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Turning one into 12

What we do and how we do... discipleship.

Years ago, we spoke to you more directly about multiplication of disciples... teaching two who would each teach two and each of those would also teach two and so on. How we try to do this is our topic, including our most recent effort in Haiti this September with Frantz leading the way.

At any given location, we request those students who fundamentally accept our time, place, fee and the idea that a Bible study is all that is going to happen. Do not come thinking we are handing out anything else. This is not the food line or the sponsorship line.

We look to scripture. Getting students excited about the Bible is often a matter of them hearing the words they seldom take time to read for themselves. Most folks rely on someone else to read and decipher it. Then they find they have only second hand knowledge of scripture. We teachers step in imagining people only need help with sophisticated Bible questions, when in fact many folks actually need help simply getting started to read. We look to scripture and we read together beginning with simple topics. It works and it works well.

We hold loosely onto our teaching. This is not to say we bend scripture. It means we do not help our students when we give every detail about a teaching just because we can. For many of our students, they are not yet interested in why the troops circled Jericho so many times and the historical setting nor are they always interested in the salvation message. But they do respond in spades when you connect their daily life with scripture. Yes, we move through scripture answering THEIR questions. Yes, it is hard to let go of the "let me impress you with my vast Bible knowledge sermon". No, we don't always get this right. When we do though, we hear where their hearts are at. Don't be surprised when their questions revolve around money, and thankfully God has a lot of guidance on that subject.

Trust the Holy Spirit to do His work. Sometimes you can feel the pressure when a teacher's expectations are too high. They want their students to get the right message and make him proud. We do too, but the pressure we add can be detrimental. Men and Women of God are made one piece at a time. We try to avoid making students feel like they simply are not as good as we are at teaching. We tell them we trust that the Holy Spirit can do for them what he did for us... and even greater. (where did we hear that before... oh yeah, John 14:12)



When Frantz began his Bible study last month, only 1 person out of 12, the Pastor, had read the whole Bible. Yet others in his class were teachers in the church and in the schools. Now there are 11 more who are tasting a new piece, liking it and prepped to learn more.

Notice our photo, taken during class. It's rather unimpressive, not Instagram worthy, actually kinda boring. That is where a lot of discipleship is happening, in the "boring" part that few will endure.

Brian Winzenried

More about Frantz and his work on the flip side!

"WHILE THE EARTH REMAINS, SEEDTIME AND HARVEST, COLD AND HEAT, WINTER AND SUMMER, AND DAY AND NIGHT SHALL NOT CEASE." GENESIS 8:22



PIECE BY PIECE ... GETTING DISCIPLESHIP DONE

In our last Newsletter Frantz was working on a list of 3 churches to conduct our Bible study seminar.

- One Bible study seminar was successfully completed by Frantz. 15 people started and 12 completed everything. The other 3 missed only one of the 4 days.
- Two other Bible studies were postponed, one due to the death of a friend of the host Pastor. Frantz has been busy rescheduling these groups.

More importantly, last week Frantz was in a motorcycle accident and is okay but not completely. He went to a hospital where a Cuban doctor said to limit his activities but otherwise he would be okay. He had a fever for awhile and still has some back pain. He chose to continue his classes and this week he taught our seminar to a group of pastors that a former student had arranged. No report yet on how that went.

Please pray for Frantz's health and for the classes he teaches.

Also, this past week we received a message from an American missionary acquaintance who said he recently returned to Haiti after an extended absence. His report had agreed with what we thought was happening... that Covid quarantines were required for 2 weeks, however, he said nothing was said upon entry and nothing has prevented his travel within the country thus far. It is very good news as we were looking to get the green light for travel. We will try verifying this and get our own schedule for Haiti soon.

Turning 1 into 12 disciples is a long term process and we are blessed to be a part. Getting people to see the relevance of God's Word for their lives is a great step. Seeing them walk out of our seminar excited by the Bible is awesome. We try not to carry the burden that our students are not completely discipled, may make mistakes or they may sit down altogether. Well before Abraham was asked to sacrifice his son Isaac, Abram was learning the essential ability of taking one step away from his earthly father's house. We will try to encourage our students to make the first step and each step.

Thanks for helping us ... make disciples.



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