

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

- Sept. 20-21 ECO Presbytery of Texas
First Presbyterian Church
Amarillo, Texas
Contact: Howard Griffin
(806) 367-3387
- Oct. 18-23 Pastor's Conference
Romania
Contact: Ralph Rittenhouse
Gigi Dobrin
(805) 216-6430
- Oct. 25-26 National Disciple Making Forum
Franklin, Tennessee
Register: Discipleship.org
GDI presents 5 workshops
- Nov. 8-9 Pastor's Conference
Nanjing, China
- Nov. 12-14 Pastor's Conference
Manila, Philippines
Contact: Jim Gustilo

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.



GDI GOES TO CHINA

A New Mission Front

Dr. Ogden was invited by the Three-Self Church of China (officially sanctioned church) for two visits this year. From July 22-29, Greg and Lily Ogden were honored guests of CCL Hong Kong.

In attendance were church leaders and government officials who oversee religious groups. There were 56 participants from 43 church

We “broke the mold” of our usual training format, changing from lecture to engage participants in micro groups.

The learning atmosphere transformed from awkward silence to a buzz in the room!

Only 10% of the churches have seminary trained pastors. This makes training lay disciples who make disciples all the more vital.

Next Steps

Greg and Lily will return to China to speak at the Annual Pastor’s Conference in November of this year, building on the relationships begun.

Please pray for the 170 senior pastors who plan to attend for future movements of making disciples of Jesus Christ.

This is a phenomenal opportunity of open hearts and open doors.



MILLIONS PRINTED

Amity Press and the Nanjing Seminary are publishing *Discipleship Essentials*. Dr. Ogden signed a contract for an additional 2000 sets of 4. (There are 7500 already in print.)

They are the exclusive printer of Bibles in China. By the end of 2018, they will have printed 180 million Bibles; 200 million by 2020. Complete Bibles cost only \$2.

They are also the #1 provider of Bibles in African languages. (No, this is not a misprint)!

Alaska! Reaching the Unreached Peoples

In August of this year, SendNorth invited Greg and Lily Ogden and Ralph and Jackie Rittenhouse to share some tools for making disciples. SENDNorth is an amazing group of Christ followers who have answered God’s call to go to unreached people groups in a distant place.

They say, like the rugged terrain surrounding them, the spiritual landscape of Alaska and northern Canada can be dark and harsh. Reaching them is possible only by airplane or dog sleds. We chose to fly.

They understand that this has to do more with unseen forces than just history, culture, or climate. Part of their stated mission is *to see every community of the 60/70 Window filled with local disciple-makers.*



Yukon Territory SendNorth



send.org/north/where-we-serve

What a joy to get to know these wonderful brothers and sisters in Christ!

ROMANIA UPDATE

50/50 Challenge for Dr. Dobrin

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Gigi Dobrin is the new national director for Romania. His grasp of the scope and sequence of disciples making disciples continues to inspire and invigorate Eastern European countries. As you may recall, he retired from being a pastor and a university professor in July this year.

Discipleship Essentials has been translated into Romanian with multiple micro groups of 3-4 spread throughout the country and beyond in the diaspora.

Dr. Dobrin reports, “The discipleship in micro groups continues in Mediaş, Romania, and the members of the groups are more and more enthusiastic. In the fall of this year, we will **start the third generation of micro groups**. My joy is great because Daniel Cioban, my successor, is an active part of this process.

GERMANY

On August 12, I visited one of the churches in Alba Iulia and challenged the church members to start the discipleship ministry. My message, based on Matthew 28:18-20, was “The Great Mission or The Great Omission?” At the end of the meeting I was asked to help them in the future for starting discipleship in their church too.

Saturday, August 18th, was a new beginning of the discipleship in Plauen, Germany. I was asked to lead through Skype the first micro group of discipleship by a group of 5 young Romanian men who emigrated to Germany. It will be an interesting meeting, and I would appreciate your support in prayer. Two of the five men are from Mediaş and call me almost every week for counseling.”

NEPAL UPDATE

New micro groups are being formed in local churches. They are seeing growth and are strengthened in the Word with each other.



Most Recent Training in Kanchanpur, far West Nepal



As you may be aware of our country's situation, just last week our country passed a new "anti-conversion law" mainly targeting the community of believers. Everyone is concerned about what's going to take place. The words in the law are so tricky that it can be explained in few ways, and they may go against us. We are completely trusting God and expecting a big move of God in this nation for disciples facing any situation.

JOIN US AT THE NATIONAL DISCIPLE-MAKING FORUM

- *Session 1:* “Successful Journey: Vision of a Disciple-Making Church or How to Kindle the Flame”
- *Session 2:* “The Micro Group Vehicle (3s & 4s): Relational Ingredients for Authentic Discipleship”
- *Session 3:* “The Micro Group Vehicle (3s & 4s): Creating the Hothouse Effect”

PHILIPPINES UPDATE

Dr. Leah Gustilo described the preparations they have been making for the GDI Convention.



There were 50-60 pastors and key leaders for our PRE-GDI Rally on August 27 led by Pastor Jim Gustilo.



In the Rally, we had a dinner fellowship to be followed by the presentation of GDI ministry and the invitation to attend on Nov. 12-14.



- *Session 4:* “The Driver is the Intentional Leader: Take the Baton and Pass It Forward”
- *Session 5:* “Map/GPS is the Necessary Disciple-Making Curriculum: Now I Know Where I Am Going”

All sessions will be led by Greg and Ralph with video testimonies of transformed lives.



"I recently jumped into a quad for the first time and have greatly enjoyed the experience thus far. Not only do we have riveting theological discussion/debate (which feeds my "Bible geek" side) but we also dive into each other's lives. I feel like I have three people who are constantly prayerful in their concern over me, my family and my life's passions.

We have grown closer together as brothers and have already seen how God moves through our prayers for one another. Looking forward to the day I get my baton!"

- Dr. David Hurtado
 Senior Pastor
 Camarillo Community Church
 camcc.net
Discipleship Essentials
 Micro Group Transformations
 Friday mornings, 6:30am



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