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#### **PREFACE**

Welcome to the discipleship / leadership series. These little booklets were designed to give basic information concerning various topics about our Christian faith in Christ Jesus.

The purpose of this series is to stimulate thought and to foster a clearer understanding of discipleship and servant leadership. These booklets can be used as a discussion tool for personal study, family devotion, youth meetings or in cell groups. Our hope is that this information will stir the readers and encourage them to go deeper into personal research and study.

Our desire is that these booklets will be a blessing to the reader and a tool that can be shared with others as a gift of encouragement.

Please feel free to mail or e-mail us for more copies or to just write to us with any feedback concerning the content of these studies. We hope you enjoy this offering of knowledge and experience. We pray that Christ will draw you into an ever deeper personal relationship with Himself as you study.

Your servants in Christ,

Rev. Dr. James and Hkaw Win Humphries

#### INTRODUCTION

And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose.

Romans 8:28

Sometimes it is hard to grasp that there is a reason for us to be here on earth. We are not just to take up space and make waste; our lives are divinely planned out by an all-knowing and loving God. The key to understanding this is to see that we are His workmanship. He desires to make us into the image and character of His Son – to make us more like Him. He is the potter and we are the clay. The struggle is to let the potter do the molding, submitting to His hands. We also need to see that the potter knows that not every vessel will be the same – each one has its unique differences. His ultimate purpose is to make you more like Him.

God knew you before you were born. He knows the number of hairs on your head and is intently interested in you. He wants to call you and speak to you each day with a specific purpose for your life. He desires above everything else to have a personal relationship with you.

The word "purpose" has many synonyms, which are important if we hope to understand the bigger picture of God's calling for our lives. Synonyms for purpose are: aim, design, function, idea, intention, object, point, principle, reason, desire, goal, hope, target, single-mindedness, steadfastness, will, and

result. These words all point in a direction and demand some form of action on our part.

For many years, the church and its disciples have been driven to find out what people's spiritual gifts are. However, we do not understand clearly that <u>all</u> gifts are given for a purpose. They are not just given to the individual for his/her own edification, but for ministry to the total body. The gifts are to be used as a tool to help carry out your God-given purpose for life. They are an outward expression of what is in your heart. Everything has a reason for being, including your talents, gifts and personality.

It is also important to see that God has a divine purpose for you, your family and for us as a church. Christ desires to teach us how we can walk and live out His purpose for our lives. He gives us the power of the Holy Spirit by which to do it.

What follows are some signposts that we find throughout the Bible that assist us in learning God's power and purpose for our lives.

#### SCRIPTURAL SIGNPOSTS

Scripture is the foundation-stone that we are to build on. It is our hope that these Scriptures will take you deeper into what the call of Christ is and the importance of understanding God's purpose for your life. Let us hear from the Word and commit to do as the Spirit leads.

God is mighty, but does not despise me; he is mighty, and firm in his purpose. (NIV) Job 36:5

As already stated, one of God's main goals for us is that we become more like Christ. He is firm in His purposes and is never changing. With this truth we realize it is we who need to be changed and discover His purposes for our lives. God is not out to enslave us, but to bring us into alignment with His will. This frees us, giving us hope and a reason for living.

Job's life was full of challenges, yet he knew in his heart that God had a plan. As he continued to trust God, God proved Himself mighty to Job and to those around him.

I cry out to God Most High, to God, who fulfills his **purpose** for me. (NIV) Psalm 57:2

David's life was full of all kinds of twists and turns, but as he yielded his life to God he knew the Creator of the universe would see him through. God would keep all His promises and covenants with him. Likewise, our life is full of challenges, but if we take hold of God's hand He will walk us through.

We can look at Christ's example as He cried to the Father in the garden of Gethsemane, "yet not what I will, but what You will" (Mark 14:36). We all have to come to a crossroad where we battle out who will be in authority over our lives. The question we must answer is whether we have the faith to trust Him because He knows what is best for us. The challenge is whether we are willing to die to ourselves. Jesus said that a grain of seed must go into the ground and unless it dies (or is broken open) it will produce nothing (John 12:24). He wants us to break open, get rooted and sprout up and produce a plant that will bear fruit for His glory. God's vision for you is to walk in His power and strength and to produce fruit that will prove that you are His.

David's life often mirrored the character of God and how one could personally walk with Him each day through all kinds of struggles and trials.

The Lord will fulfill his **purpose** for me; your love, O LORD, endures forever—do not abandon the works of your hands. (NIV) Psalm 138:8

David, like all people, struggled with "letting go and letting God." Some days it just did not make sense the way God was leading, yet David stayed firm on the fact that God loved, cared for and would guide him. He knew that God had only the best in mind for him; all he needed to do was rest in the Lord's loving arms.

David prayed that God would not abandon His purpose for him. He asked the Lord to keep molding and making him. Often we want to be the potter and not the clay. We want to mold ourselves into <u>our</u> image and not into God's. The hardest bridge to cross is to "let go and let God." It is hard for us to see and to comprehend God's bigger picture for our lives. However, we need to remember (as David did) that God does have a divine purpose and (because of His great love) He will not leave us or forsake us.

David's desire was that God's purposes would prevail. He wanted and desired to stay in step with God's will for his life. David was not perfect and he made many mistakes, but with God's help he was able to focus on becoming a true friend of God.

Many are the plans in a man's heart, but it is the LORD's purpose that prevails. (NIV) Proverbs 19:21

Solomon tells us that the pain and struggles that we face are used to accomplish God's divine purpose for our life. If we look at a potter working on a lump of clay, we can see it takes time to form something beautiful. The potter has to shape us, adding water when we seem a little dry; other times it looks like the potter is starting all over again. However, we must remember the potter carries within His mind the image of what He sees that lump of clay can look like.

When we let God's way prevail there might be pain and frustration, but the final result will be worthwhile. He will not give up on us, so we need to remember not to give up on Him.

But I said, "I have labored to no **purpose**; I have spent my strength in vain and for nothing. Yet what is due me is in the LORD's hand, and my reward is with my God." (NIV) Isaiah 49:4

Isaiah struggled with the idea of whether God really knew what He was doing with his life and with the lives of the Israelite people. He examined his life and felt that he had labored for no purpose. Many pastors, teachers and missionaries often struggle with this same question. Did my years of labor have a purpose or value to them? Did I do anything to touch those around me or to impact my world? Paul had to remind the church that some people planted, others nurtured the crop and others brought in the harvest, but it is God who brings the increase.

We all want to have purpose in our lives. We desire to make a difference, but cannot see what is happening to the seed that God has planted. Even years after our home-going, the

purposes of God will be fulfilled because God has promised it. Whatever we sow we shall reap.

We should not focus so much on a reward here on earth, but know that there will be an eternal reward for those who have laboured for the Kingdom of God. The key is that we must not grow weary in well-doing. Remember that the Lord has everything in His hands. God misses no detail at all.

...so is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the *purpose* for which I sent it. (NIV) Isaiah 55:11

We can be assured that when God speaks, it will happen. What He plants will bring a harvest. There is no power here on earth or in the heavenlies that can stop God's purpose for ourselves and the world. He is Creator of everything and all things are in His hands; the power of His spoken word will achieve what He purposes it to do. The challenge for the human disciple is to see God as God, to let Him do His complete work in and through our lives. He has our best interest in mind.

We need to have the faith to believe in His purpose. The centurion commander knew this when he told Jesus that He did not have to come to his house; He just had to speak the words. He knew that if Jesus willed for the paralyzed servant to be healed, it then would happen (Matthew 8:5-13). What God speaks forth will come back as fruit for His glory, and will accomplish His purposes.

But the Pharisees and the lawyers rejected God's purpose for themselves, not having being baptized by John. Luke 7:30

The religious leaders of the Bible had challenges in trying to figure out what God was doing. John the Baptist was teaching a baptism of repentance, Jesus was teaching about the Kingdom of God and that He was the only way that one could get to heaven.

Jesus presents to the disciples steppingstones to walk on in order to move forward to a place of maturity. Our journey today is no different. It starts by being faithful in little things (humbling ourselves) and by taking the time to find out God's purpose for our lives. These religious rulers were being called by John to repent, be obedient and follow through with the step of baptism. Baptism seemed humiliating for them. They would watch others but their pride kept them from taking part. Because of this they found themselves outside of God's purpose for their lives. The religious leaders could not see how this step would lead to a deeper walk with God.

Life with God starts by being obedient and taking the first step toward His purposes for your life. We should not reject God's will but accept God's divine purpose for us. When this step is taken it begins a journey that will affect our lives for all eternity.

Therefore, in the present case I advise you: Leave these men alone! Let them go! For if their **purpose** or activity is of human origin, it will fail. But if it is from God, you will not be able to stop these men; you will only find yourselves fighting against God. (NIV) Acts 5:38-39

The disciples remain steadfast in their call to go out, to preach and to teach the Gospel wherever they went. They knew clearly God's purpose and were busy accomplishing it. These twelve disciples were causing all kinds of challenges for the religious leaders of their time. They found themselves before the Pharisees, Sadducees, and even in front of the High priest because of what they were saying and doing. This resulted in their being beaten, whipped and often imprisoned. It was obvious that they were stirring up people's thoughts and beliefs.

One man did express concern that the leaders be careful in the way they were judging these disciples of Christ. He said that if they were not careful in what they were doing they could find themselves going against the very purpose of God. They knew that God has a purpose for what He does and is active in the affairs of humankind. From this wise counsel they limited the amount of punishment they gave the disciples.

The disciples knew that they were doing the will of God. Therefore, when they were jailed, whipped and beaten, they continued to praise the Lord. They knew they were following God's plan and felt honoured that they could suffer for the cause of Christ.

But get up and stand on your feet; for this **purpose** I have appeared to you, to appoint you a minister and a witness not only to the things which you have seen, but also to the things in which I will appear to you; rescuing you from the Jewish people and from the Gentiles, to whom I am sending you, to open their eyes so that they may turn from darkness to light and from the dominion of

Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and an inheritance among those who have been sanctified by faith in Me. Acts 26:16-18

Christ came for a purpose. He called Paul for a different purpose, and He does the same with us today. We are not here by accident – there is a real calling behind our existence.

God's purpose is to get us to our feet and take a stand in what we believe. We are also called by God to go out into this lost world and proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ. One of Christ's intentions is to get us out of our comfort zones and change us from our way of doing things to His.

The early church was called into being for a purpose – to be a light in dark places. We are to shine daily wherever we are and wherever we go. We are to go out and rescue those who are being held captive. The world is in bondage and we have the truth to set the captive free.

As ambassadors we are to demonstrate God's plan and purpose. We need to share that all people can receive forgiveness and there is an inheritance for all those who receive Christ by faith. We have the power (through Christ) to overcome Satan's army and dominion. We need to take back what he has stolen from us.

We are able to overcome. All we need to do is put on the full armour of God, look to our Lord and Saviour, and move forward according to His purpose for our lives.

And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose. Romans 8:28

Getting in line with God's will is key to experiencing His blessing and love. Paul told the Romans that the various challenges they endured would all work together for their good. As we begin to understand God's love, it impacts our attitudes and actions. Many times we see a small piece of our calling, but God understands the bigger picture. As we abide in Him, God paints a beautiful picture that brings glory to the Father.

Timing is also an important factor in working toward His purpose. Often we are in a hurry and instead of waiting for God's timing we try to make things happen on our own. This can quite possibly spell disaster for the disciple. It is important to continue to watch and pray for God to direct and guide us through the events of the day. As we rely on Him we will see at the end of each day how His hand has guided us.

Yet, before the twins were born or had done anything good or bad—in order that God's **purpose** in election might stand: not by works but by him who **calls**—she was told. "*The older will serve the younger*." (NIV) Romans 9:11-12

Paul was illustrating that God's ways are not our ways. Tradition and culture often dominate our lives – yet God tends to work outside these things. Paul gives an Old Testament example of birthright and blessing that the father gives to his children. Normally the eldest son would be served by the younger. The

eldest would receive most of the inheritance and would have a prominent place in the family. Nevertheless, God often changes the way of tradition. His purposes supersede man's goals and purposes. When God speaks, we must yield to His ways. In the example of Jacob and Esau, God was calling the second in line to accomplish His plans.

We can also see that God has His hand in the conception and birth of children. He begins to shape us for His purpose while we are being formed in our mother's womb. He is a God of details and nothing is too small or unimportant for His eye to see. Each one of us is called for a purpose and we need to understand what God desires for our lives. We are not alone – He wants to walk each step of our lives together with us.

Now it is God who has made us for this very **purpose** and has given us the Spirit as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come. (NIV) 2 Corinthians 5:5

God is a God who creates. He created us for a very specific purpose and then called us to fulfill that purpose. Paul taught the church of Corinth that God gives the Holy Spirit to be a witness to the covenant between man and God.

God will deposit the Holy Spirit into us to teach us, comfort us and show us what God's divine purposes are for our lives. The Holy Spirit takes the Father's purpose for our lives and empowers us to fulfill it.

God is the God of the past, the present, the future, and He wants us to see things through the eyes of the Holy Spirit. We need

to understand that He has been in our past, He desires to be working through us in the present and He has a purpose for our lives in the future. We are not on a pilgrimage that has no direction, but are on a journey where our steps are ordered by God moment by moment and day by day. He knows what is to come.

His intent was that now, through the church, the manifold wisdom of God should be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly realms, according to His eternal **purpose** which He accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord. In him and through faith in him we may approach God with freedom and confidence. (NIV) Ephesians 3:10-12

The church is one of the key elements that God uses to fulfill His call in our lives. God works in us as individuals but He also has purposed to work in us through the church. Together both ours and the church's purpose should line up. We are not an island but are part of a body created by Jesus Christ. At times we may not agree with what is going on in the church, but God has chosen to work out His plan through this larger group of disciples.

One problem the church faces is rebellion. Sometimes leadership (or disciples) can get rebellious toward God or the disciples get rebellious toward the leadership. Rebellion is often the root of dissension amongst believers. Our personal wills battle each other. This is a time we should call for prayer and fasting so we can seek God's face and become united with His divine purpose for our lives and for the life of the church. When we are in line with God there is deliverance and freedom for both ourselves and the church.

Christ is an example to the church, showing how God fulfills His purposes through people. Every detail of Christ's coming – His life, death and resurrection – was all in step with God's timing. God is a God of details and although at times the picture does not make sense, we have to trust that God will accomplish that which He desires.

For it is God who works in you to will and to act according to his good purpose. (NIV) Philippians 2:13

God is a God who desires to work in and through us. The battle comes when our will gets in the way. Will it be our desires that we follow or His will that we surrender to? We struggle with this because we are not confident that God truly knows what is good for us.

He works in our lives according to His good purpose and always has our best in mind. God wants to have a personal relationship with us so that we can walk out each day hand and hand with Him. The question is whether we will let Him do it or not.

He desires to flow through us, channeling His power and message through our lives. The book of Acts is the account of the Holy Spirit flowing through the church in accordance with God's will. The disciples had to find out through prayer and action what the Lord's purpose was for them, as individuals and as a corporate body. The disciples and the church needed to get in step with God's purpose.

God has an eternal purpose for our lives. He desires that we will want to submit to His eternal purpose for our lives. When we understand this and begin to walk in God's purposes, we then can walk in freedom and with confidence. However, the key is to trust

and to have the faith that He knows what is best for us so that we can become more like Him. God's desire is to accomplish very specific things in our lives that will cause us to grow and mature and glorify Christ Jesus.

With this in mind, we constantly pray for you, that our God may count you worthy of His calling, and that by His power He may fulfill every good purpose of yours and every act prompted by your faith. (NIV) 2 Thessalonians 1:11

We need to understand our calling clearly in our minds. Prayer is the key to discovering this. As we draw closer to God He has promised to draw closer to us. It is then that we will be counted worthy, not because of who we are but because of who He is.

God desires His power to flow through and fulfill in our lives what we could not do on our own. We could say that God has a "power purpose" for each one of us. He gives not only a purpose, but also a purpose with power.

God wants to fulfill the desires of your heart. But it is important to remember that these desires must come from His prompting through faith. We need to trust His purposes for our lives. This is the key – to be in step with His "power purpose" for our life and for the life of the church.

As Paul says, let every act be prompted by faith. God wants to give to us the desires of our hearts and He wants these desires to be turned into action. Do not be afraid, but have faith. Do not try to do it all at once. It is very important that we take that first step and the Holy Spirit will give us the power to continue one step at a time.

#### RESOLUTION

These signposts of Scripture have shown us keys that the Holy Spirit wants us to see and understand as disciples. Today you can take the first step of surrendering by saying, "Yes, Lord, here am I, use Me".

Many have a hard time receiving and accepting the purposes of God for their lives. This is due to that fact that men and women have a hard time receiving instructions from God. Although He wants to counsel us for a purpose, it seems to run contrary to what we want or desire. Many times we do not see the bigger picture. God is not putting up roadblocks to our journey, but is showing us detours that will help us get around certain problems in order for us to keep moving forward. All instruction is for a purpose – to help us build the character we are hoping to develop in our lives. With God, instruction sometimes moves us outside of our comfort zone, from being indifferent to being involved. Once we stop being involved and growing, we become stagnant producing fruit that will not bring glory to God.

God's desire is to send us out to be a light to a lost world. God's goal is to build a personal relationship with us so that we will feel comfortable to go on the long journey with Him. His purpose is to walk hand in hand with us through every day of our lives.

We need to understand that life is not only about us but about others as well. He purposes to make us and mold us in such a way that we can go out under the power of the Holy Spirit to minister and to serve others. He wants to touch us so that we can touch others.

God's purposes are bigger than we are. We need to be seeking Christ to understand that larger calling. Will our individual

purposes mesh together with other fellow disciples? What is His purpose for the children he gives us? As we add children, does our family not have a specific purpose to carry out in church and in the world? What is His purpose concerning work and ministry? Is there a reason for our being there? We need to take time to look into all these areas, because they affect us and our ministry. All things are for a purpose — to instruct and to bring us to an understanding of who we are to be in Christ.

God has a "power purpose" for our lives. He wants to grow and mature us so that we can build up and encourage others. He empowers us for a divine calling, one that will change and mould us into His image. The result causes us to move outside of our comfort zone. His power purpose is to strengthen and build us for change. It is, however, important that we consider that if we are not changing, then we are most likely out of alignment with God's will for our lives. If we keep trying to do things by our own strength, we will never change nor will we completely fulfill God's calling for our lives.

#### **TESTIMONY**

Some days it is not easy to understand God's purpose for my life, and it is even harder to see how I join together with other members of the body of Christ. But as I press in to the Holy of Holies with Christ, He gives me specific words. My path is not always clear and this is where I need to step out in faith.

In March 2005 my first wife, Irene, passed away from ovarian cancer. We had been married for 33 years and served God with all our hearts and to the best of our ability. For a time I lost my focus and direction in life and how to line up to God's purpose for my life and ministry. Over a period of time inner healing began

to take place through much prayer and fasting. I began to see things in a new way.

One thing that came to light was that our bodies are only vessels; what really counts is the treasure inside the vessel. The treasure in Irene had just moved on to be with her Creator and Lord.

It was not long before I began to be open to dating but only if God would show me that He approved of it. I needed to see how the past was going to link up to the present and how everything that would take place in the future would fulfill His purposes and will for my life.

Eventually I met a beautiful woman from Myanmar named Hkaw Win. Instead of just dating with the hopes of getting married, I went to God for another reason. I asked God if this relationship lined up with His divine purpose. I could see that He had a call for Hkaw Win in her country, and He had a call in my life for Project L.A.M.B.S. International. We both wanted to make sure that our personal desires did not get in the way of what God was doing in our lives. We had to see God first bring us together in a combined purpose or we would not go any further. Time began to show that there was a divine call to come together as husband and wife and serve Him in the country of Myanmar. This meant many changes but because He was directing us He would also teach us how to move forward.

God is a God of details and Hkaw Win and I need to let Him work through these and follow after what He has called us to do in faith. Although the road is not easy it is because of this road that our relationship with God and each other will get stronger.

As disciples of Christ we must take time to pray and fast to hear the voice of God. If we do not, we will burn out and come to

the place of wanting to give up. God is not trying to drain life from us; He is trying to give us life more abundantly. There is enough time in each day to fulfill His will and purpose for our lives, but it will mean saying no to a lot of distractions and saying yes to what God has called us to do.

Please, please take time to step back and look carefully at your life and the things that you are doing. Lay it all on the throne of Christ and let Him tell you what to delete and what to move forward on. When you do this, your life and the lives of those around you will be liberated and you will feel freedom that you never have experienced before. God created us. Then He calls us and empowers us for service.

#### RELEVANCE

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#### **MEMORIZATION**

Take time to plant the Word of God into your heart.

And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are **called** according to His **purpose**.

Romans 8:28

#### PRAYER DIRECTIVE

Pray that you can enter into a clearer understanding of what the God-given purpose for your life is. Pray also that the Holy Spirit will empower you and help you understand this purpose so you will be able to fulfill it.

#### **PRAYER**

Dear Lord Jesus,

I come to you now to thank you for calling me to a meaningful purpose here on earth. Thank you for valuing me enough to let me serve you in your body of believers. Lord, you know that sometimes I do not hear or do what you want me to do but I ask that today you forgive me and help me to be more sensitive to the leading of the Holy Spirit. I pray that I will be able to hear your still small voice each day calling to me and directing me in a purpose-filled life with you. Lord fill me with "power purpose" so that I do not do things in my strength and ability but in Your strength and ability. Help me to remain committed to follow your call and purpose for my life.

Sincerely your servant,

## **Discipleship Reflections**

| Take a moment just to sit back and reflect on what the Holy Spirit might be saying to you concerning this specific point about one's call to purpose. Write down a few ideas here as a reminder of how God is leading in your life. Make changes where God calls you to do so. Make a list of what you believe God's purposes for your life are and with God's help move forward. |
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### **Project L.A.M.B.S. International**

Making disciples is the call and mandate of our Lord Jesus Christ. Jesus urged the disciples to follow Him. He laid down before us the teaching and the walk that we need to follow with Jesus as our supreme example. It is imperative for every believer and the church to know that disciples are not born but they are made. For the church to be strong in the last days, we must be about the business of equipping the saints (disciples) for the work of service.

Dr. James Humphries has been ministering for over 40 years, and has experience in a variety of ministries including church planting, children's ministry, street ministry, youth ministry, camp ministry, pastoral work and directing and teaching in schools all over the world. In addition, he has taken part in traveling and ministering in the USA, Mexico, Ukraine, Myanmar, Israel, Jamaica, Japan, Thailand and across most of Canada. He completed his B.R.E. and his M.A. from Briercrest, and his Doctorate of Ministry from Providence Theological Seminary in the spring of 1999.

In January 1996, Dr. James Humphries resigned as pastor of a local church with a vision to reach further abroad with the Word of God and to use it to train labourers for Christ (Matthew 9:36-38). He shared this with Dr. David Smith and Dr. Chuck Nichols of Providence Theological Seminary and they greatly encouraged Dr. James Humphries and his wife Irene to develop what God was laying on their hearts.

In March 1997, they traveled to Jamaica where they met several pastors who were very concerned about the need for training and disciplining their young people as leaders in their churches. Dr. James Humphries and Irene did not know this would be the starting point to an international ministry of discipleship training around the world known as Project L.A.M.B.S. International.

To date, Project L.A.M.B.S. has ministered in Canada, Myanmar, Ukraine, Africa, Jamaica, Mexico, Israel, Thailand, Japan, Dominican Republic, Naga Land and China. We offer over 30 different courses. Our graduates number over 1000, and are serving worldwide. Out of this group of graduates, we have equipped and trained directors, teachers and pastors who in turn are carrying out II Timothy 2:1-2 to an even larger group of people.

In 2002 it was discovered that Irene had cancer again. God gave Irene another three years and because of that she was still able to travel and teach in many different countries. Shortly after what was to be her last trip, Irene was hospitalized in February, 2005. A few weeks later she went home to be with her Lord and Saviour on March 9.

My second wife Hkaw Win was raised and trained mostly in the land of Myanmar. She has earned B.th, University Degree and a master of Divinity Degree in Myanmar. In April 2007 she finished a second Master's Degree at Providence Theological

Seminary in Christian Education. After July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2007 she headed back to Myanmar to head up the Christian Education Department for the Myitkyina Kachin Baptist Association and oversaw various ministries to 62 churches. After her four-year term was completed, she has been traveling and working as an interpreter and doing translations concerning various kinds of discipleship books and materials.

Over the last ten years we have lived in the countries of Myanmar and Thailand preparing a variety of resources in the Burmese (Myanmar) and Kachin Languages. To date we have published over 20 different kinds of books. Our goal is to equip and establish people as Disciples of Christ. Please pray for God's leading and wisdom. Our walk with Christ has taken us down many challenging pathways but we have seen the faithfulness of our Lord and Savior in every area. His grace has been sufficient.

Founder and Director,

Dr. James and Hkaw Win Humphries

### Discipleship / Leadership Booklets

- 1. My Call with Christ
- 2. Called to His Purpose
- 3. Abiding in the Vine
- 4. Knowledge, Wisdom and Understanding
- 5. Scripture: The Disciples' Anchor
- 6. Baptism: The Disciples' Testimony
- 7. The Disciples' Church
- 8. Servant Leadership
- 9. Teacher / Learner, Learner / Teacher
- 10. Being Wise Builders
- 11. Shepherds of God's Sheep
- 12. End Times
- 13. Relationship Pilgrimage
- 14. Christ's Disciple
- 15. Disciple's Prayer Life
- 16. Communion
- 17. Ambassadors for Christ
- 18. Full Armour of God
- 19. Good News for Challenging and Changing Times
- 20. Christ our Mediator
- 21. Jesus our Deliverer
- 22. Mission and Missionaries
- 23. Full Gospel Discipleship
- 24. Romans Road of Discovery

#### **Bible Tools**

- 1. Bible Information (18 different languages)
- 2. Bible Dictionary and Concordance (Kachin, Burmese)
- 3. Disciples' Principle of Faith (Kachin)
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