



Second Level  
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Fall 2021

Making a Difference Through Discipling

"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,"  
(Matthew 28:19 ESV)



**Matt Barany**  
National Director of  
Mobilization

## The Valuable Work and Need of Mobilization

When considering world missions and evangelization, there are various roles in which Christians can be involved. They include being a learner and getting educated about mission efforts around the world, praying for the lost and for God to send more 'laborers into the harvest', going out as a called and trained believer to share the love of Jesus, equipping and sending called individuals to the nations to preach the truth of Christ, welcoming and receiving both mission workers returning from overseas and the diaspora peoples who have migrated around the world, and lastly mobilizing fellow Christians to take up the great commission call where they are and get involved.

Each disciple of Jesus are not just Christians, but 'Global Christians'. This Christian is known by their love for God while also adopting God's heart for the world and the lost. The result of thinking globally will cause a person to

change their views on many things including their possessions, relationships, ambitions, successes, what is Biblical vs what is merely cultural, choosing a major in college, vocation, wealth, security, refugees, use of time, retirement, and many more. Our minds literally are transformed by the renewing power of the Holy Spirit.

One role I want to highlight is the role of the mobilizer. Many people may be unfamiliar with who mobilizers are and what they do. Mobilizers help cast the Gospel vision helping the global church get educated, equipped, and mobilized in various roles to fulfill the work of building up God's kingdom. Mobilizers can be just as vitally important as the goers (the missionaries themselves) in the global mission effort in that mobilizers help recruit, educate, empower, develop, and coach going cross-cultural mission workers. Mobilizers are crucial on informing the church body about the great need for gospel bearers and then sending those called people out to where God is leading them.

The exciting news of mobilization is that every follower of Jesus can be a mobilizer in a different way. Whether you mobilize people to Christ, mobilize people to church, or mobilize to the mission field, all work together towards fulfilling the Great Commission. Mobilization is a key in global mission.

Our mission is to support the spiritual growth of Japanese Christians, the process of maturing as a disciple of Christ.

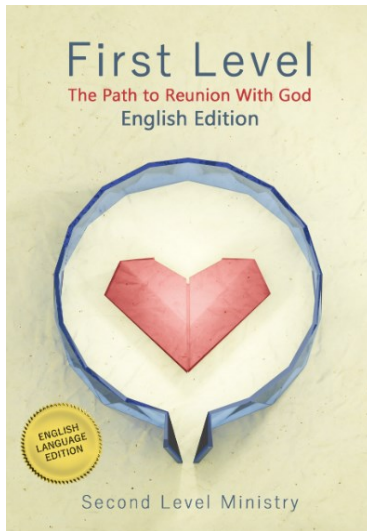
Our vision is to see disciples being multiplied: Disciples of Christ multiplying themselves by making disciples, based on the Great Commission in Matthew 28:19-20 and 2 Timothy 2:2.

Our ministry is to provide spiritual support for those who have been saved and who disciple others, specifically: Discipling and Mentoring, Training, Soul Care and Resources - All from a Japanese perspective.

Visit our YouTube today to see the newest "Internship" video!  
<https://youtu.be/fDvHXEaddE8>

What could your role be in the great commission? Could it be that God is calling you to mobilize, educate, empower and send out as a global Christian? Or you could take on the vocational calling of being a fellow mobilizer like me. I urge you to think about it and then pray about it to see how God is leading you.

# First Level



We have recently revised the "First Level" book. First Level: The Path to Reunion with God features Gospel-centered stories that consist of 5 essential topics: "Who Is God? What Is a Human? What Is Sin? What is the Cross of Jesus? and What is Salvation?". These basic topics are dealt with in great consideration of Japanese non-believers' perspectives. Also, they are bilingual in both English and Japanese. We pray that many people come to encounter Christ and also that disciplers are able to guide others, using this tool. All contents are also available on our new website:

[FirstLevel.org](http://FirstLevel.org)

We consider "First Level" as a path to reunite with God.

"First Level" follows a process of sanctification. Although Second Level Ministry's vision and mission are based on the sanctification part, we see the whole spiritual journey as a discipleship process. We all need to start from somewhere for the spiritual journey! God is certainly the Creator of our life and the Author of our salvation.

Order at [Secondlevel.org/store](http://Secondlevel.org/store) or Amazon Search "Second Level Ministry"

## Testimonials

"This book is well written. The salvation is explained biblically. I pray that more salvation will be brought through this book. It is very easy to understand and a great resource for Japanese people to read."

"I would use this booklet to help my Japanese friend understand the Lord when I saw that he or she was ready to do so. I could also use this in an ESL setting too with Japanese."

## RJC (Reaching Japanese for Christ) Academy - Mentoring Training Course

We are thankful for the partnership with the RJC Academy! After 8 weeks of learning about and preparing for mentoring, the participants gained knowledge and confidence to serve as mentors and make disciples. May He bring more disciple makers who can make a difference in mentoring and other personal relationships.



The next course will start in March, 2022 ! [Academy.rjcnetwork.org](http://Academy.rjcnetwork.org)

## Testimonials

"The well-organized explanations and God-centered thoughts allowed me to recollect and reconfirm my present and past with the people I am involved with. It also gave me a chance to learn more about myself. I would like to grow in order to have God-centered relationships with people as I do God's will."

"Throughout this mentoring course, I have learned the meaning of mentor and mentee, and it has been a great learning experience for me. I once thought that to know yourself is to know God. It is very difficult to be aware of yourself. Sometimes I don't even want to see it. But God knows me, and He is there for me with the greatest patience and love. The more I learned about myself, the more I learned about my orientation to God. Even though I believe in God, when the next step is given, I wonder what God's teachings are, what wisdom is, what love is, what God says... Through mentoring, we can encourage God's family and love each other, and each one of us can mature in our relationship with God. I hope that the work of mentoring will be provided more to those who can move in a God-centered manner."



# Greetings from Board of Directors and Staff of Second Level Ministry



## Staff Retreat in Asheville, NC

Several US staff and interns were able to get together to reflect on our identity in Christ and seek God in our spiritual journey!



## Board of Directors

As we celebrate our 20th anniversary in 2022, we continuously praise God for His goodness, for His goodness, power, provision, and guidance!



## Mid-Year Staff Fellowship

We talked about 'transformational discipleship' and prayed for one another. We also pray for YOU as we serve!

# 2021 Mentorship Online Conference

October 9, 11, 23, 2021

Theme: DISCOVERY

It will be over the course of three days (including a national holiday in Japan). With the theme of DISCOVER, we will seek to discover ourselves, God's call, and our relationships with each other. Please pray that this will be a great opportunity to obey God's calling to make disciples and receive training on mentoring as they become disciple makers!



# Second Level Partnership



## Opportunities to Share the Gospel TOGETHER

Partnering with a Long Beach (CA) ministry community, we have been building relationships with Japanese students and business professionals while offering English practice and opportunities to know Christ.

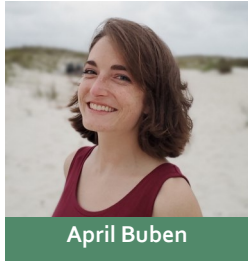
Thank you for your partnership and being a part of Second Level Ministry in many different ways! We are thankful for the kingdom work that God has united us to serve Him! We value serving together. What would be your part? Contact us how you can partner with us!

# Second Level's Fall Internship

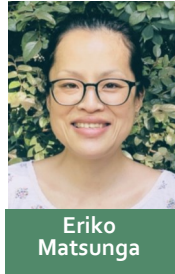
Second Level offers an inaugural internship program in Atlanta, Georgia. The 5-month low-cost internship will provide interns an immersive disciple-making experience among the Japanese. Interns will become better equipped at strategically developing friendships and relationships among the 2nd largest "Unreached" people group, gain exposure into doing Japanese ministry by joining our local disciple making team and will gain important cultural experience by serving alongside our full-time missionaries. Our prayer and hope for the participating interns are that the internship would provide the first big step into them becoming more confident in God's calling on their life and see them better trained to become future laborers among the Japanese wherever God leads.

**Questions? Please contact Matthew Barany, National Director of Mobilization:**  
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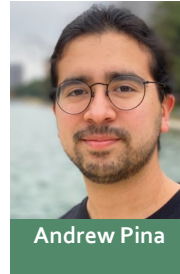
## Check out our Fall Interns below!



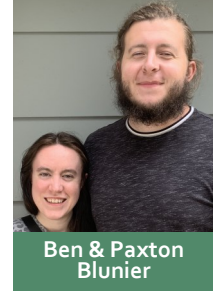
April Buben



Eriko Matsunga



Andrew Pina



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### 2022 Spring Internship

Dates: March 2 (Wednesday) to June 26 (Sunday) 2022  
Required Orientation: March 2 to March 5  
More Information: [Secondlevel.org/internship-2022/](https://secondlevel.org/internship-2022/)

## Change of Title



Maddy Walters  
Director of  
Mobilization



Tim Ingle  
Media Advisor

As the Director of Mobilization, Maddy will be leading effective disciples and disciple makers. Equipping and coaching is her heart, so she will continue to invest in people's lives as well as sharing the gospel to the Japanese.

Tim's role will be changing to Media Advisor. He will oversee the quality of materials and media put out by Second Level, bring guidance to staff and interns regarding media use and production, and will continue to help develop materials for teaching, discipleship, and spiritual growth.

## New Staff



Sarah Jacobs  
Communication and  
Media Coordinator

Sarah was born and raised in a Christian family in Georgia and continued to walk deeper with God as she got older. The Lord gave Sarah a desire to serve in an international ministry while earning her Communication degree from Georgia College & State University and through a connection in the church, she was able to attend many Second Level events where she felt the Lord calling her to ministry. Sarah interned with Second Level during the summer of 2021 and transitioned to be a full time staff to serve in the area of communications. She create videos, newsletters, and social media communications.

We appreciate your partnership!

Thank you very much for being a partner to make disciples and expand the Kingdom of God!

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