

September 2017

## Launch Celebration September 11th--You're Invited!

If you are in our area, or could make plans to be, please come to our Launch Celebration. **On September 11th, we'll be celebrating the launch of our first quarter of DJJ materials online.** It will also be very close to our first anniversary. Please come celebrate the accomplishments, the people who have helped us get to this point and hear about the ministry's vision for the next 12 months.

The celebration will be held at New Song Community Church, Venue Room, 3985 Mission Ave., Oceanside, California (our home church). The program will start at 6:30 PM and end by 8:30PM. If you cannot attend but would like to contribute a video message, please contact [Mark@djjministry.org](mailto:Mark@djjministry.org) for more details on how to participate.

Please R.S.V.P. to [service@djjministry.org](mailto:service@djjministry.org) by September 6th.

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## Would You Help Us with a Special Project?

Dates have been set to travel to the Holy Land and record videos that will accompany our discipleship lessons online. **We'll be doing the videos the week starting November 5.**

There will be two videos per lesson, each about two minutes long. The plan is to film at the location on which the journey took place. Many who do the DJJ studies will never have the opportunity to go to the Holy Land. But they will travel there via these videos! We'll be working with **Aspire Productions**, based in Israel, for the filming and post production. They do excellent work and are highly recommended to us.

### Here's the need:

**To travel to the Holy Land, record the videos and have them professionally produced is going to require about \$20,000. To date we have received \$2,600 for this project. (Thank you!)**

**Would you be willing to help with this special need?** If so, please send your contribution to DJJ and mark it "Holy Land videos." To make it easier, we've included a slip that you can fill out if you mail in a check. If you give online, you can mark your donation by putting "Holy Land Videos" in the space provided for notes. **Any size donation will be helpful.**

*Thanks in advance for considering this need. Whether you give or not, please pray with us!*

# Why DJJ is Desperately Needed

**In the year 2000, I was in the Netherlands at the Amsterdam 2000 Conference. It was a Billy Graham sponsored gathering of 10,000 evangelism leaders from around the world. It was a wonderful event, but it turned awful when I got lost.**

There was a park behind our hotel, with a large circular path. I went out the back of the hotel and got on the circular path. There was no sign or other way to know where the hotel was. Thus, when I was done walking, I couldn't find my way back to the hotel. It was a terrible feeling to be so lost and I became desperate. Eventually I found the opening to go back to the hotel. What a feeling of relief that was.

Too often people who have been saved have now lost their way. They're wandering lost and wondering where to go, what to do. Their Christian life is floundering.

**We desperately need a clear path to discipleship so that people are not spiritually lost and instead become multiplying disciples.**

Around the world, there is a lot of wonderful evangelism occurring. Many are coming to Christ in the Muslim world, in Israel amongst Jews, throughout Africa, Latin America, and Asia. China is expected to, or might even already have, more Christians of any nation on earth! <sup>1</sup>

But often, there is a severe lack of discipleship. Christians are like Mark Twain described the Platte River: "A mile wide, and an inch deep."

William Newell described the need in this way:

*The lack of genuine changed lives has become the greatest omission of the Great Commission the world over. All too often "proselytes" are made instead of "disciples." When this happens, churches get filled with bodies that exhibit little evidence of changed beliefs and behaviors. This results in spiritually apathetic adherents who quickly deteriorate into dysfunctional gatherings or nominal Christianity. They easily become victims of aberrant doctrine, heresy and deviant cults. Although they wear the label "Christian" many are not Christ-followers at all. They are superficial followers of "the way" in need of a genuine conversion experience. This sad state has become the bane of the Church the world over. Superficial conversions and inflated statistics only promote non-authentic outcomes.* <sup>2</sup>

What is the answer? **The answer is to obey Jesus' Great Commission and "make disciples." The answer comes by developing a "Process of Discipleship" in each church and ministry. This is the focus of our Discipleship Journeys with Jesus ministry. We are providing that process to maturity in Christ.**

Thank you for your prayers and support that are meeting this need through DJJ!

Making Disciples,  
Mark Alan Williams  
Founder of DJJ



<sup>1</sup> Phillips, Tom. "China on course to become 'world's most Christian nation' within 15 years." telegraph.co.uk <http://bit.ly/1hXPJiR> (accessed August 17, 2017).

<sup>2</sup> Newell, William J. "God's Global Mission Clarified." joshuaproject.net. (accessed August 17, 2017, emphasis ours).

# Happening Around the Ministry This Summer



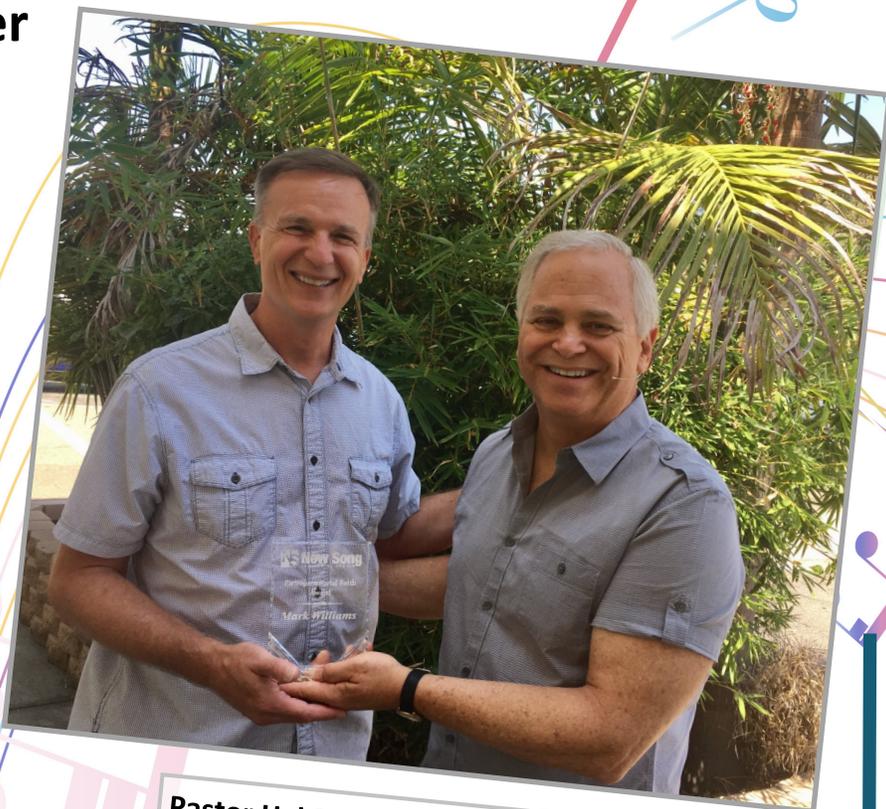
**Discipleship**  
*Go and make disciples of all nations...*  
Matthew 28:19a



Used DJJ Material to teach the “Next Steps” Discipleship Class at New Song. Had 6 attend this first class that will be held monthly.

Taught the Prayer and Advisory Team about praying for workers for the harvest at 10:02 AM/PM each day. Please pray at those times too!

He told them, “The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.  
Luke 10:2  
NIV



Pastor Hal Seed presented Mark with an Entrepreneurial Faith Award during Oasis, a leadership training event held at New Song Church every year.

- Completed the Beta Testing for Quarter 2
- Held online Beta Testing for Quarter 1 in China
- DJJ Board Meeting
- Edits to Materials, Videos and Website
- Named our 1st “Ambassador,” Graham Foster, who will be leading a small group at New Song this fall using DJJ materials
- Secured a translator for Spanish
- Two volunteers that stepped up to help Patty with office work
- Mark completed writing through Lesson 42

## PRAYER REQUESTS

### Thanking God For:

- **Lesson Writing** through Lesson 42.
- **Holy Land funds** that have been received so far.
- **Lori Henton's** help in the office.
- Wisdom of the DJJ Board, **Carlos Sales, Richard Fernandez and Steve Foster.**
- **Ramon and Abi Mendoza** who have offered to translate into Spanish.
- Partnership with **MK in India.**
- **Aaron Wolfe** who has been called on to edit many times.
- **Munyoki Mulwa** who has designed the lesson layouts and spent many hours editing.
- **Emily Brown and The Firm Foundation** for their work on the website.
- The **Prayer and Advisory Team** who meet monthly to pray over the ministry.

### Praying For:

- **Staff and Volunteer Recruitment.** For the right people to join the ministry team. Our current priority is for Partnership Developers.
- **Support raising.** For support to cover all of the needs of the ministry.
- **Online lessons.** That the site will be easy to navigate and that many will go through the discipleship lessons.
- **Funding for Israel filming.** This is going to be an integral part of the lesson format. We need to cover the cost of travel expenses, permitting, videographers and editing. **Praying for \$20,000 in special donations by October.**
- **Wisdom in how to market** the release of the 1st Quarter Materials.
- **Deadlines to be met** by all involved for the

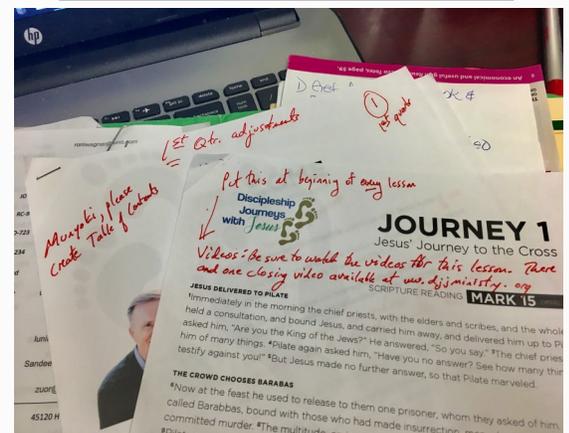
## Materials Release

On August 4, we started the "soft launch" of our first quarter of DJJ discipleship training materials. We've been learning a lot from this behind-the-scenes release and are making many adjustments.

As of this writing, we're nearly done with the adjustments and almost ready for our Grand Opening Launch.

To be made aware of when this happens please go to our website and sign up "Ministry Updates." You'll be notified via email when the materials are released. We cannot wait to share these with you!

### Mark's materials adjustments.



### Ways to Donate:

Mail a check to:  
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Vista, CA 92085-2975

Visit the website and use the "donate" button to set up a reoccurring or special gift.

