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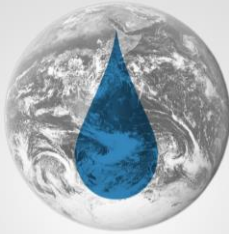
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Making *Christians* or making *Disciples*?



Go therefore and make disciples of all nations,
baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit

MATTHEW 28:19

"The *disciples* were called *Christians* first at Antioch" (Acts 11:26). The question is, what where these *disciples* before they were called *Christians*? They were *disciples*/followers of Christ. In such a devoted way that the gentiles in Antioch called them *Christians*.

It is therefore clear that you can only be a true *Christian* if you are a *disciple* of Christ. This is not what we are seeing across the world today, with most people *calling themselves Christians* without having to devote themselves to Christ and His commands.

Of which the tragic consequences can be seen and experienced in their own lives and societies.

At *Disciples Go Ministries* our aim is therefore to fulfil the Great Commission by *making disciples...teaching them to obey everything He has commanded us...* (Mat. 28:19-20) Which of course must also include this last command of His to "*go and make disciples of all nations...*" themselves. Then and only then the Great Commission is truly being fulfilled and will we see His *Kingdom come* in people's lives and through them in their societies as well!

We therefore urge you to start partnering with us in *making disciples*, who *make disciples*! If you would like more info on this, feel free to contact me at +27832671880.

May you enjoy our Newsletter, seeing how *ordinary people* are making such a *lasting difference by making disciples*!

In Jesus' love

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"He had *Compassion* for them..."

The past couple of months was a horrific time for those living in and on the border of the DRC and Rwanda. As war was waging these poor people suffered immensely.

Eugenie and her team of disciple-makers in Rwanda felt urged by the Lord to go and strengthen the disciples who is living on the border of these two countries. They used *trauma counselling* as a *compassion ministry* in order to engage with the people in those communities who are "*harassed and helpless, like sheep without a Sheperd*" (Mat. 9:36). All for the sake of introducing them to the Good Sheperd and to identify those who are ready to become His disciples.

We thank the Lord for filling His labourers with His *compassion* for the lost and using them as well as the hardship these people endured to draw them to Himself.



It started with *ONE...*

In a certain village in Zambia called Malukuta, disciple-maker *Good Nyirongo* and his team found a *person of peace* who has opened up his community to the gospel.

Because of this they could start training all of these people in becoming disciple-makers and some have already started putting into practice what they have learned.

The power of *One* is becoming more and more evident as disciple-makers are *praying for, seeking and finding* that *person of peace* who opens up new groups/communities of people to the gospel.

We praise the Lord for His *Luke 10 Strategy* that is freeing more and more believers to become Priests in His Kingdom!

Eugene and her team with people in the community

Domestic worker becoming fruitful worker in His harvest!

Lucy Mkandawire is a domestic worker living in Olievenhoutbosch and working in Centurion, Pretoria. She has become a fruitful labourer in the Lord's harvest, speaking *peace* wherever she goes and seeing how He is connecting her with the *people of peace* in her community.

Through her efforts six Discovery Bible Study groups have been established of which *four* of these groups have already multiplied into new Discovery groups.

Lucy with one of the households that she is discipling for Jesus



All of this Lucy does as a single parent having to also provide for her mother in Malawi as well. If there was any person who had an excuse not to also be busy with fulfilling the Great Commission it is she, but because of her love for the *Lord* and for the *lost*, she is doing it.

And He is showing Himself to be faithful in looking after her and her family amidst their challenging circumstances.

"For the Labourer deserves his/*her* wages..." (Luke 10:7)

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Blessed time at BISA



Disciple-making training at BISA

During the month of February we had the privilege to travel to Cape Town to conduct a disciple-making training at the *Bible Institute in Cape Town*. Students, faculty members and some Church leaders in the community were all present.

We praise the Lord for touching so many at that meeting and making us realize how necessary it is to fulfil the Great Commission and to follow the strategy Jesus gave us in order to accomplish it.



**We were hosted by Jan Bester
from Aksie Samaritaan, a
wonderful Kingdom-initiative to
the poor (Is. 61:1)**

The response was truly humbling to see as participants committed themselves to take up this mandate that Christ has given to His Church on earth.

So much so that they felt urged to join us at our weekly prayer meeting for disciple-making the next evening.

We are also thankful for the prospect of spending a longer period of time on an annual basis at the Institute to train students in making disciples that can *reproduce*.

Making disciples in Mooiplaas



First Disciple-making training in Mooiplaas

One of the disciple-makers who is part of this network felt the deep conviction to start focusing on reaching an informal settlement called “Mooiplaas”, just outside of Pretoria.

As she started giving obedient steps, by faith, the Lord opened all the necessary doors to start walking a journey with a group of people living in that community. During the month of February we had our first of many disciple-making training sessions with them.

It was wonderful to see their excitement as they discovered truths from the Bible themselves which they never knew previously and also their willingness to go and share it with others.

People from various backgrounds attended, even a local *traditional* leader was present and was touched by the Lord. All of them committed themselves to keep on walking this journey with us in becoming *disciples who make disciples*, in order to see His Kingdom come in Mooiplaas and beyond.

Please work with us as you pray for us in this work...

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