



Follow the Leader

Jesus' great commission to us is, "go and make disciples ..." (Mt. 28:19). However, before we can make disciples, we need to be disciples ourselves.

Discipleship is like an apprenticeship – a lifetime process that involves both training (acquiring knowledge) and mentoring (applying the knowledge). In this process of training and mentoring new disciples, we simultaneously act both as a student and a mentor: we gain knowledge, strive to apply it to our lives and then share it with others.

Discipling is a purposeful process that helps believers move forward in their spiritual growth. We come alongside a person to build in him/her spiritual principles that will guide them as a faithful follower of Christ. On the path to maturity, discipleship is an essential aspect in the life of each believer. This is what drives spiritual multiplication.

Discipling is characterized by three aspects:

1. Discipling is a relationship-based process. We should strive not only to teach, but also to share our lives with those we teach.
2. Discipling includes learning and encouragement.
3. Discipling is impossible without a personal example.

Nadia Kupriyok, Ukraine



Praying

It is by watching their leaders live that children learn to walk with Jesus. This is put on pause in this time of confinement. But God is still at work. Let's pray:

- that children will be even more sensitive to following the model of Jesus;
- that the technical means used to hold remote clubs, will draw even more kids and their friends to join the fun;
- for God to protect the health of children and our teams and inspire them with creative ways of sharing Jesus with others;
- that the Lord will make a way for our camp projects to continue this season.



The Family Corner

Cut out 2 large paper circles. Draw lines on one circle that evenly divide it into 12 parts, like a cake. In each of these sections, glue a photo, draw a picture, write a word or use a sticker that will be a prayer topic. On the second circle, cut out a triangle the size of one section on the first circle. Place this circle on top of the first circle and connect them in the center. As the top circle is rotated, a subject to pray for will appear. Each family member then takes turns to pray.

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Dear friends,

While I write this, the whole world is being affected by COVID-19. It is my greatest hope, that you and your loved ones are doing well. It is also my hope, that it won't be long until we can all go outside again to resume our work and travel, as this is such an important part of our ministry to children! They need to go outside, play, run and enjoy being alive! Outside is where most of them can be found while they're at camps, clubs and other activities. In this newsletter, you will read about training as part of discipleship. During the "lock down", in the midst of this tragedy, our directors and their teams continue to serve children by developing new ways of using existing online resources for teaching, training and entertainment, to keep relationships going strong with children and their families. We are praying continually for countries like Spain, Madagascar, Myanmar and Syria. Will you join us with your prayers? Thank you for your ongoing support in every way.

God bless you all!

Rob Hondsmark
CEO





COVID-19 can't Quarantine God!

Syria

The first thing we did, was initiate an Intercessory Prayer network. Along with this, we put together short videos that are relevant to children and families. But our greatest concern is for the 85+% of Syria's population that live well below the poverty line. They face a devastating number of deaths, not only due to a worn-out health system that isn't adequate to treat Covid-19, but because the lockdown has also created a famine. Please, please pray for us!



Central Asia

We have purchased and delivered food and supplies to the needy in our town. In addition, we stay in touch with chil-

dren through our Telegram group. These daily lessons give spiritual encouragement through practical life-affirming parables. Because this is also a need for Russian-speaking children outside our country, we opened a Telegram channel that is readily available to any who wish to listen.

Madagascar

Covid-19 has caused us to prioritize our ministry focus on teaching parents and children good hygiene practices, in order to save their lives. To do this, we have stressed the need for frequent use of soap, the importance of carrying and storing drinking water in clean containers and not spitting everywhere on the ground. Parents now realize

that this degree of cleanliness is not a waste of time. Due to no internet access, we aren't able to carry out our ministry through social media, so we are staying in touch with children and their families through SMS. Every day, I send encouraging verses that include an explanation to area leaders and parents. Even though our SMS cannot exceed 10 lines, we have developed Bible lessons with mini studies that can be shared with children in their homes.



Romania

We are making the most of our children's website, by uploading a large variety of educational games and Christian media for children and teens. We also send short articles to over 1,500 parents with encouraging advice and ideas for creative family activities. Along with this, we give suggestions for good books to read with their children that will strengthen their spiritual journey during this time of quarantine.

Colombia

We began a "Food for Smiles" campaign to raise money for humanitarian aid and food for the most vulnerable families in our area.

Myanmar

We are making hand sanitizer for children in our Kid's clubs. We have also started to sew masks to provide 10,000 masks to club children.

Spain

We have put together a special team to adapt the local club dynamic into an on-line scenario. We selected a platform, developed goals and decided to hold 4 sessions over 4 Saturday afternoons. Families will receive information ahead of each session, so they can be prepared to take part while watching at home. Our team will meet every week to evaluate the session and ways to follow up. Our three main goals are: **Love** – building healthy relationships. **Hope** – in the midst of fear and anxiety. **Faith** – we can trust in God.

