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Not just a Great *Suggestion*, but a Great *Commission*!

When, according to Matthew 28:19, Jesus said: *"Go and make disciples of all nations..."* it was never intended to be just a *Great Suggestion*, but always a *Great Commission*!

Sadly a large part of the Church today do not treat it as such. Almost every Church will say: *"Yes, we are Kingdom-oriented, we are involved in lots of programs, while supporting missionaries and missionary activities..."*

But as we can see in Matthew 28, it is not enough for a Church to just be *Kingdom-oriented*, every member must become *Kingdom-natured*, where they are equipped and willing to go and fulfil the Great Commission.

Thankfully we are seeing the Lord at work in bringing His people to this realization, as more and more Churches have been inviting us to come and teach their people to become disciple-makers!

Rejoice with us as you read about it in this month's Newsletter and pray that something big will come forth from this for His Kingdom's sake!

In His Love

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IN THIS NEWSLETTER

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that breaks a rock
in pieces."***

Mobilizing His *Church* for His *Commission*



We are truly thankful to be seeing a renewed interest from existing Churches when it comes to fulfilling the Great Commission of our Lord Jesus.

During the month of March, we at *Disciples Go Ministries* had the opportunity to introduce and start training church members and ministry leaders from Cape-Town, Kwa-Zulu Natal, Pretoria and Johannesburg.

While our fellow disciple-makers across Africa have been doing the same in their respective countries.

We are very thankful for all of these opportunities and we pray that something big for the Kingdom will come from this!

GO AND YOU WILL KNOW – MOOIPLAAS

As the Apostle Paul received the call to go to *Macedonia* (*Acts 16*), our fellow-worker Hettie Roelofse received the call to go to *Mooiplaas*.

And as Paul was obedient in “going” and seeing how God had prepared a harvest of people for Him in Macedonia, so also Hettie and her disciple-making partners is experiencing the same in Mooiplaas.

This past month we had our second disciple-making training session with people from Mooiplaas and the surrounding areas.

It was wonderful to see and hear how people are already reaching out to the lost with the goal of discipling them, while also seeing how God is using these *people of peace* to open more doors to people in these communities.

MOOIPLAAS



Some Church-leaders from surrounding areas also attended the training and immediately saw the necessity and value of making disciples in this way, which led to a follow up training with them during the next week and hopefully weeks to come.

We see how the key is to “*go*” even if you don’t “*know*” every little detail of what will be needed to make it work!

Because it is only as you *go*, that you will *know*!

When the faithful God who sends and accompanies His disciple-makers, let’s His light fall where next steps is needed to be given.

The key is to **go** even if you don’t **know** every little detail of what will be needed to make it work!

During this past week as we were prayerfully pondering how to move forward in Mooiplaas, the Lord made it clear through His word what will be needed next, so that with excitement we could start planning to put that into practice.

The plan entails a team of disciple-makers going and staying for a while with one of the disciple-makers in Mooiplaas. During this time the team will attend prayer meetings and other worship services in the community, in order to engage with people, share the word of God and identify spiritually hungry people who is willing to join them in becoming disciples that makes disciples.

May something big for the Kingdom in *Mooiplaas* come from this, as it happened with Paul and his disciple-making team in *Macedonia* (cf. Acts 16:5-16; 17:1-4).

Movement in Manjawira

Erick Naboti is a disciple-maker who forms part of our network.

After attending last year's disciple-making training that we did in *Malawi*, Erick immediately started putting into practice what He had learned.

Even on his way back home from the training he saw a Church having a weekend gathering focused on revival and he decided to join them.

At this meeting he received the opportunity to share what he had learned at the training and also teach them how to use the Discovery Bible Study in their disciple-making practices.

Not long after reaching his home, he started going to different towns and villages seeking *people of peace* who would be willing to invite other people they know, to start Discovery Bible Study groups.

This led to a very special group being formed in a village called Manjawira.

As these people became disciples of Christ, He instilled a fervent love for the lost in the hearts of these people. This made them come together frequently to pray and fast not for their own desires to be met, but for God to bless the people around them and to connect them with *people of peace*.

It didn't happen quickly, but as they grew and persevered in prayer, the Lord started connecting them with these people, who He was busy *preparing* for them.

This has led to *five* more *Discovery Bible Study* groups being formed, reaching into the third generation, as one group have formed another group, who in turn formed another group with people in their community.

And they are not done yet...

This is just another example of the *multiplication of disciples* that is possible by the power of the Holy Spirit, working through the *Discovery Bible Study-process*.

As well as giving confirmation of the power of prayer, as every movement starts in a place of prayer!



His word: “...like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces.”

(Jer. 23:29)

**Bethsaida
Recovery
Centre**



On a weekly basis we have the privilege to be walking with people recovering from drug and alcohol abuse.

As we are equipping them to read the Bible and discover truths from the passages for themselves, we have the privilege to see how the Word of God truly is *like a hammer that breaks hardened hearts into pieces* (cf. Jer. 23:29).

A couple of weeks ago a new addict entered one of the recovery centres where we work. As we went into small groups to connect with each other it became very apparent that this man did not want to have anything to do with God.

**I always thought that God was just there
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I gave up on Him.**

As soon as I heard that, I started praying that God will touch Him and reveal to this man, what He needs to hear, as we would be studying a His word together. I am so grateful that God answered that prayer almost immediately.

As we turned to Matthew 26:36-45, we looked at Jesus in Gethsemane, busy asking His Father that *if it is possible*, to take the cup of suffering away from Him. For our sake, it was not possible and as soon

as this addict saw how the Father, for a good reason, could not do what His Son was asking of Him, he put up his hand and said the following:

“I always thought that God was just there to take away our difficulties and when I asked Him to do that for me, He did not do it. That made me give up on Him. But I see now I just didn’t know who God truly is and I am so relieved, because it means that I do not have to give up on Him”.

You could see the relief on this man's face as if a mountain was just removed from his shoulders and his heart was changed in an instant from having a heart of rock, totally closed off to God, to having a heart that is open to receive Him.

I could not wait to go back the next week and see how

this man was doing and it was wonderful to find him filled with joy and peace, in spite of His circumstances. The Word of God truly is like fire and like a hammer that breaks rock into pieces, when and wherever the Lord wants it to do that!

It made me just realize afresh what the power of

the *Discovery Bible Study* is, as a disciple-making tool, because it is the Word of God and nothing else.

It gives the Father an opportunity to teach people and He knows exactly what they need to hear in order to be drawn to Him (John 6:44-45)!

Thank you, Father for Your *Word* that is like *fire* and like a *hammer*...

A mountain was removed from his shoulders and his heart was changed.

Please partner with us by praying for the following:

- 1. For all disciple-makers who is part of this and every network to stay *healthy* and *able to go and make disciples of all nations*.
- 2. For *Discovery Bible Study* groups everywhere to *multiply* into more groups in order to reach the lost.
- 3. For more labourers/disciple-makers to be sent out from engagements and trainings with existing Churches.
- 4. That God will give everything needed for our planned trip to *Uganda and Rwanda* in order to strengthen Disciple-makers there.
- 5. For guidance in way forward with possible partnership/merging with other missionary organization called SAAWE.

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