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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

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**And it came about that while He was praying in a certain place, after He had finished, one of His disciples said to Him, "Lord teach us to pray just as John also taught his disciples".**

**Luke 11:1**

## INTRODUCTION

If we were to travel back in time we'd see that the early disciples understood the importance of prayer. They recognized prayer as the tool for communicating with God and listen to Him when seeking wisdom and faith. The disciples grasped the power of prayer – that *prayer changes things* for themselves, the people around them and the events that they faced. The Hebraic Jewish background was full of different ways to pray and many kinds of prayer. Today there is still a special place in Jerusalem called the “Wailing Wall” where the devoted go to pray.

In Jesus' time, people would go to the temple or to the local synagogue to pray at least three times a day. Christ would often pray to the Father. In doing so He showed the disciples the importance of praying to God and seeking His will. Jesus also expected His followers to be a people of prayer. The location we gather together to hear God's word and worship should be known as a “House of Prayer” (Matthew 21: 13).

Jesus' teaching on prayer came out of specific questions the disciples asked. Due to the numerous conversations Jesus gave on prayer, they became confused and did not understand how to pray (Luke 11: 1). In answering them, Jesus taught what had become

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known as the Lord's Prayer, recognized by millions around the world.

In this booklet we hope to give you insight concerning what Jesus was trying to teach the disciples about prayer. He taught them examples of the kinds of things to pray for.

As we begin, let us define two words that are important to this lesson. We need to understand these if we hope to grow in our prayer life with Christ.

**Prayer:** a supplication or expression addressed to God; an earnest request or wish. *Synonyms:* **communication**, devotion, invocation, litany, supplication, appeal, petition, plea, request.

**Communication:** the act or action of imparting or transmitting and receiving; access between persons or place; interchange of thoughts or opinions. *Synonyms:* transmission, conveyance, disclosure, broadcast, connection, dialogue, talk, conversation.

From the two definitions above, we learn that prayer is simply communicating with God as we would talk with a friend. True, formal types of prayer do work, but the best prayers flow out from a heart of love and relationship with Christ Jesus.

The friendships we have should be devoted and connected to God as a branch is connected to a tree (John 15:4) – the branches will produce fruit and when planted that fruit will grow up and resemble the tree that it came from. Relationships with each other will result in strength, growth and maturity.

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Below we see the context of Jesus' instructions on prayer.

*And when you **pray**, you shall not be like the hypocrites. For they love to **pray** standing in the synagogues and on the corners of the streets, that they may be seen by men. Assuredly, I say to you, they have their reward. But you, when you **pray**, go into your room, and when you have shut your door, **pray** to your Father who is in the secret place; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you openly. And when you **pray**, do not use vain repetitions as the heathen do. For they think that they will be heard for their many words. Therefore do not be like them. For your Father knows the things you have need of before you ask Him.*

*In this manner, therefore, **pray**:*

***Our Father in heaven,***

***Hallowed be Your name.***

***Your kingdom come.***

***Your will be done***

***On earth as it is in heaven.***

***Give us this day our daily bread.***

***And forgive us our debts,***

***As we forgive our debtors.***

***And do not lead us into temptation,***

***But deliver us from the evil one.***

***For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.***

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*For if you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.*

**Matthew 6: 5-15 (NKJV)**

After the Sermon on the Mount and the Beatitudes, Jesus instructed the people on relationships and other subjects concerning prayer. Let us look at four different circumstances that Christ gave.

First, He shares with them the idea of going the second mile (Matthew 5:41). In Jesus' time the Jews were under Roman occupation and a soldier could make a Jew carry their pack for one mile. This was very degrading for the Jew as it meant they had to carry something that belonged to a Gentile (who, by the Law, was considered unclean). Jesus wanted them to understand that in changing their attitude and carrying the burden a second mile (not by force but out of love), they would gain a friend.

Second, He instructed the disciples to love their enemies. Israel was surrounded by people who desired to take their land and resources and even kill them. Christ taught the Israelites to love the people who wronged them. The Bible indicates that God is judge and in due time He will make all things straight (Matthew 5:43).

Third, Jesus made it clear that the poor would always be among us. As the Church became established, the disciples set up the position of deacons to oversee the ministry of the poor and needy (Acts 6:1-6). At times it can be difficult to know how to

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assist them and recognize a real need. Perhaps the person is trying to abuse the kindness. Regardless, our role is to help the poor and needy and not judge the outcome.

Finally, there are the religious hypocrites. These people act and talk with spiritual authority, but their lives do not reflect their speech. They put weights and burdens on others that they themselves did not keep or follow. Jesus warned that hypocrites will always be present. They make long sounding prayers, but these prayers are not heard by God. We are told not to follow their example (Matthew 6:5-8) and to watch out for their deceptive ways.

All four of these teachings go against the way man normally thinks. Christ showed that to be able to show love in these situations comes only through prayer. After praying they would be able to go the second mile, love their enemies, love the poor and needy and even love the religious hypocrites.

Jesus also tells the disciples that prayer is a special gift between God and themselves. Things they prayed in secret God would bless openly. They could come before the Lord in prayer at any place. He counsels them not to be using vain repetitions with their prayers, praying the same way with the same words. When one does this, prayer loses its meaning and no longer comes from the love or depth of the giver's heart. It is not the volume of speech that God hears, but words that are true and genuinely coming from the heart.



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Christ taught that the disciples should find a place such as a “prayer closet” away from the things of the world. Jesus would often withdraw to a solitary location. He went up to the Mount of Olives, a place that overlooked the city of Jerusalem. It was there that He poured out His heart to God – alone or with the disciples that were close to Him.

As mentioned, the Lord’s Prayer came from the questions, “Lord, how then shall we pray? How do we know if our words are reaching the Father in Heaven? What should we say?” This prayer is still used by the Church around the world to this very day.

The Lord’s Prayer has at least seven key parts which are important for us to know and use in our prayer life each day. They are:

## *Our Father:*

Our prayer should always start out by focusing on the Father. By saying ‘Our Father’ our prayer indicates a personal relationship with Him. We are to respect and honour His name. Jesus continually had the Father in mind. We see through the Gospels many teachings concerning the Father. When asked how we could know the Father, Jesus responded by saying that if we get to know Him (Jesus), we would know the Father. In John 14 we are told of the abiding relationship that we are to have with the Father. We learn that it was the Father who sent the Son and that the Father would also send the Holy Spirit to teach and empower us.

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We need to spend more time meditating on God's kingdom and not the kingdom of this world. In the book of Matthew we read about the "Kingly Messiah" as well as the "Kingdom of God" that is coming to earth through Christ. We need to remember that we belong to a new kingdom (the Kingdom of Christ) and that we are Christ's ambassadors passing through here on earth, proclaiming a message of reconciliation.

## *Our Father's Will:*

We are to pray that His will be done. God has a plan for our lives and has already mapped what we are to fulfill here on earth. It is important that we get in step with that plan. The biggest battleground that we face is our will. Is it my will or His? Do I have faith that His will is the right way for my life?

Salvation means dying to our will and living for Him. The reason we struggle so greatly is because we do not understand what it means to have Christ as Lord and Savior. Because of this, our will fights us on all fronts. Once we begin to understand we see that our will needs to be put to death. We are now a new creation with the heart of God in us and are His servants and stewards. Paul tells us that we are to die daily. If we do not, our will tries to take over, resulting in world centeredness instead of God centeredness (1 Corinthians 15:31).

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## *Our Father's Bread:*

One of the basic needs that people have is food. Like bread is needed for physical food, we also need spiritual food to nourish our spiritual man. This part of the Lord's Prayer reminds us of when God gave bread from heaven (manna), as well as the shew bread in the tabernacle (which represented God's presence).

Jesus proclaimed, "I Am the Bread of Life". He is bread and water for the needy soul (John 6:35, 48). Reflecting back on communion we see that Jesus broke bread as a symbol of His broken body for us.

## *Our Father's Forgiveness:*

Let us look at two areas of forgiveness. First is the forgiveness of sin between us and the Father. The other is forgiveness between each other (2 Corinthians 2:10). We carry within ourselves a fallen nature that desires to sin against God (Acts 10:43) and each other. We need to keep our minds and hearts covered by the blood of Christ, forgiving one another as He forgives us (Ephesians 4:32). Unforgiveness will bring a wall between people, destroying unity and harmony in the Church body.

## *Our Father's Leading:*

As a Shepherd, our Father leads and guides us through each day of our lives. We need to seek His direction to keep us from

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falling into temptation. Temptation is all around us as Satan tries to make us stumble and fall. He started with Adam and Eve, resulting in mankind having a sin nature. He tried the same temptation on Christ and will try to get you to fail as well. Satan desires to have us focus on our personal struggle – the things we battle within our heart and mind – and move us away from God.

## *Our Father's Deliverer:*

The enemy desires for us to lose hope and give up. This is why we need to pray for deliverance from evil. Evil actions are that which are not godly or upright. He seeks to destroy, divide, tear down and kill. We face many voices each day and need God's help to walk through life. Christ desires to deliver us from the strongholds of Satan and the sin that binds us. Even the gates of Hades cannot withstand the power of the Father who can deliver us (Matthew 16:18).

Before we became a child of God, we were children of the ruler of this world. While Satan keeps people in bondage and death, the Father comes to us by the blood of Christ, delivering us from the enemies' stronghold.

## *Our Father in Power and Glory:*

The Father is asking us to walk in His strength and ability. Jesus said He would ask His Father to send the Holy Spirit to teach and guide us in all things. He does not try to glorify Himself, but

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brings glory to the Father. We need to be empowered by the Holy Spirit daily, learning how to walk in His authority. Christ tells us the same resurrection power that raised Him from the dead also dwells in us, allowing us to bring glory and praise to God through our testimony.

Jesus ends the Lord's Prayer by saying, "forever, Amen". This statement tells us that there is no limit to God; He has no beginning or end. The word 'Amen' means 'let it be so Lord'. This is how we need to come to the Lord in prayer.

There is a footnote that seems to come after the prayer emphasizing forgiveness. The key to a strong discipleship walk is keeping things right between us and others. Jesus taught that our relationships (how we treat and talk to people) will affect how our prayers are received and heard by God.

As an example, Peter gives a similar warning concerning husband and wife relationships.

*"You husbands in the same way, live with your wives in an understanding way, as with someone weaker, since she is a woman; and show her honor as a fellow heir of the grace of life, so that your prayers will not be hindered." (1 Peter 3:7)*

Actions speak louder than words!

Jesus did not teach the Lord's Prayer to be repeated over and over again. It was an example we could use for our prayer life.

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He wanted to give us a pattern that we could follow to guide our thoughts and hearts.

The Church saw the power of prayer, bringing healing and deliverance. Prayer opened prison doors to save those who were captive and raised people from the dead. It was used to commit people for ministry and set them apart for service through the laying on of hands. It should be the central part of every disciples' walk as we need to hear from God daily. The heart of Jesus conveyed prayer as an essential part of communication with the Father and is God's way of calling and directing us for service daily. Prayer appeared to have a formal and informal side – times where it was very specific and thought out and other times when it occurred spontaneously.

We are told the Church itself is to be known as a “House of Prayer” where people come together to communicate with God (Matthew 21:13). It should be a place to pray and fast for others, to receive healing or deliverance and to know the will of God.

As disciples, we need to set an example of prayer to others, praying for and with them. Everything we do should be seasoned with prayer. It is the key that unlocks the wisdom of God for service. Jesus tells us that if we lack wisdom, we simply need to ask of Him and He will give it abundantly (James 1:5). It is good to note that the greater the leadership position, the more time needs to be spent in prayer.

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One of the longest of Jesus' prayers is found in John chapter 17. It is known as the High Priestly Prayer. Jesus prays first for Himself and about what He was going to face. Next, He prays for the disciples to remain strong and encourage one another. Lastly, He prays for all the believers who would follow after, that we would be one with God as He was one with the Father.

The world needs to see us walking in harmony and unity, working and ministering together as one. It brings honor and glory to the Father and will cause people to believe that there is a true God in heaven.

Use these seven points to help you in your prayer life, asking the Lord for wisdom on how to pray for yourself and others. It is up to you how you will use the Lord's Prayer in your life. Christ desires to be a prayer partner with every disciple and we need to have faith to let Him guide us as we pray.

Before we conclude, I would like to give you a small list of insights and principles that may help with prayer:

1. Realize we are CALLED to pray.
2. Pray individually and corporately.
3. Pray as a servant of the Lord.
4. Pray for strength and boldness.
5. Pray for wisdom and understanding.
6. Pray for those who are poor and needy.
7. Pray for those who ask you to go the second mile.
8. Pray for the religious people.
9. Pray with a thankful heart.

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10. Pray for protection and guidance over your mind and heart.
11. Pray for open doors to serve and show God's love.
12. Pray for the sick.
13. Pray with a heart of worship.
14. Pray using the Word of God as your guide.
15. Pray about one's personal needs.
16. Pray all the time. Don't stop!
17. Pray for those who persecute you.
18. Prayer should be a priority each day.
19. Prayer is seeking God's face.
20. Prayer is confessing and turning from sin.
21. Prayer is healing for the body, soul and Spirit.
22. Prayer is spiritual food for growing in your life.
23. Prayer is binding and loosening things on earth and in heaven.
24. Prayer is putting up treasures in heaven.
25. Prayer is seeking to trust God and not worry.
26. Prayer is seeking the kingdom of God first.
27. Prayer is not judging others.
28. Prayer is asking, seeking and knocking to God.
29. Prayer is asking for forgiveness and forgiving others.
30. Prayer builds oneness and unity between you, God and the Church.
31. Learn to pray individually and corporately
32. The church is to be a House of Prayer.
33. We need to be persevering in prayer and fasting.
34. Keep focused on what we are praying about.
35. Prayer changes things.



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## CONCLUSION

Prayer is a lifeline and your anchor to God. It is the channel that power, wisdom and direction flow through. Prayer is also a conduit that the Holy Spirit uses to fill and empower you for service each day and makes the Body healthy and strong. We need to be known as a “People of Prayer”. Paul tells the Thessalonians church to pray without ceasing and in everything give thanks for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18).

## RELEVANCE

Prayer is a very powerful tool in the hands of the disciple. Christ tells us that if two or three agree together it will be done in heaven (Matthew 18: 19). We can also bind or loosen things in heaven and on earth (Matthew 16:19). Prayer breaks the cords that bind and is the key to setting the captive free. We can learn from others' prayer life and begin to experience different ways of praying.

One should also keep a prayer journal to see the hand of God giving direction and in answering prayer. Prayer journals build faith and strength and empower us to go deeper in our relationship with Christ.

We are also to pray daily for the filling of the Holy Spirit in our lives (Ephesians 5:18). The Holy Spirit is our counsellor, teacher and comforter, helping us to walk through times of trouble.

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## REFLECTION

What can I do to help deepen my prayer life in Christ? What is hindering my prayer life and what can I do to change that? How can I pray for others? Do I see, experience and express to others the answers I have received from prayer?

## OTHER RELATED SCRIPTURES CONCERNING PRAYER

**1 Kings 8:27-30** But will God indeed dwell on the earth? Behold, heaven and the highest heaven cannot contain You, how much less this house which I have built! Yet have regard to the **prayer** of Your servant and to his supplication, O LORD my God, to listen to the cry and to the **prayer** which Your servant **prays** before You today; that Your eyes may be open toward this house night and day, toward the place of which You have said, 'My name shall be there,' to listen to the **prayer** which Your servant shall **pray** toward this place. Listen to the supplication of Your servant and of Your people Israel, when they **pray** toward this place; hear in heaven Your dwelling place; hear and forgive.

**2 Chronicles 7:14-15** And My people who are called by My name humble themselves and **pray** and seek My face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, will forgive their sin and will heal their land. Now My eyes will be open and My ears attentive to the **prayer** offered in this place.

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**Nehemiah 1:4-6** When I heard these words, I sat down and wept and mourned for days; and I was fasting and **praying** before the God of heaven. I said, "I beseech You, O LORD God of heaven, the great and awesome God, who preserves the covenant and loving-kindness for those who love Him and keep His commandments, let Your ear now be attentive and Your eyes open to hear the **prayer** of Your servant which I am **praying** before You now, day and night, on behalf of the sons of Israel Your servants, confessing the sins of the sons of Israel which we have sinned against You; I and my father's house have sinned.

**Daniel 9:20-22** Now while I was speaking and **praying**, and confessing my sin and the sin of my people Israel, and presenting my **supplication** before the LORD my God in behalf of the holy mountain of my God, while I was still speaking in **prayer**, then the man Gabriel, whom I had seen in the vision previously, came to me in my extreme weariness about the time of the evening offering. He gave me instruction and talked with me and said, "O Daniel, I have now come forth to give you insight with understanding.

**Matthew 21:13** And He said to them, "It is written, 'MY HOUSE SHALL BE CALLED A HOUSE OF **PRAYER**'; but you are making it a ROBBERS' DEN."

**Mark 11:17** And He began to teach and say to them, "Is it not written, 'MY HOUSE SHALL BE CALLED A HOUSE OF **PRAYER** FOR ALL THE NATIONS'? But you have made it a ROBBERS' DEN."

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**Luke 18:10-14** Two men went up into the temple to **pray**, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood and was **praying** this to himself: 'God, I thank You that I am not like other people: swindlers, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. 'I fast twice a week; I pay tithes of all that I get.' But the tax collector, standing some distance away, was even unwilling to lift up his eyes to heaven, but was beating his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me, the sinner!' I tell you, this man went to his house justified rather than the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but he who humbles himself will be exalted.

**Acts 12:5** So Peter was kept in the prison, but **prayer** for him was being made fervently by the **church** to God.

**Romans 12:11-13** Not lagging behind in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord; rejoicing in hope, persevering in tribulation, devoted to **prayer**, contributing to the needs of the saints, practicing hospitality.

**Ephesians 1:18-19** I **pray** that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened, so that you will know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, and what is the surpassing greatness of His power toward us who believe. These are in accordance with the working of the strength of His might.

**Ephesians 6:18-20** 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

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the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains; that in proclaiming it I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak.

**Colossians 1:9-12** For this reason also, since the day we heard of it, we have not ceased to **pray** for you and to ask that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so that you will walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, to please Him in all respects, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God; strengthened with all power, according to His glorious might, for the attaining of all steadfastness and patience; joyously giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified us to share in the inheritance of the saints in Light.

**Philippians 4:6-7** Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by **prayer** and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

**Colossians 4:2-4** Devote yourselves to **prayer**, keeping alert in it with an attitude of thanksgiving; **praying** at the same time for us as well, that God will open up to us a door for the word, so that we may speak forth the mystery of Christ, for which I have also been imprisoned; that I may make it clear in the way I ought to speak.

**1 Timothy 2:1-8** First of all, then, I urge that entreaties *and prayers*, petitions *and* thanksgivings, be made on behalf of all men, for kings and all who are in authority, so that we may lead a tranquil and quiet life in all godliness and dignity. This is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior,

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who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God, *and* one mediator also between God and men, *the* man Christ Jesus, who gave Himself as a ransom for all, the testimony *given* at the proper time. For this I was appointed a preacher and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying) as a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth. Therefore I want the men in every place to **pray**, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and dissension.

**James 5:14-18** Is anyone among you sick? Then he must call for the elders of the church and they are to **pray** over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord; and the **prayer** offered in faith will restore the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up, and if he has committed sins, they will be forgiven him. Therefore, confess your sins to one another, and **pray** for one another so that you may be healed. The effective **prayer** of a righteous man can accomplish much. Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he **prayed** earnestly that it would not rain, and it did not rain on the earth for three years and six months. Then he **prayed** again, and the sky poured rain and the earth produced its fruit.

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## Disciple's Prayer Wheel



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## MEMORIZATION

And it came about that while He was praying in a certain place, after He had finished, one of His disciples said to Him, "Lord teach us to pray just as John also taught his disciples".

Luke 11:1

## PRAYER

Dear Lord Jesus,

Thank you for making it possible that we can come to You at anytime of the day or night to share both our struggles and blessings. Lord, it seems hard to remember that You desire to be with us and to walk with us through each moment of our day. Lord, I ask that You forgive me when I do not take enough time to communicate with You each day. I know that You desire to hear about my challenges but You also like to hear about my thanksgiving and praise items too. Lord, I ask that You would instil into my heart, a deeper calling toward prayer. That I would be more aware and more sensitive to Your voice in my heart. Lord, I desire to serve You not according to my will but according to Your will. I commit myself afresh again to You and to prayer again this day. Thank you for all Your help and love.

Your servant in Christ,

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## Discipleship Reflections

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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.

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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

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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

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