

Dr. Mark's Reflections as DJJ Turns Six Years Old!

Dear Friends,

Six years ago, on September 20, 2016, Discipleship Journeys with Jesus was launched. We began with a dream and vision: we had no lessons, minimal donors, infrastructure or website, virtually nothing. What has happened in six years?



Starting the ministry and logo creation



New Testament Quarter 1 released September 2017

Discipleship Lessons and Videos: 52 New Testament lessons have been released! 52 Old Testament lessons have been written, tested, and are being developed for release. Altogether they cover 104 topics that bring believers to maturity in Christ. In addition, 208 short videos have been recorded in the Bible lands (Israel, Egypt, Turkey, Greece, and Italy) to accompany the lessons. The Old Testament videos are now in post-production and will be completed as soon as we have funding.



Partnership Training Mexicali, Mexico



Videos recorded in Bible lands

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Dr. Mark's Reflections~continued

Translations: DJJ lessons are available in the following languages: Ateso, Bengali, Burmese, Chinese, French, Hindi, Kirundi, Luganda, Lusoga, Chichewa (Nyanga), Odia (Oriya), Portuguese, Runyakitara, Russian, Spanish, Swahili, Tagalog, Telugu, Urdu, and English. Praise God for 20 languages so far!

The discipleship lessons have been downloaded in 107 countries!

Impact on Individuals: Why are we doing all this? Because Jesus said, "make disciples." He did not say "be a disciple" but "make disciples." That is our goal. We provide a *Process of Discipleship* for everyone who wants to make disciples. In this *Ministry Update*, you will read about the impact DJJ has had in the lives of Paul, Shang, and Carolee.

Partnership Team and Training Materials: DJJ currently has 31 people on the Partnership Team. Partnership Training version 7 was recently released for worldwide use in English and is now ready to be translated.



Thank you for partnering with us to make this happen.

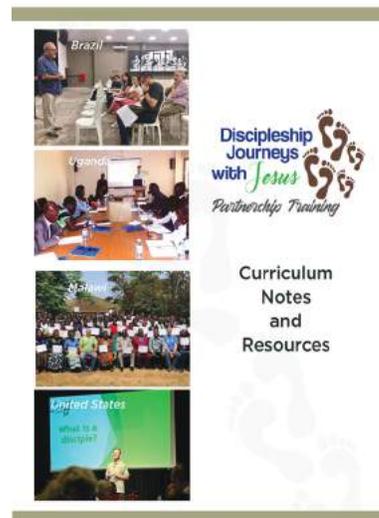
Our overarching vision remains the same:
to take 100 million people on discipleship journeys with Jesus.

Making Discipleship Doable,

Dr. Mark Alan Williams
Founder and President



Tagalog
New Testament Quarter 2
is now available!



Partnership Training
Materials

Testimony of Paul Mascarinas~Discipled by Sun-Yee Ho

"Before I started DJJ, I was a newly reconciled child of God. I was lost in the world for more than six decades or more. I was exposed to a program like DJJ, which made clear to my senses the efforts, hardships, struggles, and of course, the victory that Christ experienced during this journey.

DJJ has impacted and changed my life significantly. It has improved my knowledge about Jesus Christ and the Bible. It has opened my mind and understanding of what our Lord Jesus Christ did to spread His word/gospel of salvation to mankind to save the latter from God's wrath.

When our group discussed and dissected every verse covered in our lessons, it gave me a better, clearer, and deeper understanding of what Jesus wanted his people to know and learn from His journey. He wanted mankind to know and realize that it's only through our Lord Jesus Christ that the world can be saved.

Personally, the study and applying all the teachings have changed my entire character to a great extent and made me a better person, citizen, and Christian. Better in the sense that it drew me much closer to God than ever, made me understand better who God is and what His attributes are, made me more faithful in obeying His commandments, it taught me to love Him more and deal with my brothers and sisters in Christ with more compassion and love.

My exposure to DJJ taught me many lessons that changed my perspective towards God: if God ever rebukes and punishes one because of his sinfulness, do not drift away from Him but draw nearer to Him for help instead."

Paul was discipled through DJJ Ambassador Sun-Yee Ho's (pictured on the right) group and received his New Testament Quarters 1 to 4 Certificate of Completion!



Worldwide Discipleship



Partnership Training
Bushenyi Bitoma, Uganda
Ambassador Baguma Shahuka



New Testament Quarter 1
Discipleship Group, Mexico
Disciple-maker Laura Carillo

Testimony of Sister Shang~Discipled by Shulan Achord

"I am Sister Shang from Xi'an, China. Today I would like to share some of my growth and appreciation for my discipleship lessons with Sister Shulan. During the discipling process, I truly gave my heart to Jesus. I was pregnant when Shulan took my hand and helped me through DJJ New Testament Quarter 1. We studied every lesson over video chat. Praise the Lord. Even though we were thousands of miles apart physically, I felt like Shulan was sitting with me in my living room. She gently and patiently led me through each journey. When I had difficulty understanding a lesson or could not answer the question at the end of each lesson, she walked me through each step. Praise the Lord for shared wisdom and understanding.

I have a much better and deeper understanding of baptism, prayer, sharing my testimony, etc. My faith has grown stronger. I used to suffer anxiety and worry about how to support a new baby. But now that my prayer life has been brought to a new level, I practice praying daily and learn to trust the Lord for peace, provision, and protection. Reading the Bible is no longer a difficult task for me. Instead, I enjoy reading and getting in God's Word daily. In my prayer, the Holy Spirit often reveals areas where I need to repent and change. I now respond to Him with a contrite and broken heart and ask Him for forgiveness and the cleansing of my sins. **I am very thankful for DJJ; it has been a great tool in helping me grow in truth and love.** This systematic journey of discipleship shines into my life like a ray of light that trained me in the basic steps for my Christian walk. I am also grateful for Shulan's passionate and vivid teaching and leadership. Her encouragement and prayers are so precious to me."



Sister Shang was discipled by Shulan Achord, pictured here. Shulan is also our translator for Chinese!

Testimony of Carolee Villegas~Disciple-maker

Carolee Villegas recently shared this beautiful testimony of how the journeys have impacted her.

"The most significant impact for me is that I have experienced a greater intimacy and more focused communication with God through these journeys. They have cemented many Bible passages in both my understanding and memory. I feel like I am experiencing the Bible in real time. This is especially true because the videos give me a visual of the location.

Finally, working in a group has helped me gain other perspectives I had not thought of before the lessons. I like sharing verses using the *One Thought Method* (taught in New Testament Quarter 3, Journey 27). I feel the joy of being closer to God each time we share. "

Carolee Villegas was part of Dr. Mark Alan Williams' church plant in San Marcos, CA, and is leading a group at her church. In addition, Carolee is a faithful supporter of the ministry and has been on the monthly prayer team since Dr. Mark worked at Dynamic Church Planting International (DCPI).



Carolee's Quarter 3 discipleship group

Join DJJ's 2nd Israel Pilgrimage

Next year, from April 17-27th, DJJ is returning to Israel! It would be great for you to be with us and see sites like:

- The Sea of Galilee
- Capernaum
- Cana
- Bethlehem
- Jerusalem
- Mount of Olives
- Gethsemane
- Garden Tomb
- Jericho and many more!



A flyer with more information is available in English and Spanish on the DJJ website.

To make a deposit and hold your spot, click the link there or download and return the registration form. If you have any questions or flight origination changes, please email service@djjministry.org.

If you are a pastor or ministry leader who would like to have a group join this pilgrimage, we have an special offer for you!

For more information, please email us today.



Jordan River Baptism



Dr. Mark floating on the Dead Sea



Garden Tomb

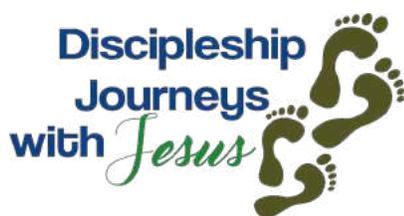


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Top Prayers and Thanks

1. **Thank God for all that has been accomplished in the first six years of this ministry!** Pray for the future of DJJ and the many plans to come: children's lessons, online Partnership training, disciple-makers guide, the journeys to be adapted for the school curriculum, and much more!
2. Pray for more people to find DJJ online and to be disciplined using DJJ lessons worldwide.
3. Thank God for DJJ Ambassadors holding Partnership Training and the many disciples starting their discipleship journey.
4. Pray for DJJ to have **funds for the 2022 goals** for Translations, Partnership Trainings, Ministry, and Staff Support.
5. Thank God for **recent donations to post-production of the Old Testament videos**. Pray for the **\$8,500 needed** to cover the remaining costs.
6. Thank God for our worldwide partners such as Manuel and Laura Carillo (Mexico), Pastor Silas (Myanmar), Pastor Carlos (Reaching the Hungry serving Malawi, the Philippines, and Mexico), M.K.B. (India), many churches in the U.S.A., Singapore, Brazil, and Mexico, some known and unknown.
7. Pray for people in discipleship groups to have transformed lives and to disciple others.
8. **Pray for the DJJ Core Values:**
 - a. **Ministry to the most spiritually needy:** We focus on providing free downloadable lessons in many languages.
 - b. **Excellence:** We seek to be and do our best for the Lord Jesus.
 - c. **Spirit and truth:** We minister in the power of the Spirit and faithfulness to the teachings of Scripture.
 - d. **Stewardship:** We recognize that everything belongs to God.
 - e. **Pleasing Jesus:** We live to please and glorify the Lord in every way.
 - f. **Train and equip disciple-makers:** We look for key leaders who can help create disciple-making movements.
9. Pray for the revisions of New Testament Quarter 4 and Quarter 1.
10. Thank God for the translators completing New Testament Quarter 2 translations and those who have moved on to Quarter 3.
11. **Pray for additional staff to join DJJ.** The top needs are:
 - a. Partnership Director
 - b. Communications Director
 - c. Stewardship Department: Director, Assistant, and Foundation Fundraising Coordinator

Thank you for praying!



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