

## Happy 4th Anniversary Discipleship Journeys with Jesus! October 2020

**Thank you for your prayers and support for DJJ over the first four years.** Included this month you will find a separate sheet of **Five Opportunities** to partner financially with us. If you can help with a special gift or a monthly pledge, please either go to our website's donate page or use the bottom of that sheet and return it in the enclosed envelope.

We are celebrating four years of ministry! Praise God for His faithfulness and all that He has accomplished through us. **Four years ago, we started with a dream to create discipleship materials and help meet the immense need for easy-to-use, A to Z steps to being true disciples.** Now that dream is becoming a reality.

**The main thing: It has been said that the main thing is to make the main thing the main thing. At DJJ the main thing is to take 100 million people on discipleship journeys with Jesus. That certainly is a God-sized vision!**

This Ministry Update is not like our usual updates as we have compiled some of our key milestones to share and revisit with you. There are so many things that we can see God's hand in, from the original vision going from 1/2 million to 10 million to finally a God-sized goal of 100 million.

We feel that our biggest asset to moving discipleship forward is through people having the materials in their native language and by having leaders in each country to help create discipleship groups. Our main vehicle to teach others how to start discipleship groups is through our Partnership Training. **To reach the vision for 2021 that God is leading us to, we need you!**

Praise God that we have the opportunity to join God in moving discipleship forward around the world! This is just the beginning of what God is going to do through DJJ! Momentum is building as we expand and grow.

Thank you for being part of this great work of God through your prayer and financial support.

**P.S. Check out our new website redesign when you can!**

### Next Month...

**we will return to our usual format and you will be introduced to:**

1. A new translator
2. Another ministry Core Value
3. Donor-sponsored translations
4. A new disciple!

**Dr. Mark Alan Williams**

**Founder and President**

# KEY MILESTONES FROM THE LAST FOUR YEARS



**SEPTEMBER 20, 2016**

Dr. Mark Williams gave his notice at Dynamic Church Planting International (DCPI) and announced the newly formed ministry, Discipleship Journeys with Jesus. Paul (DCPI President) and Cathy Becker, (VP of Advancement) gave their blessing and the following day was the first official day of DJJ.

Picture: Mark and Carolyn being prayed over by Paul and Cathy.



**2017**

Lessons were planned and writing started. Beta-testing group started for the materials. Temporary videos were recorded, and plans were made to record the permanent videos in the Holy Land.

Mark went on the first Partnership Event to Brazil. He was able to connect with and recruit our staff member, Jason Resende.



Our Board of Directors met, and decisions were made on how best to move forward with launching the materials on the website and more.

We held a Launch Party to mark our 1-year Anniversary and the release of the New Testament Quarter 1 materials on the website.



**2017 Pictures:**

- 1) Mark, Ollis, Patty, Graham, and Matthew reviewing Quarter 1
- 2) Partnership Trip to Brazil
- 3) DJJ Board of Directors Meeting with Carlos Sales, Steve Foster, Rich Fernandez, and Mark Williams
- 4) Mark, Steve Schlange, and Patty recording the first videos
- 5) Volunteers stuffing a Ministry Update mailing, Iris and Bella R., Sue D., and Patty
- 6) Mark received the Entrepreneurial Faith Award from New Song Community Church from Dr. Hal Seed
- 7/8) Launch Event. First materials on the website, English Quarter 1. Lora B., Darlene and Virgil L. having fun at the event, Graham Foster receiving an Ambassador Award, and our M.C. and Materials Designer, Munyoki Mulwa.



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## 2018

Jason Resende, of Brazil, joined the DJJ team. The first translation, Portuguese, was released on the website. Mark went to India and soon had a larger vision. In July, the DJJ Board adopted an even bigger vision of reaching 100 Million Disciples. Mark went to Malawi with Carlos Sales of Reaching the Hungry and they held another Partnership Event. The Chichewa translation was released on the website. Mark recorded New Testament videos in Israel. **We ended the year having been downloaded in 40 countries.** Lesson writing and design development continued.

**2018 Pictures:** 1) Fabiana and Jason Resende, Latin America Rep.  
2) Partnership Event in Malawi, Africa



## 2019

### A year of growth.

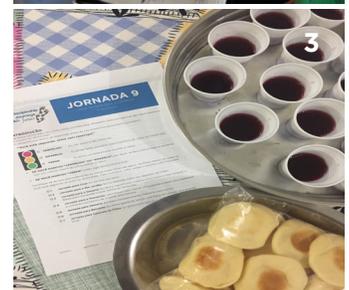
Beth Harris and Emil Reyes joined as volunteer staff. Outreach Marketing started donating web impressions and ads. Google ad grants allowed us to advertise and be searched easier.

Mark and our ministry partners, Johnnie and Shulan Achord, held a Partnership Event in Vista, CA for Chinese leaders. We worked with Regis Sudo to create custom maps for our materials. Mark and Jason went to Ensenada, Mexico and held a mini-Partnership Event.

Mark presented the ministry to the Barnabas Group, a local networking group. Additional videos filmed in the Holy Lands. More materials were alpha, beta, and gamma tested.

By year end the materials were downloaded in 75 countries.

**2019 Pictures:** 1) Beth receiving her Q1 certificate during our monthly prayer group.  
2) Youth Discipleship Group in Brazil  
3) Portuguese Materials and communion at a small group  
4) Chinese Partnership Event in Vista, CA  
5) DJJ Board: Cynthia Standley, Carlos Sales, Steve Foster, Mark, and Richard Fernandez  
6) Parade in Liberia celebrating NT Q1 completion  
7) Oceanside, CA Discipleship Group Completing NT Q2



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## 2020

January started with Mark going to Africa to hold four Partnership Events in Kenya, Liberia, and Uganda. As a result of this trip, many discipleship groups were started. Three leaders arose and they accepted positions as Regional Coordinators. Kennedy Karanja, David Gbalee, and Godfrey Kakembo are vital to discipleship in their countries.

As of this printing, we have our first two Partnership Team Ambassadors, Jeremiah Isingnoma and Charles Peter, both from Uganda.

We took our first DJJ Discipleship Trip to Israel with 49 ministry partners and friends. Mark stayed after this trip to record videos for our Old Testament Journeys. We hope to go on more trips, and that you will plan on coming with us!

Dasha Gubina joined as an Executive Assistant and is also helping with the graphic design. As a result of the global pandemic, our infrastructure and team development has had a lot of needed attention

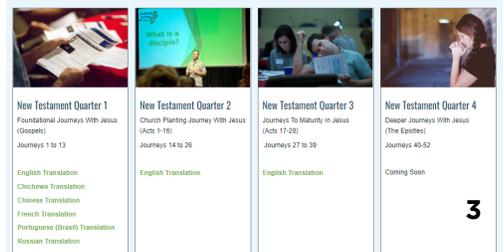
We released a 3rd revision on NT Q1, 4th revision on the Partnership Training, English Q3, and to date three new translations, Chinese, Russian and French on our newly revised website! We have several more planned for release by the end of the year as we have 20 translators actively working on languages throughout the world. We anticipate English Q4 and a revised Q2, and a beta-testing of our Children's Curriculum.

**At the time of printing, we have been downloaded in 89 countries!**

- 2020 Pictures:**
- 1) Partnership Training in Uganda led by Kennedy Karanja
  - 2) Israel tour on the Sea of Galilee
  - 3) Website Revision Phase 1 completed
  - 4) Uganda Regional Coordinator, Godfrey Kakembo, with the new Partnership Training Event materials



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