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Inspire-Instruct-Involve The Next Generation

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MULTIPLIED FRUIT

Twelve years ago, a long held dream came to fruition as the School Of Youth Ministry was birthed in Haiti. The year-long disciple-making training program for emerging ministry leaders began, appropriately, with twelve in the first group, like Jesus with His initial Twelve.

The one year training program has blossomed into a full four year Bible School, with over fifty students being trained this year, including 22 in the first year SOYM program. Many of the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th year students are pastors of Open Door Churches across Haiti. Twelve years ago, when we began, Open Door had only two churches. Today, there are 26, with two more being planted by the end of the year. Each year, the SOYM students help with these church planting efforts, with many going on to pastor the churches that are planted.

The School Of Youth Ministry has produced much fruit, as Jesus prayed His disciples would.



GROWING STRONGER TO GO WIDER

When I stepped into the Executive Director role for Sonlife in July 2013, the ministry was relaunching and had one full time and one part time staff member. No one else was added to the team for the first couple years as we evaluated where we had been to clarify our direction moving forward. With a clear vision to "transform the culture of ministry in North America, restoring it to the disciple-making heart of Jesus," and with a clear pathway to "equip leaders in relational disciple-making according to the Son's life," others began to rally to the cause. Fast forward to our Staff Retreat in the mountains of Oregon this September... 18 of us gathered to dream and pray together about how we can grow stronger to go wider with our disciple-making vision!



EVANGELISM TRAINING / OYM 2019-20

After training the SOYM students to share the gospel using the bridge diagram, one of the students takes his turn explaining the gospel message using the bridge diagram for the rest of the class.



OPEN DOOR BIBLE SCHOOL

Pastor Peter, our SOYM Director in Haiti, stands in front of the SOYM Training Center, which has been expanded with additional classroom and dorm space for the growing Bible School.



OPEN DOOR CHURCH / FORT LIBERTE

What a privilege and a joy to be there for the ordination of two SOYM graduates who are pastoring Open Door Haiti's church plant in Fort Liberte near the northern border of Haiti and the Dominican Republic.

CELEBRATING GOD'S FAITHFULNESS



MARY-FAITH'S BIG DAY

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On Wednesday, September 25th, Mary-Faith completed her 6 1/2 weeks of radiation treatment. When a patient completes their treatment, the hospital has a little celebration, with music playing and everyone cheering while the patient rings a celebratory bell. Mary-Faith is not sure what she will do with the memento they gave her... the mask she wore to keep her head in place during radiation treatment... but it is a tangible reminder of the journey she has been on, and God's faithfulness throughout.

COLLEGE BOUND

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Emma left for the University of Florida on August 16th and Analise left for Word Of Life Bible Institute in Tampa two weeks later on August 30th. Both were a bit apprehensive, but also

excited about their new journey, and both girls are adjusting well to college life. We recently had a chance to visit the girls, attending a Gator football game with Emma and taking Maggie to spend the day with Analise.



While I was taking Analise to school in Tampa, Jennifer was driving up to New York with Jaclyn to help her move into her house as she begins her junior year studying Musical Theatre at Long Island University. Our house is strangely quiet these days as we've gone from six girls at home back in May to only two at home in High School now.

TWENTY SEVEN

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We were able to get away for a weekend in a fun little bungalow on Anna Maria Island in August to celebrate our 27th anniversary, enjoying Florida's west coast and its spectacular sunsets together!



HE IS FAITHFUL

"Know, therefore, that the Lord your God is God; He is the faithful God, keeping His covenant of love to a thousand generations of those who love Him and keep His commandments."

Deuteronomy 7:9

"Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for His compassions never fail.

They are new every morning; great is Your faithfulness. I say to myself, "The Lord is my portion; therefore I will wait for Him.""

Lamentations 3:22-24

HEARTS FULL OF GRATITUDE

Your prayers have been felt. Your encouragement has given us strength. Your support has humbled us. These past months have been some of the most difficult in our lives as we've navigated through Mary-Faith's brain cancer diagnosis, surgery, and subsequent radiation treatment. God has been faithful. God answers prayer. God is good. And God has used you to show us His goodness and His grace during this season of suffering. Thank you!

*Serving Christ together,
Doug & Jennifer*

DHM MISSION

We exist to ignite the Body of Christ with Great Commandment-Great Commission priorities by inspiring, instructing and involving the next generation of missional leaders worldwide.



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We pray for you often, thanking God for your partnership in the gospel.

