



CREATING DISCIPLE MAKING MOVEMENTS AS JESUS DID

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*At the Youth Ministry
Executive Council
gathering in California...
with Barry St. Clair, Gary
Hartke, Paul Fleischmann
and Chuck Klein.*

Sonlife

Re-Shaping the Direction of Youth Ministry in North America

Shortly after taking on the Executive Director role with Sonlife, I helped to write a new training manual, *Movement: A Strategy for Making and Multiplying Disciples As Jesus Did*.

In January, we began training Movement at various locations across the US. Of the dozen cities we've brought the seminar to this year, I've had the opportunity to train in St. Augustine, Denver, Lincoln, Huntington Beach and Orlando.

In the two beach locations, I've teamed up with good friend Dean Plumlee, President of Christian Surfers US, whom I also traveled to Turkey with for our Global Youth Initiative leadership meetings back in March.

Huntington Beach was a blast...of the almost 50 leaders in attendance, half were Christian Surfer chapter leaders, with the other half local church youth leaders. As a kid, I grew up in nearby Westminster, so it was fun reminiscing about fishing with my dad and brother off the Huntington Beach Pier. Now, almost 40 years later, I was back training surfers and youth leaders to be Fishers of Men!

Youth Ministry Executive Council gathering in Orange County, CA... brought together the executive leaders of organizations like Youth For Christ, Campus Crusade, Youth With A Mission (YWAM), Fellowship Of Christian Athletes, Alpha, Dare2Share, ReachOut, Teen Mania, Lead 22, Youth Ministry International... as well as executive leaders from denominations like Southern Baptist, Assemblies of God, Church of God, Nazarene, Fellowship Baptists of Canada and many others.

YMEC was two powerful days of strategic planning and prayer for how we can work together to see every teenager in North America reached with the gospel of Jesus Christ! How humbling for me to be surrounded by such a godly group of men and women, many of whom have shaped the direction of youth ministry in the US and around the world over the last 25 years.

A return to the Disciple Making Roots of Jesus... What became clear during my 48 hours at YMEC was that we (Sonlife) are not alone in our belief that the culture of youth ministry needs to be re-shaped. A return to Jesus as our model, passionate prayer and fervent evangelism... this was our common heartbeat. A Gospel Advancing, Disciple Making Revolution is what it will take to see every teenager in North America reached for Christ.



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*Disciple making
from the life of
Christ*

Family News

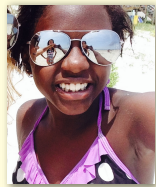
NEW EXPERIENCES

Analise and Maggie were struggling to learn English at home, so we decided to put them in school with Mary-Faith where they would be able to work with ESL teachers. While they only made it into school for the final two weeks of the year, they enjoyed their new school once they got acclimated. Maggie (10) was so nervous her first day, she threw up. Analise didn't know she was supposed to bring her lunch to the cafeteria. They have SO MUCH to learn.



THE BECAH

Though the girls have spent their whole life on an Island only 20 miles from the ocean, they had only been to the beach once for an Open Door Haiti school field trip. Going to the beach in Florida was a brand new experience...



using boogie boards with their sisters to float over the waves, digging in the sand, getting ice cream on the way home. They love the water and are anxious to learn how to swim.

UNIVERSAL STUDIOS

Analise and Maggie had their first taste of amusement park fun at Universal Studios. It was a baptism by fire as their first ever roller coaster was the Rip Ride Rockit, which begins with a 90 degree vertical climb 17 stories high followed by a serious drop, twists, turns, loops and more, all while traveling at speeds in excess of 65 mph. Their eyes were closed for the entire ride. Needless to say, Woody Woodpeckers Kiddy Coaster was more to their liking :-)



In many ways, we are ALL learning... learning to communicate... learning to help... learning to be a family together!

*Serving Christ together,
Doug and Jennifer*

Miracles in Haiti... God Provides Again!



The Original Plans for our Orphanage. Construction began in 2010. Phase One of the Orphanage was completed in December 2011.

While in Haiti the first week of June, I received word that Open Door Haiti would be receiving a \$60,000 grant to complete our orphanage!

Since Open Door Haiti's orphanage opened its doors to 26 precious children in December 2011, we've been praying for God to provide the funds needed to complete the second dormitory wing on our building. The original plans were to have separate wings for the boys and the girls, but funding forced us to put all of the children in one wing with a temporary wall separating them.



The need to add the second wing to the orphanage became more critical over the past year during our licensing process with the Haitian government. They love what we are doing and want to license Open Door to be an orphanage that can facilitate adoptions. In order for them to do that though, the second wing must be built providing separate sleeping and

bathing facilities for the boys and girls. With many families anxious to adopt children from our orphanage, this has been an ongoing, urgent prayer need.

Never a Coincidence with God! I received the text about funding for the orphanage right after our mission team finished a time of worship and prayer, specifically asking God to provide for this need. Rick, the store manager of our local Home Depot, was on the trip with his wife.

We were able to get a materials list together, put an order in from Haiti to his store in Lake Mary, confirm that the materials could be delivered in time... and get them on the shipping container we had already scheduled to load with food for the school and orphanage on June 18th.

We will look to begin construction on the second wing, which will allow us to accommodate 25 boys and 25 girls, in September. Would your church be interested in putting together a work team for the Fall to help with this project? Come and be a part of the miracle God is doing at Open Door Haiti.