

From the Board of Directors – 2012 Annual Report



Why Make Disciples?

Jesus gave us a mission statement for the church, the body of Christ: Go make disciples, baptize them, and teach them obedience. (Matt.28) This is exactly what Christ did during his ministry. He gave the apostles a model which they also followed, making disciples everywhere they went. Paul wrote to Timothy, “You have often heard me teach. Now I want you to tell these same things to followers who can be trusted to tell others.”(2 Tim.2:2) And so disciples are made from generation to generation; from Christ’s ministry to ours today.

All Christians must be discipled, but some are selected for the kind of special mentoring relationship Jesus had with the 11; as Paul did with Timothy, Titus and others whom he referred to as his “true son in the faith.”(Titus 1:4) All Christian pastors, leaders, teachers should always have at least one person they are mentoring, and continually be praying that the Lord send them “Timothys” to mentor who, in turn, will be “Pauls” to others. The Holy Spirit will produce love, faith, knowledge, wisdom and good works in the lives of those He chooses and the others will fall away. Those who grow and are prepared to be a “Paul” to another will continue the process, and God will multiply their fruit to his glory. (1 Cor.3:6)

This is the way of the Christian that Jesus and the apostles modeled for us, and they gave us commandments and instructions for carrying out the ministry. If we are not obedient to this mission, the command Jesus gave to us, we will see churches without lay leaders and gifted Bible teachers, young converts will drop out, church fellowships will be largely members who are ignorant of the Bible, will not be growing in faith and love, nor producing other fruits of the Spirit. Nothing good can come of the sin of disobedience. Jesus said if you love me, you will obey my words (John 14:21).



Michael L. Reynolds
Chairman of the Board

Answering the Call

“The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few.”(Luke 10:2) **Second Level** is an Internet based ministry, dedicated to the task of discipling Japanese Christians, in the USA and Japan. I am continually thankful for our staff and volunteers who are faithful doers of the Word, and not just hearers. (James 1:22) Most of our staff moved to Japan this past year, and are now established and doing well in Nagoya and Kobe.

As our fourth year begins to unfold into 2012, we can all be thankful the Lord has enriched **Second Level** with outstanding leadership from our Board of Directors, and President, and has given us an impressive team of staff, volunteers and advisors.

Many have been followed up in **Second Level** through the Step Lessons, in person, via Skype and through the Internet. The website continues to have numerous “hits” each month, and we have plans to completely overhaul both our website and the way we reach people this year. This past year **Second Level** also published the 15 Step lessons as a manual.

Because of our similar purposes and close ties with staff and directors, **Second Level** continues to coordinate with the ministry of **JCFN** (Japanese Christian Fellowship Network). For the past two years our staff has conducted workshops on discipling at the **JCFN** Equipper Conferences in Los Angeles, and we expect this work and coordination to build in the future. We also continued coordination with the ministry of **VIP** (Japanese Christian businessmen).

Without discipling, (Eph.6:10-17) the Christian is unable to stand against the spiritual struggles. Satan “prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour.” (1 Peter 5:8) So many new in the faith drop out of fellowship with God. Those who come to serve on the Board of Directors, to serve on staff or as volunteers in **Second Level**, serve in obedience with the hope of seeing the church in Japan building up instead of dropping out.

*"to the weak I became as weak, that I might win the weak.
I have become all things to all men, that I might by all means save some.
Now this I do for the gospel's sake, that I may be partaker of it with you."
I Corinthians 9:22,23*



Praise the name of the Lord!

We are rejoicing over a great possibility of evangelism and discipleship as we see the fruit of the ministry, using the Internet. Ways of connecting with others have been taken to a new level as society changes. There are so many lost souls seeking truth and new believers who find it comfortable to share things in a virtual world. As workers of Christ, we are utilizing the tools to share the Gospel, understand their issues and meet their needs. Communication between people has not only changed in business, but in sharing Gospel as well.

Ministry through social media is a necessary field as we enter this new generation. Unlike one way communication in mass media such as newspapers, TV, radio, and magazines), social media is a two way (or more) communication using the internet. It use to cost a lot of money to voice our opinion in public, however, improvements in social media have brought us to a new era in reaching out to people.

In this time of social media network, there is a Japanese site called “Nico-nico video” which is like a hybrid social media similar to YouTube and Ustream. “Nico-nico video” has 25,000,000 members among the younger generation of Japan. One out of every two people in their twenties belongs to this site. Our new staff, Kunio Hase, has been broadcasting on Nico-nico since he was in the United States. Now, he has several programs, chat-time, Niconama-theological department, and a Q & A board. We are trying to reach out to people through evangelism, discipleship, and build churches using social media as a tool.

Thank you very much for your prayers and patience. Your understanding and support towards our ministry is a huge encouragement. We are looking forward to serving the Lord with you this coming year again.

Sincerely,



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