

Disciples *GO*Ministries

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Many seeing this Vision of the Kingdom

God is so faithful in opening the doors for us to share with people the importance of *making disciples*, if we want to see His Kingdom come on earth as it is in heaven.

And as we share with people <u>why</u> disciple-making is so important and <u>how</u> we as "ordinary people" can apply ourselves in fulfilling the Great Commission of our Lord Jesus, we are starting to see how more and more people are catching and running with this vision of the Kingdom.

More and more people are starting to make disciple-making the main thing, as it should be!

And for us at Disciples Go Ministries this is a great joy to see.

We invite you to come and share in our joy as you read through this month's Newsletter!

In Jesus' love

Gideon Van der Merwe (Disciples Go Ministries Co-ordinator)

Mtunzini Moving, Ging going...

Many learners have received salvation and counselling through a few ladies visiting schools in Mtunzini and Gingindlovu, situated on the Eastern Coast of South-Africa.





As the need for *discipling* these new believers and their families grew, Disciples Go Ministries was invited to train these workers and other interested community leaders in becoming disciple-makers. More than 50 people attended, including young people and many of them committed to support these ministries by discipling those who come to repentance through the Discovery Bible Study. Since then several Discovery Groups have been established

with the vision to engage children at the Gingindlovu library. In Mtunzini a few ladies have reached out to female students, who is studying at Zululand University and have started Discovery Bible study groups with them.

We trust God to bring forth a *Disciple-Making Movement* through these *obedient disciples*!

Giving her ALL!

One of these *obedient disciples* is Sandra Perumal, a widow and grandmother of two.

Together with her team, she is giving her all in fulfilling the Great Commission of our Lord Jesus.

"Working with children has always been my passion. Impacting the lives of children with God's

Word has always been my goal. Every child to become a disciple is my vision."

Currently Sandra is running a soup kitchen from her home that feeds approximately 250 children, while also doing a daily bread run for these children.

"I was introduced to Disciple Making Movements and the Discovery Bible Study by Renata Meyer who became my mentor. It has opened up an amazing yet focused way to know the Bible. This has created such an enthusiasm in me to do it with children and families.



Sandra (front,middle) with her amazing team of disciple-makers

The "I WILL" statement and "WHO ARE YOU GOING TO TELL" has exploded to many more people learning to discover the Bible for themselves.

Currently there are children who have personalized this and facilitate the Discovery Bible Studies in their homes and neighbourhood.

Having attended the DMM training in Mtunzini and Gingindlovu held by Disciples Go Ministries has really impacted and influenced my daily life. Every moment is an opportunity to share the Gospel. Understanding the urgency and requirement of the times

propels me to maximize every opportunity. Disciple-making has now become my lifestyle. Spending much time in prayer asking the Holy Spirit for guidance to help discern "Persons of Peace" has really given me focus in my daily endeavours.

Disciple-Making Movements has shifted my focus from teaching people and children about God to rather giving them an opportunity to discover God and His Word for themselves. In doing this, they have become more interested and enthusiastic in sharing with others what they discover. The Lord has been gracious in opening the door for me to start 3 more Discovery Bible Study groups with women from our local community, which will start next week.

I want to dedicate my life to fulfilling the Great Commission of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Thank you to Disciples Go Ministries for making me a part of your wider network which helps me to be a continuous disciple of King Jesus".

Sandra Perumal

"Living within you is the Christ who floods you with the expectation of glory! This mystery of Christ, embedded within us, becomes a heavenly treasure chest of hope filled with the riches of glory for his people, and God wants everyone to know it!"

(Colossians 1:27 TPT)

Establishing a culture of Disciple-making!

ZOE BIBLE CHURCH. To Ps Bafana Kumalo, Disciple-Making Movements (DMM) was an answer to prayer when it came to establishing a Disciple-making culture in the Church.

During the month of April, *Disciples Go Ministries* was invited by him to train a
group of leaders from Zoe Bible Church,
which consists of branches in Ivory Park,
Thembisa and Olievenhoutbosch. Making
disciples using DMM principles was



received with much excitement and the leaders was all in agreement that this is the way forward if they want to fulfil their vision of reaching their communities.

Since than a number of Discovery Groups have already been established with people in their communities, while one of the branches rather did Discovery Bible Study during Church service so that all the members can have an opportunity to respond in *obedience* to the Word of God, while also *sharing* what they learn with others in the community. Ps Bafana Kumalo was invited to attend our DMM Catalyst summit, this past weekend, where he was strengthened in his conviction to make disciple-making the main thing!

When a Church becomes a MOVEMENT not a MONUMENT



OLIEVENHOUTBOSCH. There is a special group of believers, shining the light of Christ so clearly in some of the most challenging circumstances. Pentecostal Holiness Church - one of the few Churches in South-Africa where there is a *culture of making disciples*.

As foreigners they have given the local people a reason for being present in their community; gaining access to them through deeds of love and compassion.

In doing so they have been able to identify *persons of peace* amongst these local people, who are not only attending their Church services, but also being discipled by them. In the photo on the right we see how children are facilitating the weekly Discovery Bible Study in the congregation. One of them being a child of two Muslim parents, who has given permission for him to attend Church activities, because they see what a good influence it has on his life.

This is what happens when a Church becomes a MOVEMENT, not a MONUMENT! "Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever Amen!" (Eph. 3:20-21)

South-African DMM Catalyst-Workshop 2024



Over the past weekend, I had the opportunity to attend a DMM Catalyst Workshop that was organised by Disciples Go Ministries, facilitated by Lifeway Global (Kenya) and hosted at Dorothea Mission, close to Ga-Rankuwa. Being together with like-minded followers of our Lord, I was deeply touched by a deep sense of hunger amongst His people for more of Him and a real compassion for our broken world.

Throughout the training sessions, our brother Peter carefully shared from a wealth of experience why we cannot lose focus; rather that we should be even more diligent in making disciples, who in turn do the same. During our everyday workings, it is easy to get discouraged, to lose focus, and to forget why (and sometimes even forget how) we do what we do! For this very reason, it is always good, and always profitable to come together as disciple makers and share and learn from one another. This workshop was no exception.

Key highlights (so important to always remember):

- Begin with the EXIT in mind before you ENTER (create no dependence).
- Look for (natural) leadership qualities in the Person of Peace from the first engagement.
- Multiplication and sustainability are dependent on *leadership* (leaders come from the harvest, not *imports*).
- Never just focus on salvation, always focus on disciple making.
- Disciple making lifestyle process:
 Pray Team up Gain Access -Identify Person of Peace Establish Discovery Groups –
 Transition to Movement Churches/Gatherings Develop Inside Leaders Repeat!

- Be intentional about collaboration & networking, we cannot do the task alone.
- "Plan by *faith*, not by your *resources*! Go out in faith and allow God to use you." Peter Kahugi

Johan VISSER (Disciples Go Ministries)

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