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YOU BROUGHT THANKSGIVING TO COATESVILLE!

Thank you for your support and prayer for us in this mission field in Coatesville, PA. People who we minister to in this city are thankful to **YOU** for making our work possible! God sees who helps us and promises to eternally reward those who help His work. He made us all with different gifts and abilities to do the various aspects of sharing the Gospel, His Good News, and we here appreciate all your help!

MAKING DISCIPLE MAKERS

The last instruction Jesus Christ gave to Christians before leaving was to make disciple makers: literally, He told Christians to disciple people in what He Himself disciplined them in, which was to go make disciples who would go make disciples. In our USA, only 20% of self-identified Christians have anything to do with making even one disciple. This created and continues to create an amazing delay.

If only 50 people on our entire planet disciplined only 2 people each year, so that the next year 150 people disciplined only 2 people each year, and so on year after year: in 18 years there would be over 18 billion disciples... and there are only 7.6 billion people on earth today. Even though more than 110 TIMES that 18 year time frame passed since Jesus' instruction, millions of folks are still not disciplined.

Relationship is central in Christianity: 1) God created us with a free will to *reciprocate relationship* with Him, 2) Jesus Christ authoritatively paid for our sin so we can even *have relationship* with God, and 3) the Holy Spirit powerfully interfaces with us so we can *live in relationship* with God. Just as Christianity *is relationship* with God and not a religion, so it is also true that making disciples happens *by relationship* and not by religion. Religion comprises much of what is mistakenly thought to be Christianity, and in fact prevents the making of disciples... and more accurately: disciple-makers.

To make disciples, one must first be a disciple. To be a disciple, one must first intimately know and own God's love. God's love does **not** save anyone, but rather invites them to personally love God back. Bible-defined, heart-felt, life-proven Lordship of our life authenticates the *relationship* God says saves our soul eternally. God forces no one to: love Him back, make disciples, or do anything else! He does limit our response time to this life on earth, and makes sure everyone has a chance to respond.

Making disciples requires a relationship with those being disciplined. *Information* about God can be mass-produced and mass-distributed but fails to authenticate and build God-mandated *relationship*. Most people will not accept Christianity (which the Bible predicts); they will not make disciples, but rather live in spiritual infancy and depend on *others* to tell others. Receiving the Gospel for oneself, yet halting that same Gospel by silently withholding it so others do *not* receive it... is extremely sad.

What to do: reread this little article; then contact us if you want some help with making disciples!

SOME OF OUR "MAKING DISCIPLE-MAKERS" EXAMPLES

Our missionary work focuses on 2 places: the street and the church. Different kinds of individual and group efforts are used to build *relationships* with all kinds of people. Among them, we find some who want to be disciplined. We call this R and D: *relationship* and *discipleship*. Some of our examples:

Loren has a weekly meeting for men that is open to anyone. It is first relational: guys being guys in a group setting; sharing life. In that process, God's relevance and centrality are revealed and built through conversation, media, and other interactions. Prayer and Bible study are part but not the entirety of what happens because without relating to real life, it would just be dead religion. *CONTINUED*

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Kathy is experiencing increasing opportunities to disciple women from what starts as relating to each of them as a true friend... just like Jesus did and told us to do. Communicating the Gospel can be as simple as making a friend and encouraging him/her in personal relationship with God the Father, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit. Among all we have heard from preachers and teachers for nearly 2,000 years, *none* of it compares to Jesus’ life- and final- instruction: for us to offer God’s love to others.

Please pray for us to have wisdom and effectiveness as we continue to make disciple-makers.

UPDATE ON OUR PERSONAL JOURNEY

In MissionNews #23 we asked you to pray for our marriage challenge... for God to thoroughly heal our hearts so we could fully love each other. We have had great progress so far, including the removal



of *literally* multi-decade blockages! Such issues are not the type that can be put aside to be dealt with later; they are central to life itself, and more so in marriage. These great breakthroughs are not the result of ongoing psychological counseling, but rather through short term open discussion and effectual prayer. As uniquely monumental as this has been, we can tell that we need more healing in a couple of specific ways. For this, we are asking those of you who do pray for us to *specifically pray for the completion of our heart healing, including anything that may try to hinder it.*

It is easy to believe that some things cannot change, because they **cannot...** **without** the miracle of God’s love working in hearts submitted to Him. This is not an event to attend or a position to take; it is heartfelt lifestyle of two-way intimacy with God and with spouse. With those authenticated, God has our desperate permission to change us from the inside out; not always easy... but His very best.

OTHER MINISTRY STUFF THIS MONTH



This shows our November 3, 2017 Coatesville First Friday Night Prayer Meeting (a.k.a. The Furnace). Our format is 3-2-1-PRAY: 30 minutes relationship building, 20 minutes worship, 10 minutes theme presentation, and then we **pray** for an hour. It is never exactly on schedule, never the same twice and always impactful.

Please write to us! Love ♥♥, Loren & Kathy Falzone



This is the follow-up session of our November 18, 2017 city-wide group prayer walk. Our 12 foot wide city map is seen in the background showing all 157 city streets / names. The yellow sticky notes are on the map at strategic areas to target specific needs in intercessory prayer.