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## The Heart of God



*"...while he was still a long way off His Father saw him and felt compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him". (Luk. 15:20)*

When you read these words in the Parable of the Prodigal son, you realize what a **love-sick Father** God truly is!

And how His **heart** remains **broken** until His family is full! 💔

For that reason, when He saved us in His Son Jesus Christ,

He did not just save us to make us part of His *family*, but to make us part of the *family business*!

Empowering us with His Holy Spirit, so that we as His children will also have that same *expectant love* that will make us stand at the edge of our towns and our cities each day,

looking for the lost who wants to return home.

They are out there, *the harvest is plentiful*!

It is just a matter of getting *the heart of the Father* into *the hearts of His children*...

In His love  
(Gideon Van der Merwe,  
Disciples Go Ministries)

## Notorious *Criminal* turning out to be the *Person of Peace*



Left: On the left of disciple-maker, with lifted hand is Mariko. On the right is Mariko's uncle, who was a witchdoctor for the Warriors, using the evil spirits to determine the success of the missions for raiding cattle. He also got saved!

Right: After sharing the gospel at Mariko's home with his family members

Two disciple-makers, who forms part of a disciple-making team in Uganda, was sent by the Lord of the harvest to an unreached people group in Uganda.

They experienced how the Lord went before them and how He connected them to the people He had been preparing for them in advance.

One of these people was Mariko, the Commander of a notorious gang of criminals called "The Warriors".

When Mariko got saved, he turned out to be the *Person of Peace*, as he took the two disciple-makers to every homestead in their village, to share the gospel. This just shows you how *Luke 10* is a strategy that *cannot fail*, if you work by *faith*, through *love*!

Since then, *Discovery Bible Study Groups* been established, in order to get all the *receptive* people to be taught by God, while the disciple-makers will focus on developing the "*inside-leaders*" in these groups, like our brother Mariko.

Helping him become a *leader in advancing the Kingdom*, where he once was a *leader in criminal activities*!

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## More Doors opening to *Mobilize More Disciple-makers*

We experience how God is graciously opening the doors for us to fulfil our calling in *Mobilizing more disciple-makers*, as Church and other ministry leaders from across the country are contacting us to come and train their people in making disciples, that can *reproduce*.

During the past month we travelled to Qwa-Qwa a small settlement in the Free-state Province on the border of Lesotho, to train Church leaders and members from their evangelism teams in *making disciples*, who *make disciples*.

It was a truly special time as one of our financial partners, Helgard Coetzer travelled

with me and experienced the hospitality of the local people as they welcomed us in their homes and provided us with a place to sleep and food to eat, as we spent the time training their people in becoming more effective workers for His Kingdom!

In the next couple of weeks we look forward to also be travelling to *Queenstown in the Eastern Cape* as well as *Fochville in the North-West Province*, to train and mobilize more disciple-makers from various institutions.

May the Lord of the harvest use these efforts to send out more labourers into His harvest field!

Top left: Training in Qwa-Qwa.  
Top right: Brother Helgard who came with me.



Bottom left: visiting local people in the Qwa-Qwa community.  
Bottom right: With a trainee. What a blessing the car is, which was given for the work of the mission!



# The emergence of new *Disciple-making teams*



All the disciple-makers from the various teams who was trained with their “Walk with Jesus” medals.

The Lord is doing a wonderful thing in raising up teams for the sake of making disciples.

During the past month, He made it possible for us to bring disciple-making teams from across Pretoria together, to further train them in the necessary “*Habits of a replicating disciple*”.

It was wonderful seeing how devoted these “ordinary people” are to fulfilling the Great Commission in their communities and beyond.

We trust that as they have been equipped now with all

the necessary “tools” that will enable them to keep on spending time together around these important *habits*, their teams will grow in fruitfulness when it comes to reaching and discipling the lost!

We are also really excited about all the new disciple-making leaders that are emerging especially from settlements like

*Olievenhoutbosch, Mooiplaas and Soshanguve*, as these brothers and sisters almost immediately started putting into practice what they learned when they were

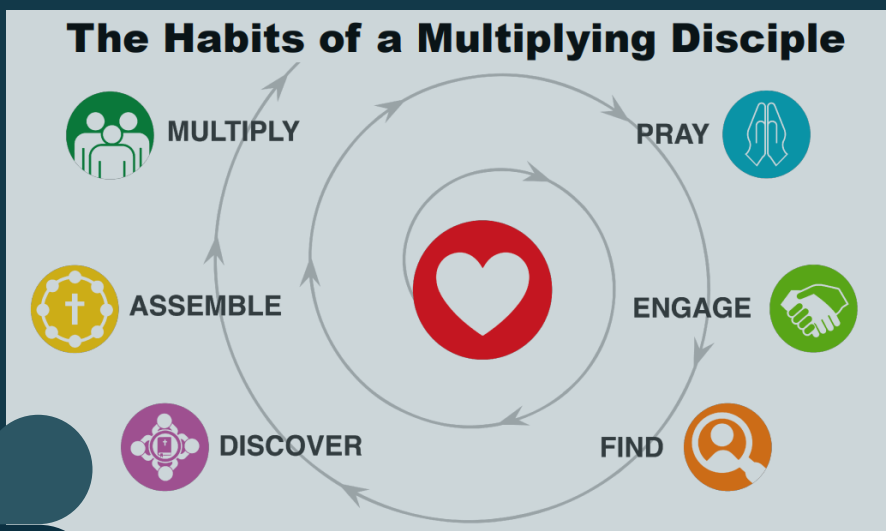
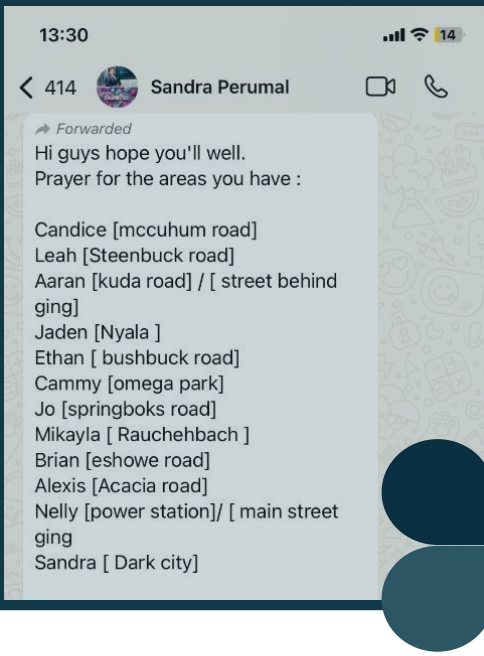
first introduced to making disciples in this way.

Much of our time, energy and resources will now be going into helping them grow, as they are the proverbial *mustard seeds* or *seeds of yeast* that will hopefully have a big impact/influence when it comes to advancing the Kingdom (cf. Mat. 13:31-33).

*“Seek the Practitioners, that is where Movement happens!”*

We have come to learn how vitally important that truly is if we want to see Kingdom growth!

Joy! As Disciple-making teams start implementing the *Habits of a replicating disciple*



Through Zoom and WhatsApp-call we keep on coaching and mentoring disciple-making leaders who are part of our network.

As we have been taking them through the “*Habits of a replicating disciple*” during these sessions, it has been wonderful to see how they have started implementing it in their personal lives and with their teams.

One of the *Habits of a replicating disciple* for example, is “*Extra-Ordinary*

*prayer*”, which means to add *extra* to our *ordinary* prayer-life. As we have been sharing practical ways in which to do that, it has been amazing to see how they have put it into practice, with their teams.

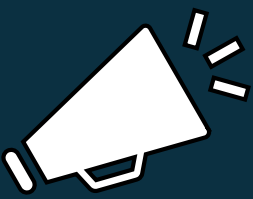
For example disciple-maker, *Sandra Perumal* from Gingindlovu and her team have each “adopted” a street in their community to do weekly “*prayer walks*” in. Praying for *whatever* and

*whoever* they see in those streets, praying for His Kingdom to come there!

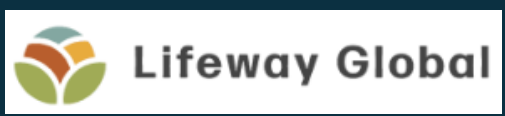
As they *step out* in Prayer, we know God will *step in*!

Another disciple-making leader from Malawi have also shared with us how one of his Discovery Bible Study groups have been doing “all-night” prayer once a month, not for their own selfish desires to be met, but for the sole purpose of *making disciples*!

Thank you to the disciple makers from



and



for investing so much into us! Demonstrating to us how it looks to give it all away.

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[newgenerations.org](http://newgenerations.org) and [lifewayglobal.org](http://lifewayglobal.org)



# Disciple-makers in the network team up!



After establishing a very fruitful *access ministry* amongst unemployed woman in her community, a disciple-maker from Pretoria felt urged to also start reaching out in the same way to unemployed men in her community.

Her vision was to start a two-weekly program to train these men in doing carpentry, with the goal of finding *people of peace* amongst the men who will sign up to learn this valuable skill.

After being unsuccessful at first in finding someone who can train these men in carpentry, the Lord provided through connecting her with another skilful disciple-maker who are also part of the broader network.

During the month of September, they started joining hands in making this *access-ministry* possible and we trust that the Lord will use this initiative to connect them with the *people of peace* who will open up new groups of people for the Gospel!

Thank you to everyone who partners with us in *prayer* and in *giving*, through which the Lord makes it all possible!

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