

# Discipleship Journeys with Jesus



## The Birth of a Mission

November 2016

Wow, the last month has been an exciting transition to this brand new ministry, *Discipleship Journeys with Jesus (DJJ)*!

We're experiencing bittersweet goodbyes to colleagues at DCPI. Yet, it is thrilling to enter a new ministry that (Lord willing) will eventually take ½ million people on discipleship journeys. **This will help us to truly fulfill Jesus' Great Commission to "go and make disciples."**

**What is a disciple?** The Greek word MATHETES carries the meaning of a learner, but more: a truly devoted follower. True disciples aren't half-hearted, Sunday-only Christians. They live their faith day in and day out. That's our vision with the 52 discipleship journey lessons we'll take people on.

**We've seen God's favor on the creation of this mission.** Wise counsel from seasoned leaders helped us set the right direction, needed help with administrative needs has come at the right time, people have caught and shared the vision, colleagues have been supportive.

**With a grateful heart we thank supporters who quickly moved their support from our former mission to DJJ-Discipleship Journeys with Jesus.** The transition of support is vital to the launch of this new ministry.

If you haven't moved your support from DCPI to DJJ and are not sure how to do so, please see the back page for more details.

### **Please pray with us!**

If you want to receive prayer updates, please sign up at [www.djjministry.org](http://www.djjministry.org). If you are local and want to hear how you can pray in person with us once a month, please contact Mark at [mark@djjministry.org](mailto:mark@djjministry.org).

### **Praises and Prayers:**

- ◆ Thankful for supporters that have given encouragement, prayers and donations.
- ◆ Thankful for great work done by Patty Hansen, Administrator.  
This new mission would not exist without Patty's work.
- ◆ Thankful for the opportunities in September and October to speak and share the ministry with supporting churches.
- ◆ For guidance in the further development of the mission.
- ◆ For supporters to move from supporting Mark at DCPI to DJJ.
- ◆ For the continued writing process of the 52 lessons.
- ◆ For recruitment of writers that can help with the writing.



Friends praying for the DJJ ministry  
with Mark and Carolyn



# Staff Updates

## Mark and Carolyn Williams

For 18.5 years I worked with DCPI. During that time it grew from training just a handful of leaders each year to training about 25,000 a year! What caused that kind of growth? Many factors, but I'd like to just mention a couple:

Tracks to run on. Recently someone said to me, "I like the systematic way your brain works." At DCPI, we developed a system of Certified Trainers and Master Trainers who multiplied the training. We gave them tracks to run on and that created the opportunity for rapid multiplication. With DJJ (Discipleship Journeys with Jesus) we plan to do the same. **Likewise, we believe it will eventually result in the multiplication of many disciples.**

Persistent faith. Someone has said, "We think we can accomplish too much in a day, but too little in a decade." I love this verse from Habakkuk: "**This vision is for a future time.** It describes the end, and it will be fulfilled. **If it seems slow in coming, wait patiently, for it will surely take place.** It will not be delayed." (Hab 2:3)

**At this Thanksgiving time I'm so very grateful for my experiences in building DCPI and the new vision God has given us to do a similar great work with DJJ!**

### Williams's Prayer Requests:

- Thankful for the **support** of my wonderful wife Carolyn as we launch this new ministry.
- Our son Danny as he heads for Denmark in January as a **missionary with YWAM.**
- Continued health and energy

### Ways to Donate to DJJ and Staff:

#### 1. Mail a check to:

**Discipleship Journeys with Jesus**

P.O. Box 2975

Vista, CA 92085-2975

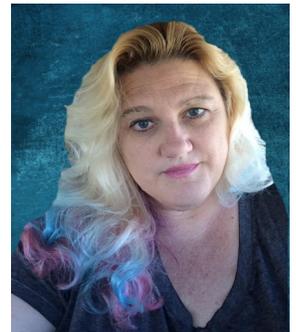
#### 2. Visit the website and link through for online donations.

**You can set up a special gift or a reoccurring gift.**

[www.djjministry.org](http://www.djjministry.org)

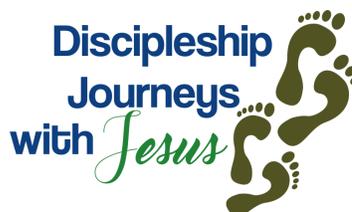
## Patty Hansen

After assisting Mark on a part-time, "mostly" volunteer basis as his Executive Assistant for close to 9 years with DCPI, **I have joined him again in this new ministry.** Now in a much broader role as Administrator.



I have had the privilege of learning how to start a non-profit mission from the vision to launch. God is using the giftings he blessed me with to stretch my faith in Him as I pick up new skills. **He has surprised me in some pretty big ways over the last few months!**

This also brings me to a new phase in ministry. **I am looking to shift into a support-raised staff member. Please join me in prayer that I can build a support team that will not only pray for me but also offer their financial support.**



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