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Multiplying Disciple Makers

Amazing Transformation



iTEE Global is passionate about multiplying disciple-makers, and it's always a joy to see how the Holy Spirit works in and through our students. And Pastor Mario of El Salvador is an amazing story of transformation.

El Salvador is a beautiful nation in Central

America, where only one frontier people group have been reached. Praise the Lord for this. One major concern about the country is the label of El Salvador as the "homicide" capital of the world. The youth are especially vulnerable. Last year, the government jailed more than 60,000 individuals related to gang violence. In this crisis, what is the church to do?

Pastor Mario first encountered iTEE Global through a Nehemiah Project that was conducted at his church. The following year, he and church members taught it to others. He said that the workshop was very challenging. However, the pastor admitted that "It's worth it. It is a great blessing!" Using the tools for effective learning and teaching, he heard from God through that learning community, where each person is valued for their input. And the team members learn from each other. Applying Jesus' principles and teaching methods transformed Pastor Mario. He began using what he learned to disciple others. Soon, he and more people in his church started to take courses with iTEE Global, without presenting a specific academic degree to be admitted.

As he said, "The only thing required is a desire to learn about the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ and about fulfilling the Great Commission". The basis of their learning is from the Word of God – La Palabra de Dios – and that is the most fundamental thing. Indeed, God's Word is transformative.

At a certain time, Pastor Mario's nephew was arrested. Like many others, he was part of a gang. When Pastor Mario found out, he went to the jail. With courage from the Lord, he approached the judge and told him he was a pastor. "I will take responsibility for my nephew," he said. In El Salvador, gang violence is a serious matter, especially considering their history. Nonetheless, the judge released the nephew to Pastor Mario to become his responsibility. He had to participate in community service.

The nephew was not a Christian, but Pastor Mario welcomed him into his church and told him about Christ. Pastor Mario used the materials from the Galatians course he had recently taken to present the Gospel to his nephew. Praise the Lord for that! His nephew encountered the Word of God, seeing his uncle's faith and strength. He also put his trust in Christ. He is now learning to walk by faith away from the violent path of gangs. We praise the Lord for this work of God, and we know that the gang crisis can only be redeemed by the power of the cross!

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William (Bill) Cupp



Whether he was leading in the US Navy, teaching as a college professor, or serving as a missionary, Bill Cupp has literally been all over the place. In every season of his life, there has been one constant center: Christ. As

Bill himself is quick to point out, every career path has unfolded according to God's plan. With every career choice, and path, he and his wife Cindy, have both desired to impact others as they follow Jesus with all their heart.

During the first part of his career, Bill was commissioned into the US Navy after graduating from Florida Southern College in 1980. He was assigned to four different ships and served in several duty stations, both in the US and abroad. Bill worked in operations, training, planning, navigation, electronics, computers, and communication. Later he received an MS in Systems Engineering and Electronic Warfare at the Naval Postgraduate School, an MS and Ph.D. in Computer Science from Nova Southeastern University.

Throughout these years in the US Navy, Bill was very involved in ministry. He worked closely with the Officer's Christian Fellowship and was able to maintain connections with ministries around the world. He saw firsthand how important daily spiritual formation is.

Bill, his wife Cindy, as well as their three daughters, were always active with a local church.

Upon his retirement from the US Navy, Bill felt God's call for them to serve more intentionally as missionaries. They wanted to better contribute to kingdom growth. Bill started teaching computer science and software engineering at Indiana Wesleyan University. He did this for 16 years. He also taught in Alabama as well as at other colleges and universities in Papua New Guinea, Mexico, and Saipan.

When Bill first joined iTEE Global in 2018, he was thinking he would teach classes. However, God had different plans. As Bill explains, "One should just 'report for duty,' not give God instructions. He had a better plan, one for which I was better suited in background preparation by the various experiences, through which he had orchestrated my paths."

Currently, Bill Cupp is the Global Registrar for iTEE University, the educational wing of iTEE Global. Bill maintains student records and course data and works alongside other administrative staff to track how well iTEE Global is multiplying disciple-makers across the nations. These behind-the-scenes roles may be unsung, but they are absolutely vital. After all, making disciples is the heart of iTEE Global.

iTEE Global Ministry Opportunities

Graphic Artist

Supports the graphics needs for Curriculum Development, Communications, and Public Relations areas of the ministry.

Assistant Registrar

Support student access and use of the online system. Track generational multiplication of training - online and in-person. Gather student records. Respond to requests for data extraction from the database.

End User Technical Support Analyst

Support staff and students in the use of computer tools and systems. Knowledge of Windows, Macintosh, Android, iOS, MS Office.

Contact: HRinfo@iteeg.org

Prayer Points

Please join us in prayer:

- For successful partnerships with organizations and churches, locally and internationally.
- Pray that we can translate and produce three courses in 10 languages, i.e. Hindi, Portuguese, Russian, Spanish and Urdu. This goal requires expertise and funding.
- For guidance in additional locations for ministry, i.e. Asia, Eurasia, Africa, Central America, and South America.
- Personnel needs

Send your personal prayer requests for our staff to pray, to pray@iteeg.org

“This is a Football”



The 1960-season championship game ended in a heartbreaking loss for the Green Bay Packers. When training camp started in 1961, their coach Vince Lombardi did not emphasize fancy new ways to win a championship. Instead, he lifted a football and said, “Gentlemen, this is a football!” He focused his team’s attention on learning the fundamentals. It worked! Vince Lombardi never lost a playoff game again and won five championships.

Is it possible that the church needs to return to the fundamentals? At least 85% of the world’s pastors lack biblical training. Even a higher percentage of pastoral leaders have little or no access to prepare for ministry. The traditional seminary approach is not serving the global need. How can we expect these untrained doctors of the soul to do surgery?

Ladies and gentlemen, let’s return to the fundamentals and seek a solution. The New Testament provides the key to our 21st-century dilemma based on three first-century principles. Our thinking and focus must be on these three fundamental truths: making disciples, multiplying disciple-makers, and loving one another.

Fundamental One - Make disciples

In Matthew 28:18-20, Jesus presents a final but very fundamental command: “Go and make disciples.” Yes, we are to proclaim the gospel. We should meet the needs of the poor and suffering. But the truth Jesus wanted to drive home was for his disciples to constantly make disciples! Making disciples involves three actions: introducing people to Jesus, baptizing them, and teaching all that Jesus has commanded. At iTEE Global, this is exactly what we aim to do. We are committed to faithfully follow Jesus as we teach other pastoral leaders to do the same. And like Jesus, we use a dialogue discipleship model.

Fundamental Two - Multiply disciple-makers.

It is not enough that we focus on one disciple. Jesus was not satisfied with establishing only his faithful disciples. He asked them to carry on the task of establishing authentic disciple-makers. In Matthew 28:16-17, we

observe that Jesus already had eleven disciples who worshiped him. He called them in v. 19 to “make disciples of all nations.” It was not a command just for the disciples to do once but one that extends to the end of this age! Since all the disciples died in the first century, it follows that this command was to be obeyed and repeated until Jesus returns. That means making disciples is a fundamental command for every person who is a child of God.

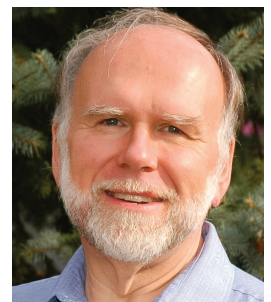
In 2 Timothy 2:2 (NIV), Paul told Timothy, “And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable people who will also be qualified to teach others.” Paul, a first-generation disciple-maker, taught Timothy of the second generation to train a third generation of disciples who, in turn, would train a fourth generation faithfully.

This fundamental permeates iTEE Global. It means that we are only satisfied if each of our students is able and motivated to teach the next generation of leaders. It means we train our students to teach other disciple-makers competently. It means we provide face-to-face and online courses as tools for preparing other disciple-makers. While this fundamental principle is simple, it involves people, resources, and prayer.

One simple word captures this second fundamental: Multiply! As we succeed by God’s grace in following Jesus’ model of making and multiplying disciples, we will address the unmet need of the global church.

Fundamental Three - Loving one another

At the final supper, Jesus commanded his disciples to love one another in the same way Jesus loved them (John 13:34-35). While there was much emotion for Jesus and his disciples at the last supper, his command to love one another was about the will. He focused on the need to act intentionally in a self-sacrificing way so that the world would recognize his disciples are faithful followers of Jesus. There is nothing wrong with dropping coins into the Salvation Army red kettles at Christmas, but we must go further.



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The love Jesus was demanding of his followers would cost them their lives, like his love toward us. We, in turn, are commanded by the Savior himself to meet that sacrificial standard of love.

Many believers blessed with trained pastors and church leaders rarely even think about the churches around the world that lack trained or disciplined spiritual leaders. Most pastors, in fact, have never even had the chance to learn about multiplying disciple-makers. There is a reason the church struggles to make disciples of all nations. This condition – this poverty – should not be. The church has everything it needs to obey Jesus' command in Matthew 28:18-20. We have his authority, the Word of God, and the Holy Spirit.

True agape love demands intentional loving action. It means learning about those who are suffering or those in persecuted areas like Pakistan, India, or Myanmar. It might mean giving of our resources, time, and emotional reserves to make it possible for others to become multiplying disciple-makers. Loving these pastoral leaders is seeking their good at the price of putting one's own needs, desires, and goals as lower in value. Take a good look at what Paul writes in Philippians 2:1-8. Perhaps it is time we elevate the crisis in the global body of Christ and ask ourselves if our sacrificial love shows us to be true followers of Jesus.

The global church has the great command and the ability to follow through and meet the urgent need of training pastoral leaders! If we apply the three fundamentals of making disciples, multiplying disciple-makers, and loving one another, perhaps we will meet the unmet need of training global leaders by God's perfect will and matchless grace. What will you do?

Loaves and Fishes



This is a new campaign of iTEE Global that allow God to multiply your life by bringing God's word to hungry church leaders around the world.

In the bible story of the five loaves and two fishes in

Mark 6, Jesus could have met the needs of the crowd of more than 5,000 without any help; but He used his disciples and a little boy to feed the hungry. In the same way, we also have a wonderful opportunity to allow God to use our limited resources to multiply God's grace to meet the needs of untrained pastoral leaders.

The Loaves and Fishes Campaign seeks to raise resources to translate and print three courses in ten languages this year. The average cost per course is \$10,000.

Most of the pastors we seek to serve do not know English. Therefore, we need to make courses available in their native languages. If you want to know more about the languages our courses will be translated into, go to our website and click on Loaves and Fishes.

The link to our website is:

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