



DJJ Ministry Prayer February 2023

Mission Statement:

This mission exists to disciple people in actionable, biblical wisdom.

Vision Statement:

Our vision is to take 100 million people on Discipleship Journeys with Jesus.

What We Do:

We are a discipleship ministry that helps fulfill Jesus' command to "**make disciples**" by providing **free downloadable Bible-based lessons** that challenge you to obey biblical instruction, move toward full maturity in Jesus, and multiply disciples as He commanded.

Theme Verse:

"You have heard me teach things that have been confirmed by many reliable witnesses. Now teach these truths to other trustworthy people who will be able to pass them on to others."

2 Timothy 2:2 (NLT)

Core Values:

1. **Ministry to the most spiritually needy:** We focus on providing free downloadable lessons in many languages.
2. **Excellence:** We seek to be and do our best for the Lord Jesus.
3. **Spirit and truth:** We minister in the power of the Spirit and faithfulness to the teachings of Scripture.
4. **Stewardship:** We recognize that everything belongs to God.
5. **Pleasing Jesus:** We live to please and glorify the Lord in every way.
6. **Train and equip disciple-makers:** We look for key leaders who can help create disciple-making movements.

Progress on the main thing (the 100 million vision): Since launching DJJ, the lessons have been...

- downloaded in **111** countries!
- released in **20** languages!
- impacting lives with **695,440** disciples being made!
- completed and awarded **81** New Testament Quarters 1-4 Certificates of Completion

Please thank God for:

1. First, thank God for His continued hand in the DJJ ministry!
2. ***Disciples:** Since September 2017 and the first lessons offered on the website, an estimated **695,440 people have been impacted by DJJ**. Our research indicates that each person signed up represents just under 7 people on average will walk through the journeys.
3. **The Unknown Disciples.** In addition, and not included in the number above, due to security and other issues, we know there are many others we will only be aware of once we reach heaven.
4. ***People in 111 countries have downloaded our materials!** Highlighted country joined in January.
Albania, Angola, Australia, Afghanistan, Aruba, Austria, Bahamas, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belgium, Benin, Bolivia, Belize, Bhutan, Botswana, Brazil, British Virgin Islands, Burundi, Cambodia, Cameroon, Canada, Cayman Islands, China, Congo Democratic Republic, Colombia, Cook Islands, Denmark, Ecuador, El Salvador, eSwatini (former Swaziland), Egypt, Ethiopia, Fiji, Finland, France, Germany, Ghana, Grenada, Guinea, Guyana, Haiti, Hong Kong, Hungary, Italy, India, Indonesia, Ireland, Israel, Ivory Coast, Jamaica, Japan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kyrgyzstan, Kuwait, Laos, Lebanon, Lesotho, Liberia, Macau, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Malta, Mauritius, Mexico, Mozambique, Myanmar (Burma), Namibia, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Norway, Pakistan, Panama, Peru, Philippines, Portugal, Puerto Rico, Romania, Russia, Rwanda, Samoa, Saudi Arabia, Scotland, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Slovenia, South Africa, South Korea, Spain, **St. Kitts and Nevis**, Sudan, Sweden, Taiwan, Tanzania, Thailand, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Turkey, Turks and Caicos, Uganda, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom, United States, Venezuela, Zambia, and Zimbabwe.
5. **Certificates created and issued in 2022:** 879 for individual quarters and 81 for New Testament Quarters 1-4.
6. **Youth in Kenya and Uganda:** Thank God for the DJJ presence in school systems in both countries.
7. **New release online:** New Testament Quarter 2 in Hindi, including the resource, Leadership in the Church
8. **3 testing groups last month worked on New Testament Quarter 4 revisions and a new Resource based on Dr. Mark's eBook called 10 Prayers to Unlock Heaven:** Delta (led by Graham and Richard), Gamma (led by Carolee), Epsilon (led by Patty)
9. **QuickStart to Discipleship class:** the final session is this week. Led by Dr. Mark and Dr. Jim Carpenter
10. **Headquarters Staff (paid and volunteer):**
 - President:** Dr. Mark Alan Williams
 - Operations Director:** Patty Hansen
 - Translations Coordinator/Graphic Designer/Accounting Assistant:** Dasha Gubina
 - Social Media Coordinators:** Beth Harris and Emil Reyes
 - Office Assistant:** Matthew Hansen
 - Tax Consultant:** Lori Henton
 - Volunteers last month:** Katia

11. Partnership Team Staff:

Kenya Regional Rep-Kennedy Karanja

- i. Assistant-Elizabeth Ndegwa
- ii. Assistant-Harrison Njoroge
- iii. Ambassador-Hudson Bande
- iv. Ambassador-Kobia Koome
- v. Ambassador-Stephen Sarara

Uganda Regional Rep-Godfrey Kakembo

- vi. Assistant-Becky Nabukalu
- vii. Ambassador-Charles Peter Okiror
- viii. Ambassador-Jeremiah Isingoma
- ix. Ambassador-Paul Mubiru
- x. Associate Ambassador-Jovia Kabugho
- xi. Ambassador-Darius Bwambale
- xii. Ambassador-Baguma Shahuka
- xiii. Ambassador-James Otim
- xiv. Ambassador-Edward Kasanjja

Liberia Regional Rep-David Gbalee

- xv. Assistant-Romeo Flomo
- xvi. Ambassador-Morris Nuah Jr.
- xvii. Ambassador-Wilmot Bulu
- xviii. Associate Ambassador-S. Barlue Goe

Brazil

- xix. Ambassador Jason Resende
- xx. Ambassador Fabiana Resende

Cameroon

- xxi. Ambassador-David Che Ngwa

Singapore

- xxii. Ambassador-Sun-Yee Ho

U.S.A.

- xxiii. Ambassador-Graham Foster
- xxiv. Ambassador-Lynda White
- xxv. Ambassador-Ray White

Barbados

- xxvi. Ambassador-John Forde
- xxvii. Ambassador-Anne Hamilton-Cutting

12. **Board of Directors:** G. Reyes, Richard Fernandez, Dr. Mark, and Dr. Jim Carpenter. Praise God Jim is our new Board member.

13. **Board Meeting** held last week.

14. **Ministry Partners:** (partial list) Manuel Carillo (Mexicali, Mexico), Ramon & Otoniel Mendoza (Mexico and Latin America), Pastor Silas (Myanmar), Carlos/Reaching the Hungry (Malawi), Sal de Terra Church (Brazil), M.K.B. (India), Thom Malone (Arizona), Living Word Community Church (Pennsylvania), New Song Community Church (Oceanside), John and Selwynn (Barbados), The Center Church (Escondido), Mapleview Baptist Church (Lakeside), Anthem Church (San Marcos), The Lake Church (San Marcos), Compass Bible Church (Aliso Viejo), Kings Ambassadors Christian Ministry International, Nairobi, Kenya, and many more, some known and unknown.

15. **Vendors:** Shizen Creative, MinistryCraft, Joe Tran Media Group, Aspiring Productions, Aplos, SurePayroll, PushPay/CCB, and Kimbrel Designs,
16. **Consulting and Networking:** The Barnabas Group, Mission Increase Foundation, and The Master's Program.
17. **Spanish Website:** is getting visitors! In addition, the Ministry Update and Testimony of the Month are translated every month.
18. ***Provision:** praise God for His provision! We are so grateful for our donors!
19. ***New Donor Church** partnering with DJJ! They are mission-minded and focus greatly on ministries, including DJJ!
20. **Prayer:** God answers our prayers!

Please Pray for:

21. **Fulfillment of our vision:** Our vision is to take 100 million people on Discipleship Journeys with Jesus. This vision needs long-term, diligent, and fervent prayer! Only God can do this!
22. **Reach all countries.** 82 countries to go.
23. **2023 Goal-setting and budgeting:** Pray for discernment and wisdom in setting priorities, funding to complete the goals, and flexibility to move as God leads throughout the year.
24. **Translation Projects currently being worked on:**
 - a. Bengali - Siddhartha Chowdhury NT Q3
 - b. Chichewa - Wonderful NT Q2 Review
 - c. Chinese - Shulan NT Q3
 - d. Hindi - Mihir Das - NT Q3
 - e. Lusoga -Charles Peter- NT Q2
 - f. Russian - Dasha Gubina - NT Q3 and Q4
 - g. Spanish - Donald Dolmus - NT Q3
25. **People to overcome their concerns about DJJ:**
 - a. there is abundant material for discipleship everywhere around the world.
 - b. if it is free, it must not be very valuable.
 - c. a small ministry staff and budget means a small impact.
 - d. our vision is to hold training events (instead of making disciples).
 - e. DJJ wants to "steal sheep."
 - f. DJJ represents a particular denomination or group.
 - g. there is a hidden cost.
 - h. the lessons are too simple or too complex
26. ***Priority Prayer*** **Pray for us to have funds to cover in these top areas:**
 - a. New Testament Translations—have a high priority to funding for Cebuano Quarters 1-4, Tagalog Quarters 1, 3-4, Spanish Quarter 4, Indonesian Quarters 1-4, Arabic Quarters 2-4, and Swahili Quarters 3 and 4 (Each quarter is around \$2,000 each for translation, graphic design, and video captioning)
 - b. Partnership Training Materials translated into Swahili, Arabic, Tagalog, and one other as needed (Each language costs approx. \$5,000 for translation and graphic design of Curriculum Notes, Student Handout, and Slide Deck.)
 - c. Ministry and Staff Support (need a minimum increase of \$7,500/monthly)

27. **Other applications:** Please pray for future innovations such as:
 - a. Print-on-demand books (mid to end 2023)
 - b. Children's lessons (writing and testing to start this year)
 - c. Online training (2024)
 - d. Video-based training (2024)
 - e. Curriculum for use in schools/homeschools (2024)
 - f. Webinars/MasterClasses
28. ***Priority Prayer* Laborers:** "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore, pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest" (Matthew 9:37-38). Pray for the right people to join the ministry:
 - a. **Partnership Staff Team**
 - i. Partnership Director ***Priority Need***
 - ii. Regional Coordinators
 - b. **Communications Staff Team**
 - i. Communications Director ***Priority Need***
 - c. **Stewardship Staff Team**
 - i. Stewardship Director ***Priority Need***
 - ii. Stewardship Assistant ***Priority Need***
 - iii. Foundation Fundraising Coordinator ***Priority Need***
30. **For the word about DJJ to be spread widely** and for the best ways to do so.
 - a. Online Marketing
 - b. Partnerships
 - c. Referrals
 - d. Satisfied disciples to spread the word
31. **Motivation:** Pray that those who use the lessons will be motivated to:
 - a. Complete all 52 NT journeys, and eventually 52 OT journeys, and let us know by requesting certificates (so we can track completion).
 - b. Disciple others using the journeys.
 - c. Share their results and pictures with us.
32. **Partnership Team:**
 - a. **Pray that Ambassadors** (trainers) will train and multiply the Partnership training and more Ambassadors, who will also start discipleship groups and train!
 - b. **Next step for Partnership Training:** For our Partnership Team to train often. For the translations to be in the right languages. For additional translation funds.
 - c. **Pray for wisdom for scheduling HQ-led Partnership Training Events**
 - d. **Upcoming Partnership Team Leadership Meeting:** On Thursday, Feb. 9th
33. **Writing and Editing:** Pray for the 2023 revision and release schedule.
 - a. QuickStart
 - b. NT Quarter 3 final edits and video editing on titles/sidebars
 - c. NT Quarter 4 final edits and testing happening now on the final few lessons
 - d. NT Quarter 1
 - e. OT Quarters 1-4
 - f. Children's Curriculum NT Quarter 1 to be written, tested, and released
 - g. Additional Resources
 - i. 10 Prayers to Unlock Heaven
 - h. Discipleship MasterClass revised
34. ***Discipleship Pilgrimage Trips:**
 - a. Quarter 1 trip to Israel (postponed)

- b. Expecting a Quarters 2-4 trip to Turkey and Greece *In the Footsteps of Paul* (2024?).
- 35. **Focus:** Please pray that we remain focused on the plans and flexible to God's leading. Be mindful that new projects must be put off until our priorities are met.
- 36. **Worldwide Discipleship Groups:** Pray that many will be started, especially by pastors and leaders going through Partnership Training.
- 37. **Pray that Mark's development appointments are fruitful.** We need significant additional funding.
- 38. **Recruitment of an additional Board member.**
- 39. **Mark's speaking opportunities:**
 - a. February 19, Rancho California Chapel in Aguanga
 - b. March 5, Rancho California Chapel in Aguanga
 - c. April 1, MasterClass and Q1 Graduation (100-150 disciples) in Mexicali, Mexico
 - d. April 2, Vastago Church in Mexicali, Mexico
- 40. **Protection:** The Devil always seeks to disrupt and destroy. Pray for nothing to hinder what God is doing with DJJ. 1 Peter 5:8