

# CREATING DISCIPLE MAKING MOVEMENTS AS JESUS DID

**AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2015** 







Sonlife will be bringing together ministry leaders from across North America January 11-13 in Houston, TX for a catalytic disciple-making event... D Conference.

## Sonlife

BE ~ BUILD ~ BEGIN shapes the pathway we want to take leaders on in equipping them for disciple-making.

Sonlife will be casting vision for the BE-BUILD-BEGIN disciplemaking pathway at our upcoming D Conference January 11-13. We're trusting God for 250 leaders from across North America to join us in Houston and together build disciplemaking movements among the next generation.

At the D Conference, we'll be releasing our newest training for ministry leaders, 4 Chair Discipling. This seminar, along with its accompanying 40 Days of

# Transforming the Culture of Youth Ministry in North America

Disciple-Making Journal, are currently in the development process. 4 Chair Discipling looks closely at the 4 challenges Jesus gave his followers along their discipling journey. Our conviction is this. You must model want you want to lead, so first, a leader must **BE** A DISCIPLE-MAKER.

4 CHAIR DISCIPLING SEMINAR / 10 CITY TOUR.... will be launched in early Spring to share this new training with leaders and their ministries across the US. I firmly believe that if we want to be a part of transforming the culture of youth ministry in North America, restoring it to the disciple-making heart of Jesus, then we first have to help young leaders BE disciplemakers. Once they are living a

disciple-making lifestyle, they can then begin to BUILD A DISCIPLE-MAKING MINISTRY. The Muvement Seminar we released last year helps leaders understand that ministry building process by closely examining the Life of Christ.

LEAD THE CAUSE, disciple-making training for students... is a key piece in helping youth leaders equip their students to be disciple-makers. We've done this week-long event together with Dare 2 Share in Chicago, Denver and Portland and hope to expand to more cities in the coming years. As leaders across the country learn to build disciple-making ministries, powerful multiplication will happen as they BEGIN A DISCIPLE-MAKING MOVEMENT



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### Family News

#### SOMETHING TO CELEBRATE

August was a BIG month! We celebrated 23 years of marriage, dropped Marisa off at Palm Beach Atlantic for her Freshman year of college, and tried to comprehend a

birthday with the numbers 5-0 in it. We conspired with Marisa's roommate Morgan to surprise Marisa for her birthday. Jennifer then took Marisa



(19) and Jaclyn (17) to NYC for a girls' weekend away birthday celebration.

#### TOGETHER AGAIN

Analise and Maggie were thrilled to have their good friend from Haiti, Judette, arrive at her new home in Florida. Dave and

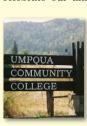


Lori McKenzie were finally able to complete their adoption after almost three years, and the girls had a great time connecting at the McKenzie's home near the beach. They are

also able to connect with their older sisters in Haiti, Liliane (20) and Ediane (18), through frequent calls using Facebook Messenger (isn't technology amazing).

#### TRIP TO OREGON

Jennifer and I leave for Oregon this weekend to connect with Josh and Katie Yates, our co-laborers with Sonlife, and to celebrate our anniversary in the beautiful



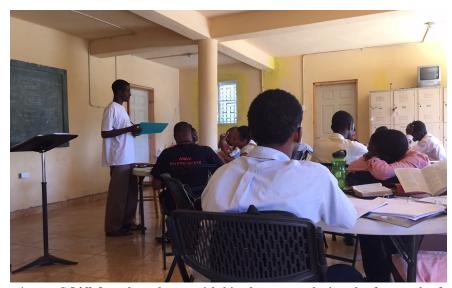
Pacific Northwest. Pray with us for the heart-breaking news today of the tragic shootings at Umpqua Community College in Roseburg, OR. Jennifer grew up in Roseburg and spent a

semester attending Umpqua before transferring to Oregon State. Pray for the church in Roseburg that Jennifer's family helped to start 30 years ago, Redeemer's Fellowship, as it responds to this crisis.

We are incredibly grateful for your prayers for and support of our family!

Serving Christ together, Doug and Jennifer

### School Of Youth Ministry Begins 8th Year in New Home



A new SOYM student shares with his classmates during the first week of our year-long training program for young leaders.

Open Door Haiti
received funding to
complete the SOYM
Training Center this
Summer in time for its
largest class ever.

A week before SOYM was to start, I was told we had 12 students. Two days before I left for Haiti, I received an e-mail that we now had

17 students. I only had enough training material for 15, so it was time to scramble. Then, I landed in Haiti only to discover we had 20 students registered for SOYM and a growing waiting list for next year.

What a great problem to have... too many students wanting to be trained and equipped to become disciple-makers. With 5 women and 15 men, this created another problem. Where to put everyone? The men's and women's dorm rooms sleep 10 and 8. And then there is the issue of funding. We raise \$500 per student in scholarship funds and had been planning on 12. An extra 8 students means we need

an additional \$4,000 for the 2015-2016 ministry year. But we are confident! God has brought us the students. He will provide the funding.

Transforming a Nation... One Young Leader at a time! We've now had over 100 young leaders participate in our SOYM training program. This year's group includes the pastors of Open Door's three most recent church plants, as it is now a requirement of any Open Door Haiti church planter to go

through the program.

Through our first 7 years, we've seen SOYM raise up pastors, youth pastors, church planters, the administrator for Open Door Health Clinic, the Director for our Orphanage,

evangelists, school teachers, ministry trainers and more. God is using SOYM to raise up a generation of leaders committed to living out both the character and the priorities of Jesus.

Pray with us for this year's students and the impact of the training in their lives as we seek to transform the nation of Haiti for Christ together.