



Gospel for Life

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Pastoral Training GFL Missions 2016

Annual GFL International Pastors Discipleship Conference March 14-16, 2016

Our theme this year is, “**How to start Growing Shepherds in your Local Church.**” One of the greatest needs of churches in developing countries is the discipleship of new converts. Senior pastors cannot handle the task alone—the urgent need is to raise-up shepherds within congregations who will faithfully equip disciples. At our conference last March, we spoke to 35 foreign pastors from 13 different countries. This year we are expecting additional attendees, many coming from several African nations. Anticipated expenses for this ministry: **\$2800**



GFL Discipleship Conference in the Dominican Republic March 25-April 2, 2016



Dom. Rep. Pastor and Christian missionary, Salvador Gomez has asked GFL if we would provide a week of training in the Principles of Discipleship. His elders and church members are eager and ready to begin growing a culture of disciple-making in their church. They have seen that only through disciple-making will they be able to fulfill their vision to reach their community and island nation for Christ. Anticipated expenses for this ministry: **\$1350**

GFL Seminar on the Doctrines of Grace Tanuku, India June 16-23, 2016

Pastor Joshua Jude Gandhi, a deeply respected Evangelical leader in S. India, invited GFL to provide a week of instruction for his church leaders and for 20 other Indian pastors. Doctrinal clarity based upon solid exegesis of Scripture is a crucial need in all of India. But in the region where we are invited, doctrinal errors born of man-centered ideas have been taking their toll. Your prayers are needed as Jay plans to bring corrective, foundational instruction from the Word of God on the doctrines of grace. Anticipated expenses for this ministry: **\$1975**



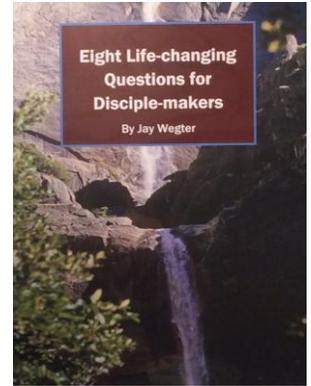
GFL training Pastors in Disciple-making, Katmandu, Nepal October 22-27, 2016



It is less than one year since the devastating quakes in Nepal. The decade-long project to recover involves rebuilding the nation’s infrastructure as well as schools and homes. 1000’s of children lost one or both parents in the disaster. But the gospel, accompanied by humanitarian aid is penetrating even remote villages. Children’s Hunger Fund has asked Jay to provide training for the Nepalese Christian pastors in their mercy network. These pastors who have been established in the basics of the gospel are asking, “Now that we are grounded in the gospel, what is next?” The answer is given by our Savior, “Make disciples.” By God’s grace, GFL will be equipping these pastors with the knowledge needed to fulfill the Great Commission. Anticipated expenses for this ministry: **\$1650**

GFL has written a new Resource for Training Indigenous Pastors, “*Eight Life-changing Questions for Disciple-makers.*”

The eight questions and answers are summaries of different facets of the gospel. Collectively they form a powerful body of practical theology. These gospel outlines are especially useful as a measuring device to monitor the progress in a foreign pastor’s training. Lest we forget, 85% of pastors in the world are untrained. Dr. Steve Van Horn of International Training and Equipping Ministries will be using our book as a tool in ten different equatorial countries in Africa. Our book represents a set of outcomes which indigenous pastors should master after a year of mentoring. Anticipated expense for a print run and distribution of 500 books: \$2500



Your prayer on our behalf is our greatest need.

Prayers must continually accompany the believer’s use of the ‘armor’ which Paul describes in Ephesians chapter. “And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. With all prayer and petition pray at all times in the Spirit, and with this in view, be on the alert with all perseverance and petition for all the saints, and pray on my behalf, that utterance may be given to me in the opening of my mouth, to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains; that in proclaiming it I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak” (Eph 6:17-20).

We are thankful for your prayers on our behalf as we prepare to provide Pastoral Training in the Dominican Republic, in India, in Nepal, and in Newhall, CA. Prayer Requests include:

- Protection, health and safety during our missions travels overseas.
- Please pray that all our expenses would be met as well.
- Receptivity from the foreign pastors—especially that the Lord would prepare their hearts not only to receive the instruction, but to put it to use in their own ministries.
- Organization and preparation from those who are hosting the seminars.
- Prayer that the proper organizational groundwork would laid for effective conferences.
- That God would be glorified as souls are equipped to communicate the gospel.

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Our mission at GFL is to help equip individuals and churches to more fully embrace The Great Commission.

The training we offer in evangelism and discipleship is ‘hands-on’ equipping. Instead of training in theory alone, we demonstrate how these biblical commands can immediately be put to use.

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Thank you so much for your prayers and support!

Jay, Michele and the GFL Team