical and very practical elements designed for the process of making disciples.



### Micro Groups Are Starting to Flourish in Romania



**MULȚUMESC!**

## European Leadership Forum



ELF, as it is known, is dedicated to the renewal of the evangelical church in Europe. The mammoth Hotel Gołębiewski was abuzz with energy from the mostly 20-30 somethings. Greg Ogden taught 5 sessions where nearly 700 were in attendance from countries across the globe.

In his own words, Greg said that he and Lily were praying with a couple seated behind them after one of the evening sessions. The man asked,

"Are you Greg Ogden?" He then went on to say in his halting English how the *micro group* concept was renewing his church in the Czech Republic. He wanted to thank me for what is the most encouraging development in his church.

The momentum feels like it is steadily increasing for a disciple-making movement in every country by 2026.

**NEPAL UPDATE**

Challenges Ahead

In Memory of Baburaja



Writing from Nepal, Pradeep states, "I met Baburaja in seminary in 2004, and we continued to encourage each other. I started a series of training on obedience-based discipleship. Within a year his church grew from 75 to 250+, and he had a team of 8 leaders compared to none a year ago. He asked me to be his mentor, which was a privilege for me. In 2014 I invited him for *Discipleship Essentials* Intensive training in Pokhara."

His sudden death after a few hours of an extreme headache in June, then being unconscious, is a loss for our GDI team and a gain for heaven. He leaves behind his wife and two children (girl 3 and a boy, age 10). Julie and I would like to help his wife set up a business where she can earn enough to raise them. She needs \$1000 for sewing equipment and furniture to expand her business of being a seamstress. Right now there is a \$1540 bill to the private hospital in Biratnagar.

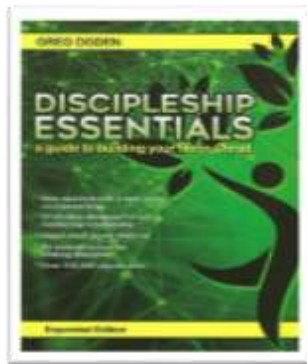
**HORIZONTAL and VERTICAL STRATEGY**

A total of 5,000 books have been printed in Nepali. Spreading the seed widely for initial micro-group strategies, we are watching who wants to go deeper for making disciples. A total number of 136 quads are now in Nepal, India, Bhutan, Malaysia, and Thailand.

**PHILIPPINES UPDATE**



Bishop Jim and Leah Gustilo, City Bible Church in Manila, have a network of 37 churches in Luzon and Mindanao. Multiplying micro groups is central to their disciple-making focus.



We are glad to announce that Jim has accepted the invitation to be our third GDI National Director over the ministry in the Philippines and beyond! We celebrated with friends in Camarillo, CA in May. Now the translation into Tagalog is beginning and will cost around \$5000.

**GDI ONLINE COHORT TRAINING**

GDI launched a new initiative this year for an online training cohort. Practical steps mean that churches may take this information to transform into disciple-making churches. The role of the micro group in transforming a church into a disciple-making community is like the first stage of a multi-stage rocket. The first stage of the rocket is the most powerful because it must push through the earth's gravitational pull. Can you imagine shifting people from passive to active, from consumers to contributors? The inertia of the resting state shifts to the inertia of disciples in motion!

If you want more information, click the [online cohort menu](#) on our homepage for details. Review the schedule, cost, course design, and begin praying about the timing when God wants you to be involved. Ralph and Greg will meet with you on a video link. Please complete the [application form](#) and email it to Dr. Ogden to be on the waiting list.

# CHINESE BOOK PROJECT UPDATE

Thank you! One of our goals for China this year is to raise funds for 5,000 sets (\$14/set). Already you have given GDI \$40,393 of the \$70,000 needed for this distribution. The next step is freely giving the Essentials sets of 4 books to pastors for the 2019 graduates from the seminaries and Bible schools.

This is like any seed planting. What results? These specific tools nurture micro groups for growth in disciple-making strategies, because our unique emphasis is the focus on groups of 3-4 people for a transformative environment where people grow further into Christlikeness.



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*Jesus said, "Go and make disciples."*

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