

MAY 2022

HOLLIDAY ADVENTURES



THE JOY OF DISCIPLE-MAKING PARTNERSHIPS

"In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now." Philipians 1:4-5

Gospel Advancing Summit

In late April, about 100 ministry leaders gathered in Golden, CO for the first ever Gospel Advancing Summit. Hosted by our friends and ministry partners, Dare 2 Share, together with other partners like Word Of Life, our meetings were centered around the five principles from Steve Addison's work, *Movements that Change the World*. The leaders gathered were all passionate about advancing the gospel among the next generation, seeing disciple-making movements among students across North America and around the globe. What a joy to come alongside these leaders in the trenches to

encourage and equip them for the great harvest that's before us!

Youth Ministry Executive Council

From Golden, I traveled directly to Baltimore for the annual gathering of organizational, denominational, and educational leaders in youth ministry hosted by the National Network of Youth Ministries. Almost twenty years ago, I led a local network here in North Orlando for NNYM. It's humbling to sit together with leaders from ministries like FCA, CRU, Youth For Christ, Christian & Missionary Alliance...



CELEBRATING TWENTY!!!

Jennifer and Mary-Faith got away to Tampa for a fun time exploring the city, art museums and Bok Tower. Emma came home to celebrate with Mary-Faith at Universal City Walk.



Disciple-Making Partnerships (cont)

...Dare 2 Share, Assemblies of God, Church of God, Fuller Youth Institute, Summit Ministries, Interlinc, and more. This is a gathering for fellowship, strategy, sharpening, sharing of resources, and prayer for the harvest. A highlight of YMEC this year was the group of students from an urban ministry in Baltimore that were invited in to sit on a panel and share with us as leaders about the challenges facing their generation as well as the hope of a vision for students embracing the call of God on their lives. It was a powerful moment as members from the panel of students then each sat at our tables with us as leaders to interact, asking and responding to questions, and praying together. While we have greater alignment with some of these ministries than others, we still praise God for the diversity of ministries committed to reaching this generation!

Disciple-Making Alliance

Modeled after Concentric, which is our relational network of global disciple-making partners like J-Life Africa, Josiah Venture (Europe), and Singular (Latin America) who all share the same disciple-making DNA based upon the model of Jesus, we are in the beginning stages of developing a relational network of like-minded ministries here in North America. These are organizational and denominational leaders who have been impacted by Sonlife's life of Christ training through the years and embedded it into their organizational philosophy. We all share a common vision for multiplying movements of disciples who make disciples, anchored in a commitment to both the character and priorities of Christ. One of these partners is Impact Ministries in Atlanta, who will be hosting their Disciple-Making Summit in January 2023 and have invited me to speak and Sonlife to lead a training track for youth ministry.

Serving Christ together, Doug and Jennifer



OUR GIRLS



Edithe Graduates from SHS

Edithe took on extra classes her sophomore year of high school to graduate a year early, Summa Cum Laud, and is excited to attend Florida Atlantic University.



Breakfast Date in NYC

On my way home from Baltimore, a layover at JFK allowed me to run into NYC to meet up with Jaclyn for a fun breakfast with our city girl



Weekend Adventure

Jennifer flew up to NYC after Mother's Day for a special mother-daughter weekend with Jaclyn.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR FAITHFUL PRAYERS AND GENEROUS SUPPORT OF OUR FAMILY AND MINISTRY!