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PASSING THE BATON


This year we celebrate again those who have completed Discipleship Essentials (“the blue book”). Close to 500 people in our church have completed a quad experience, finding deeper relationships, greater accountability, and intentional growth and purpose in life as a Christian.

The word Christian is used only 3 times in the Bible. However, the word disciple is used 362 times! Jesus calls us to be disciples, to take up our cross and follow Him, confessing with our mouths and believing in our heart that Jesus Christ is who He says He is—the Son of God, Savior of the world! That is saving faith, which is much more than verbal assent to a creed.

Karen VanZee has shared her story with many new disciples and nearly 10 quads to encourage women as they walk through messy encounters.

Jesus came and told his disciples, “I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth. Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” Matthew 28:18-20

Don’t Drop the Baton!

Contact Claudia Souser to connect women and Jim Moyer (jimmoyer@camcc.net) for men.

Quads for men and women meet all days at different times, morning, afternoon, evening. Find one that fits you!

Your ultimate purpose in life is to be a disciple and to make disciples.
April 22nd-23rd marked some significant milestones and highlights in our Discipleship Initiative, continuing the Global Discipleship Summit 2015. This year over 20 volunteers from Camarillo Community Church went to Long Beach to serve the Hispanic Community of Los Angeles.  

*Discipleship Essentials* is in Spanish, and we supplied 400 books for those who want to begin intentional, relational, and accountable discipleship quads.

Nick Vujicic challenged everyone in the final session to connect evangelism and discipleship.

Pepe Caballero brought together over one hundred Hispanic pastors and ministry leaders in the Los Angeles area. Camarillo Community Church supported him in this outreach.

Mercedes facilitates a triad practicing Lesson 10 in *Discipleship Essentials*

Honoring Greg Ogden

Pastor Ralph Rittenhouse Introducing Nick Vujicic

Pepe Caballero and Hispanic Translator

Giving Greg Ogden an Honorary Tribute
ROMANIAN DISCIPLESHIP

From the Desk of Greg Ogden
ROMANIA TRIP REPORT from APRIL 2016

For the last number of years the leadership of Camarillo Community Church has invited me to be with them as they expanded their commitment to intentional disciplemaking following the model of reproducing micro groups (3-4’s) that I propose in my book *Transforming Discipleship*. Over the period of 6 years their congregation not only was transformed but they were so impacted that they began sharing it internationally with pastors. Some 22 Romanian pastors attended disciplemaking training in Camarillo.

The purpose of our time in Romania was to continue to encourage these pastors and then spread the concepts further. Pastor Ralph Rittenhouse and I along with key leaders at Camarillo Church have formed a partnership called the Global Discipleship Initiative. This is our first foray under this banner.

We had a wonderful and intense 11 days, moving through various parts of primarily western Romania. We were in 4 cities: Cluj (a university city and advanced technology center) with Pastor Marius Sabou and the vital Bethel Baptist Church. Then it was on to Oradea and Emanuel University speaking to students. This created a reunion with Pastor Doru Hnatiuc who we first met in 1992 in Constanta. He had an original spiral-bound version! We then flew back to Bucharest to the Baptist Seminary and taught classes.

In Cluj, Romania, where there are 6 universities and thousands of students, we witnessed the hunger for *Discipleship Essentials* in the 3-day training. Since it is translated into Romanian, hundreds have now started micro groups. Pastor Gigi Dobrin is also instrumental in beginning micro groups at Emanuel University in Oradea. Our trip concluded with a two-day training seminar in Medias, hosted by the First Baptist Church of Medias and Dr. Gigi Dobrin.
AMAZING GRACE

Ray Kwon sang “Amazing Grace” in the palace built for Ceausescu in Bucharest.

“We are living in a time when the church is rediscovering the truth that transformation in Christ occurs through the disciplines of [spiritual] formation.” - Greg Ogden