

## July Newsletter

Years ago, I helped a wounded woman give birth to her sixth child. I am no doctor. I just happened to be at the wrong place at the right time. The woman had accidentally fallen on a sharp stick which pierced her thigh up into her lower abdomen. I happened to walk by as she was giving birth, and since the situation was critical, I was summoned.



The woman told me she *could not* give birth. It was apparent she had been fighting nature for some time. Her painful wounds made her too afraid and tense to deliver the baby. But, as I encouraged her and told her she would be okay, nature took its course. Her little baby boy made his entry into the world onto a few banana leaves that protected him from the bare ground.

God, in His sovereignty, had me walk by at just the right time. When this mom saw she had given birth to another boy, she decided she did not want him. When I asked her why she wanted to kill him, she said, "Because men are lazy." The Yanomamo believe that a baby is not human until his mother nurses him: that is how the child's spirit enters his body. After a child is nursed, the parents would never kill him. Knowing this, I encouraged her to embrace and nurse her newborn baby, which she did.

Just as this baby was destined to be born, God has in these days, unbeknown to me, been paving the way for the birth of a new organization. In His plan He once again placed me in the right place at the right time. So here we are today, witnessing the birth of this fledgling ministry, Disciple Makers Multiplied.

Disciple Makers Multiplied has been developed to be a disciple-making organization that will replicate itself in other countries. Our focus is to make a beachhead in a host country by thoroughly teaching a core group of leaders in that country who then go on to reproduce the process as time goes forward. Our desire is to set in motion a process that will grow exponentially.

This process already has a healthy start in the country of Bolivia where we have been ministering for the past five years. Even as I write this letter, we are in the process of going on another trip to Bolivia to continue to train Christian leaders for service.

Our team of seven will be in Bolivia for two weeks. The first week the Bolivian pastors who have finished the Roman's study will be teaching new leaders. The second week we will teach the book of Galatians. Also during this time, the ladies on our team will be teaching VBS in four different churches.

Not only will we continue to minister in Bolivia, we will also be ministering in Sierra Leone, Africa. I plan to go to Sierra Leone with Pastor Clay Ward from Tennessee in September. We also have open opportunities from Egypt, India, five central African countries, and Guatemala. The future will be very exciting as we look to God to expand and recruit strategic workers.

PRAYER: You can be involved in these exciting days by praying for us. There are so many things involved in the start-up of an organization. We want to start well. God has put things together so quickly we can hardly believe it. Will you pray for us?

GIVING: You can also be involved by giving towards the many start-up costs. We will need an accounting program. We will need an equipped and furnished office. It will cost some money to train faithful men who will be able to work with the ministry teaching others. And lastly, we are hoping to have the funds to salary me in the near future.

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