



How Can We Truly Love Our Neighbor As Ourselves?

February is, of course, the month we think about love. But how can we love others, especially those most in need worldwide? One way is to provide for their need to become like Jesus in true discipleship.

Sometimes I am asked if DJJ does anything to relieve poverty. My response is twofold:

1. **Those we partner with** (now in 111 countries) often have orphanages, schools, feeding programs, and other methods to eliminate poverty in their country. We help them help others.

The more who become devoted disciples, the more the world's needs will be met. I highly recommend you read the book *What if Jesus Had Never Been Born?* by D. James Kennedy and Jerry Newcombe to learn about all the fantastic changes that have come worldwide by loving disciples of Jesus. These changes include healthcare, care for children and the elderly, education, civil liberties, science, economics, and so on. It is an older book but still available in English. Many others like it chronicle this same truth.

more disciple-making = more compassion ministries
less disciple-making = less compassion ministries

2. **The greatest poverty is eternal spiritual poverty.** Without Jesus, people are eternally impoverished, and DJJ meets this tremendous need by sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

“You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: **You shall love your neighbor as yourself.**”

(Matthew 22: 37-39 ESV)



Thank you for the great love you exhibit by partnering with DJJ to make disciples!

Making Discipleship Doable,

Dr. Mark Alan Williams
Founder and President

Loving Others with the DJJ Lessons

Recently Bishop Hudson Bande, DJJ Ambassador serving in Kenya, reported this beautiful observation about the DJJ discipleship lessons.

“The impact of *Discipleship Journeys with Jesus* cannot be overstated. It is so practical. The fact that people can study the word of God on their own and then discuss the journey in the disciple Groups makes the lesson very interesting, and the disciples are motivated to share with others making them disciple-makers as multiplication happens.

People being discipled want to put into practice what they learn. **Loving others and serving are some of the journeys discussed. These lessons are so practical and transformational.** Disciples put into practice what they learn. **They practically love others in the true sense of the word.”**



Bishop Hudson Bande
awarding a
Certificate of Completion

Materials and Translations

January’s release of New Testament Quarter 2 in three additional languages is exciting (Pictured on the right). **Burmese, Hindi, and Kirundi are now available on the website.**

Please continue to pray with us for funding to complete this year’s goals:

- Release New Testament Quarters 3 and 4 into all languages currently offered.
- Produce an additional three languages in at least two quarters.
- Release Old Testament quarters in English, Spanish, and Russian.
- Build another website serving another heart language.

One of the best ways to “**make disciples**” with DJJ lessons is to offer many languages!



Practical Ways to Show Love to Others

Disciples are called to love one another, not just those we like or those who are easy to love, but all people. This love is not just a feeling but a choice to treat others with kindness, respect, and compassion. The commandment to love one another can be found throughout the Bible, including in John 13:34, where Jesus says, “A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another.”

Some practical ways to love others through DJJ:

One of the ways we can show love to others is by serving them. When we serve others, we are putting their needs before our own and tangibly demonstrating the love of Jesus. This can be as simple as helping a neighbor with a task or volunteering. At DJJ, you can serve by discipling others, serving as a DJJ Ambassador, or in other volunteer staff positions. DJJ is praying for staff to serve as Communications Director, Marketing Coordinator, Stewardship Coordinator, and Foundations Coordinator.

Another way to show love to others is by speaking kind words. Our words have power, and when we speak words of encouragement and support, we can lift others and bring hope. DJJ has an online chat through our main website that requires people to be available to answer live chats or answer missed messages. At this time, there are less than a dozen a day, but it needs someone to keep that chat window active to receive messages. Is this something you can help with, using your words to guide others?

Finally, we can show love to others by praying for them. When we pray for others, we place their needs before God and ask for His blessings and guidance. DJJ offers several ways that you can pray for the DJJ ministry specifically:

1. Praying through the **Monthly Prayer List** sent through email and on the main website
2. Using the **Monthly Prayer Calendar**, with daily prayers and thanks
3. By praying through **Ministry Update**, you are currently reading
4. **Monthly Prayer and Advisory Committee**. This group requires a year-long commitment to meet for prayer, sometimes participating in fasting, and can be requested to advise the DJJ Team.

If any of these interest areas interest you, or you want additional information, please email service@djjministry.org.

***Discipleship Journeys with Jesus* needs YOU!**

Jesus said in Luke 10:2 (MSG)

“What a huge harvest! And how few the harvest hands. So on your knees; ask the God of the harvest to send harvest hands.”



**Ambassador/Disciple-maker
Graham Foster and
Board Member/Disciple-maker
Richard Fernandez**



Testimony of the Month~Rita Onzere



Rita Onzere
Disciple-Maker:
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My name is Rita Onzere, I am from Nairobi, Kenya. My favorite journey from the New Testament was Journey 27, *Jesus' Journey to Berea* (Quarter 3). I learned about diligently studying the Bible and being transformed by it.

My knowledge of the Bible has grown immensely through the journeys. I have been able to share the lessons with my colleagues at work and during our morning devotions every Thursday, we get to discuss and learn more about the Word of God.

My most challenging journey was Jesus' Journey to the Judgement Seat of Christ (New Testament Quarter 4 Journey 51). Eventually, I did get a green light.

Bishop Hudson reports that Rita is the discipleship director in their church, Kings Ambassadors Christian Ministry International (KACMI). She is very devoted to her work and is an excellent disciple-maker.



Do you have a story or testimony to share with others? We love hearing how the DJJ lessons have impacted your life or those you disciple.

Please share your story, such as Rita did, so that others can celebrate your spiritual growth, and it may also encourage others to start their discipleship journey!

Please go to the DJJ site, "About" tab, and then use the "Stories Around the World" tab to find the blue button to "Share Your Story." Past testimonies are there too.



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