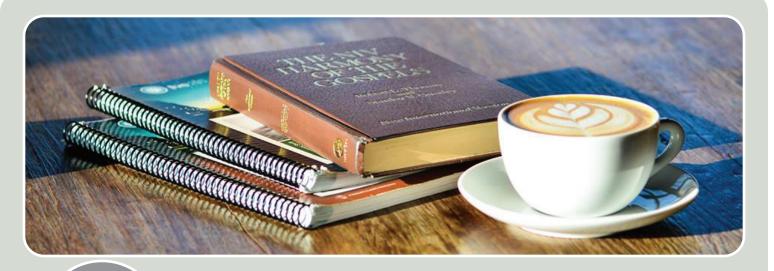
JANUARY 2016 HOLLIDAY ADVENTURES





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SONLIFE D-CONFERENCE / JAN 11-13

180 leaders from 27 states and 5 countries gathered for three days of encouragement and equipping at Sonlife's National Disciple-Making Conference in Houston, Texas.

Our theme for D•Conference was Disciple-Making Together... a fitting theme because there was such a powerful sense in the room of the hunger to be together, of the joy of seeing long-time friends and making new ones, and of the camaraderie of being with others passionate about disciple-making based on the model of Jesus. It was a significant moment. In many ways, the D•Conference represented the passing of the torch from one generation of leadership to the next. I introduced Dann Spader, Sonlife's Founder, who spoke at our opening session about the seven practices of disciple-makers we see modeled in Jesus' life in John 17.

I closed out the conference speaking from Mark 3:16-19, casting

vision for the disciple-making pathway Jesus has invited us to journey together with him and his original twelve. In between Dann and me, we also had Jennifer's uncle, Jeff Wells, deliver a powerful message on how prayer fuels disciple-making movements. Jeff is the pastor of Woods Edge, our host church for this year's D•Conference.

One of the most exciting things about the conference was the release of our new training, the *4 Chair Discipling Seminar*, and the fact that nearly half those who attended the conference also chose to get certified to train this new seminar in their own sphere of ministry influence as they return back home.



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From the Frozen Turndra at Camp Timber-lee in Wisconsin...

Almost every year for the past 12 years, I've spoken at Timber-lee's Winter Xtreme Jr. High Camp. Over 400 students, primarily from Illinois and Wisconsin, came to Timber-lee for the winter retreat. I taught from Ephesians 3:16-21 about us being "rooted and established in love." When I presented the simple message of the Gospel the first night, the message of God's amazing grace and lavish love for us, over 100 students indicated they wanted to put the full weight of their trust in Christ alone for salvation. Speaking to jr. high students is still one of my favorite things to do... something I've been doing now for 28 years! I just love to see God at work and these 12-14 year olds responding with simple faith.

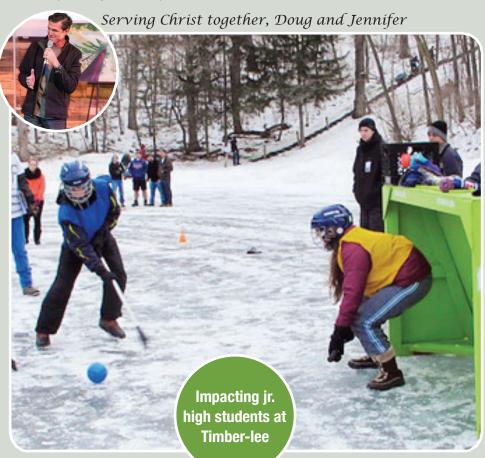
...To the Beautiful Campus of Sonlife Latin America in Costa Rica!

The Sonlife Latin America team brought several of their leaders to our D•Conference in Houston. Mark Edwards, long-time friend and founder of the ministry in Latin America, was one of our speakers at D•CON. Their leadership team invited me to be with





them just two weeks later at their own Leadership Summit, Consejo, on their beautiful campus in Costa Rica. What a joy to serve alongside and learn from these humble brothers and sisters in our disciple-making efforts spanning the americas!



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As a Pittsburgh Steelers Fan...

I was excited to have Ed Glover of Urban Impact in Pittsburgh, who does events with Steelers' coach Mike Tomlin... and Chad Johnson, the Steelers' Chaplain (seen praying with Leveon Bell), both join us at the D•Conference this year. These men are passionate about Sonlife disciple-making training and want to help us multiply our training to the