

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

- Mar. 3-5 Effective Discipleship
Del Ray, FL
Contact: Douglas Hood
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- Mar. 20-27 Romania

- Apr. 28-29 New Life Community Church
Aurora, CO

- Aug. 7-9 Send North
Alaska
Contact: Steven Hall
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- Sept. 20-21 ECO Presbytery of Texas
First Presbyterian Church
of Amarillo
Contact: Howard Griffin
(806) 367-3387
336.887.8166

- Oct. 25-26 National Disciple Making
Forum
Register: discipleship.org

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.



Training, Coaching, Consulting

GDI trains, coaches, and inspires pastors and Christian leaders to establish indigenous, multiplying, disciple making movements, both nationally and internationally.

Whatcom County in Northwest Washington is continuing to add churches committed to discipling using *Discipleship Essentials*. Pastors from six different churches are now leading their own micro groups of quads and are encouraging their leadership to personally embrace Jesus' last command to make disciples. Cornwall Church in Bellingham hosted a meeting of pastors and leaders last year to meet and study with Dr. Greg Ogden.

On another note, the halftime during the Super Bowl featured local resident and former Tennessee Titan's quarterback, Jake Locker, sharing his personal testimony. Locker is in a quad with Ralph Rittenhouse and is also leading his own quad. Jake and his wife Lauren are committed Christ followers.

In November 2017, the benefits from participating in the National Disciple Making Forum resulted in significant recognition from Bobby Harrington.

"The four books that received more than one recommendation are *The Disciple Making Pastor* by Bill Hull, *Four Chair Discipling* by Dann Spader, *Transforming Discipleship: Making Disciples A Few at a Time* by Greg Ogden, and *The Training of the Twelve* by A. B. Bruce. We recommend all of the books we have listed to our readers. Our National Disciple Making Forum, October 25-26th will feature ten of the authors of these recommended books. Our theme for 2018 is **Discipling Relationships**. We hope you will be able to join us."

<http://discipleship.org/bobbys-blog/the-top-book-recommendations-of-12-disciple-making-leaders/>

SIGNS OF TRANSFORMATION

"The first and major indication of a transforming work of God is a new need for the truth, a conviction where the truth is to be found, a zeal for the Word of Truth, an appetite for God's Book. And not just the first sign, but also God's recipe for progress to maturity."*

(2 Peter 3:18; 2 Tim. 3:14-16)

** Isaiah by the Day, Alec Motyer, p. 146.*

Welcoming Gigi Dobrin, GDI Romania

I was raised in a Christian home in the Communistic country of Romania. In 1977 I graduated from the Technical University of Bucharest with a degree in engineering. Moving back to my home area of Medias, I became active in the ministry of Bethel Baptist Church. The rapid growth of the church attracted the attention of Communist authorities.

Interrogations, persecutions and threats of imprisonment forced church leadership to flee. With no pastor, the General Assembly proposed that I become the church's pastor.

After two weeks of fasting and prayer, my wife, Lavinia, and I agreed. It has been 32 years now, and though it was not always easy, God blessed our church and ministry. In 2015 I started discipleship quads with the students at Emanuel University in Oradea, where I teach.

When Dr. Ogden and Ralph Rittenhouse challenged me to consider becoming the National Director of GDI Romania and to help churches throughout Romania to begin intentional multiplying disciple making, I accepted.



HAITI

Discipleship Essentials
Micro Groups

who was doused with kerosene and lit on fire by a Voodoo priest after accepting Christ. His clothes were burned, but he was untouched. He is excited to make new disciples!

NEPAL UPDATE
FROM PRADEEP

This year we have set our goal to do more trainings in geographically challenging areas of mountains where teaching/training is very



limited. Also God is opening the doors in Nepali diaspora such as Dubai, South Korea, USA, and other countries. But we thank God that He has worked it out for the churches in Nepal and Nepali-speaking believing communities by providing *Discipleship Essentials* as a great tool that churches can apply to help their members grow in Christ so that they may never lack of any prepared disciples in the future. In most cases persecution causes the growth of believing communities. Here we fit in and we are needed to help churches establish the culture of making disciples who make disciples.

NEWS FROM HAITI AND MOZAMBIQUE

HAITI UPDATE
FROM NATE

Discipleship unleashed! I think that often we do not fully comprehend what Jesus meant when He gave the great commission and ended with the promise of "I will be with you to the end of the age."

When we go and make disciples, the power of Christ is unleashed and light is revealed in this dark globe we call Earth. I have just returned from 2 weeks in Haiti, and even though I am involved with the



ministry of

Ebenezer Discipleship Training Center (EDTC) on a daily basis, I am overwhelmed by what is taking place as we continue to make disciples.

A once lukewarm Church is on fire to reach the lost. We now have had students from every area in Haiti covering an area of over 300 miles. As I traveled these areas to meet the graduates, I saw both physical and spiritual changes in every area. Every interview ended with, "We just need to bring the gospel to the lost in order to see change in our country." These are the words of spiritually mature Christians who are the products of discipleship.

Our latest graduating class is a great example of this. Some have had attacks on their lives already due to their faith in Christ. Others have been running from God and now are embracing their call to go and make disciples. One even plans to take the training they received to Chile!

EDTC has been discipling now for almost 8 years, and look at the change already! This year we are taking a new step by using Greg's follow up to *Discipleship Essentials*, called *Leadership Essentials* and training elders and pastors to be the shepherds God called them to be.

Thank you, GDI, for your partnership in making disciples! God is moving!!

MOZAMBIQUE UPDATE
FROM JOEL

After the return of Jim Moyer, Matt Hiltibran, Dean Amundsen & Joel Morris from Mozambique, we have recently reestablished contact with Pastor de Melo via Skype who served as our translator for the trip. We were excited to hear he has maintained contact with the people of Second Baptist Church of Beira and Pastor Thomas on a regular basis.

Pastor Thomas reports there are 3 micro groups in progress including one that he leads in Beira. We thank God that a seed

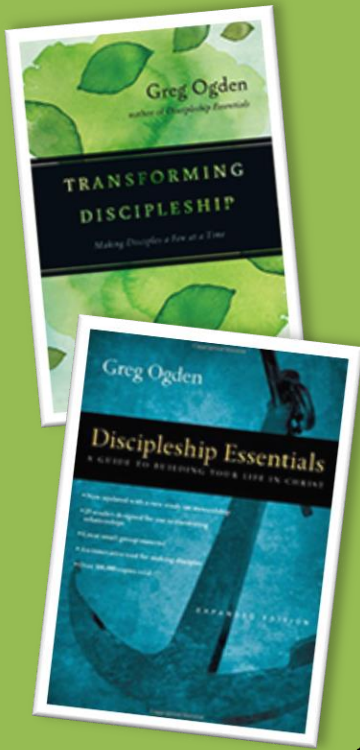


was planted on the importance of following the model that Jesus used to assure replication from generation to generation.

Won't you join us in praying for Pastor Thomas and Second Baptist Church of Beria to increase in favor with God and influence over the people of Mozambique?

*"The historian's test of greatness is 'What did he leave to grow?' Did he start men to thinking along fresh lines with a vigor that persisted after him? By this test, Jesus stands first."**

* Mark Link, S.J., *He Is the Still Point of the Turning World* (Chicago: Argus Communications, 1971), p. 111, in *Leadership Essentials* by Greg Ogden and Daneil Meyer, Intervarsity Press, 2007, p. 21.



And now more translations are in process: Russian and Serbian, with 16 other languages at <https://theglobaldiscipleshipinitiative.org/en-us/resources/books/>



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