

A black and white photograph of a person from the chest up, wearing a dark suit jacket, a light-colored shirt, and a patterned tie. The person's hands are cupped together, holding a small green seedling with three leaves and a small amount of soil. The background is plain white.

MATURITY MATTERS

For over

38

years

in more than

24

countries

on

8

college campuses

**at multiple Christian organizations, communities
and local churches...**

Worldwide Discipleship Association
has focused on one thing:

**Developing Christ-like character in people
and equipping them to disciple others.**

**In this world, as well as in the Kingdom...
Maturity Matters.**



Mature leaders make all the difference because they:

Serve, Lead, Give, Parent, Love

Mentor, Sacrifice &

Invest their lives to grow more leaders.

WDA, through consulting, training, and coaching, as well as developing and writing curriculum, delivers successful programs and a philosophy of ministry based on the Great Commission:

Matthew 28: 19-20

Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.

While many churches preach conversion and baptism, few have a strategic, progressive plan to grow disciples from new believers to mature leaders. WDA is committed to using a teaching model derived directly from the ministry approach Jesus exemplified before His followers. We call our model R-CAPS.

Nurturing Relationships

Jesus modeled the importance of building good relationships from the moment He met potential followers. He invited them to come and be with him so they would know He was the Messiah. The importance of building relationships cannot be overstated. It is the foundation for establishing trust and gaining the position of a spiritual mentor.

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Teaching Specific Content

Teaching content, both theological understanding and the development of skill sets, provides the spiritual food for growth. According to Scripture, milk should be given to babies, and meat to those more mature; so truth taught at the point of growth is most applicable.

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Establishing Accountability

Loving accountability is a crucial element of disciple building. It must be linked to the proper phase of spiritual growth in order for a disciple to be appropriately challenged. An effective disciple builder will encourage people to grow by helping them put truth into practice.

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Offering Prayer

A wise disciple builder knows the difference between what he can do, and what only God can do. Jesus exemplified the priority of prayer by going to the mountain to pray all night, and by telling Peter He would pray for him to be restored when Satan tempted him. We too, can pray for our disciples and see their lives changed.

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Constructing Situations

When the disciples were sent out to 'preach the gospel' they had an opportunity to see God work through them individually. Their faith grew, as did their character. By planning specific situations, appropriate to disciples' maturity, we encourage them to trust the Lord in new and exciting ways. As we involve them in God's kingdom, they know they are valuable to the King.

OUR MINISTRIES

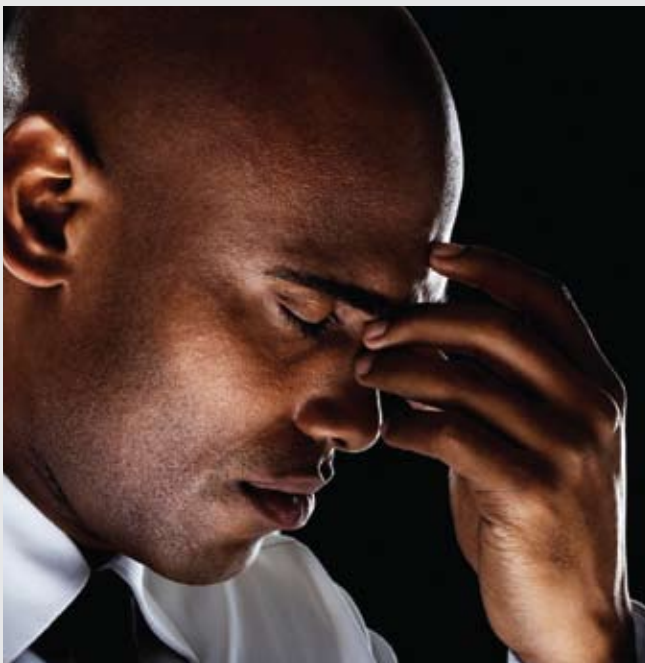
INTERNATIONAL

JESUS SAID WE SHOULD “GO INTO ALL the world and make disciples...” WDA deploys teams of disciple builders and trainers to the nations. We send lay leaders and WDA staff, at our expense, to provide training and encouragement (and in some places sustenance) as we strive to obey the Great Commandment to “love our neighbors as we love ourselves.”

We travel to over twenty four nations translating our materials and working with national leaders to equip them to use our discipleship process, whether it’s to the outskirts of the bush in Africa, the rice patties in Thailand, or the inner cities in Korea.



RESTORATIVE



IN TODAY’S WORLD, HEARTS ARE BEING broken in astounding numbers. We are stuck, frustrated and wounded.

We need to be healed. Jesus said He came to heal the broken hearted, and set the captives free.

Through WDA’s Restorative ministry, men and women are being set free as they work through the pain of their past, learn how to forgive, and discover the basis for developing restored relationships.

In America and abroad, churches and communities are becoming healthy by addressing the origins of pain through these confidential, gender-specific small groups.

OUR MINISTRIES

NEXT GENERATION

OUR NEXT GENERATION MINISTRY IS implemented in two formats: through our Campus Fellowships of Christian Learning (FCL's) and through our Acacia Fellowships. Our FCL's are located on college campuses. Through involvement in ministry activities, resident students can grow in Christ. After graduation, WDA staff continue to assist them as they build disciples in their local churches.

Through our Acacia Fellowships, we disciple an emerging generation of church leaders. WDA staff and Associates evangelize and disciple 18 to 35 year olds and support their efforts to reach younger teens.



CHURCH



STAFF AND LEADERS OF MOST LOCAL churches have a strong, sincere desire to shepherd and guide their parishioners to maturity. Unfortunately, few leaders have been equipped to accomplish the task of “presenting people mature in Christ.”

WDA helps to address this deficiency through our 28/20 Project. We come alongside church disciple builders providing perspective, support, training, and resources. WDA offers various practical programs that help church staff meet people where they are and help them take the next step®. These programs can be implemented within most existing church paradigms.

But Does it Work?

Our system has produced over 5,000 alumni, 30 publications, 300 church plants and multitudes of successful, mature leaders in families, businesses and churches worldwide. WDA is proud and humbled by its legacy of leadership.

IN THE WORDS OF OUR MINISTRY FRIENDS



BARRY H. COREY
President • Biola University

For several years, I served on a board with Bob Dukes, president of WDA. Not only do I believe in this organization's passion for making disciples, but Bob lives this out everyday. What a joy it is to see an organization's mission embraced so deeply by its leadership. Bob is the real deal!

BILL AND IDA WALKER
Chairman of the Board, Board Member • The Gathering Place

Thirty one years ago WDA's College Beach Project on St Simons Island, led by Bob and Linda Dukes, laid the foundation for The Gathering Place (GP), a thriving, continuing, and growing community youth ministry interacting with 1000+ kids every week. WDA's staff continue to bless GP volunteers and staff with practical, biblical teaching, leadership development and discipleship training. WDA is a great resource to us as we help people grow to maturity in Christ. We cherish our continuing relationship.



TIM WOODRUFF, ED.D.
Associate Pastor Discipleship • New Hope Baptist Church

Our partnership with WDA at New Hope has taken disciple building to a new level. WDA has come alongside our existing equipping ministry with materials and strategies that are helping us connect and integrate courses, bringing us closer to achieving our calling of preparing and becoming mature disciples. We are pleased and excited about our on-going partnership with WDA to make a difference in people's lives.

REVEREND MEL TURNER
Chaplain • Special Care Hospice in Columbus, Georgia.

I will be eternally grateful for Worldwide Discipleship Association. The second week of my freshman year of college Ken Hewett, a WDA staff member, shared the Gospel of Jesus Christ with me. The discipleship principles that I learned long ago as part of the student ministry on the campus of Georgia Tech continue to move me toward maturity as a Christian.



A future with mature leaders is not just a dream: It's a Possibility.

FOR FOUR DECADES, WDA HAS BEEN ON THE FRONT LINES DISCIPLING AND TRAINING STUDENTS ON THE COLLEGE CAMPUS, AND INTERNATIONALS AROUND THE WORLD. RECENTLY, WE'VE INCREASED OUR FOCUS ON

teaching lay leaders in the local church to meet people where they are, and help them take the next step® in their spiritual growth towards maturity.

The need for maturity has never been more evident. As we look around us, we're beginning to see a hunger for God's truth, and new resolve to stand in that truth, as never before. Our families, our businesses, the government and our churches are crying out for men and women who will serve from a basis of God's direction. If we do not teach them, how will they know?

When it comes to disciple building, Worldwide Discipleship Association is at the forefront of providing resources, coaching, consulting and a proven process that delivers maturity.

The effects of maturity (or lack thereof) touch all of us. How we are governed, taught, parented and led changes our lives and our world. Ultimately, our effectiveness will be measured by a single standard:

Matthew 28: 19-20a

Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.

At WDA we're prepared to go, to teach, to train and to see lives changed; but we can't do it alone.

Maturity is possible, and countless lives will be transformed in a lasting and deeply personal way. Your support is essential in order to achieve this imperative calling.

Monies raised will help fund new training facilities, provide necessary infrastructure to support publishing, translation, teaching and curriculum development, and supply resources to multiply global initiatives.

With your help we can train more leaders, who in turn, will develop thousands of mature, dedicated and equipped leaders. Your gifts will provide future stability through the establishment of current information systems, international instruction, next generation leadership and funding for future development.

Contributions can be made through a variety of means, including cash, multi-year pledges, electronic giving and other planned or deferred initiatives. Gifts can be "unrestricted" for the highest priority needs, or designated for your particular area of interest. With your participation at this critical season, we can make an incredible eternal impact.

**Will you join us as we meet people
where they are and help them take the next step®
in becoming mature disciples?**



HOW DO YOU MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THIS WORLD?

TO ANSWER THAT QUESTION, WORLDWIDE DISCIPLESHIP ASSOCIATION (WDA) LOOKS TO THE ONE WHO CHANGED THE WORLD MORE THAN ANY INDIVIDUAL BEFORE OR SINCE:
JESUS CHRIST.

In three years of public ministry, this one man gathered a group of close associates, taught them, trained them and loved them. By the time He left them following His resurrection, He had equipped them to fulfill this task:

“...make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, *and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.*” (Matthew 28:19-20a)

Jesus' earthly ministry began a ripple ef-

fect that has continued throughout history, like a pebble dropped in the middle of a quiet pond. At WDA, we are committed to continuing that ripple effect by building mature Christians and equipping them to disciple others in an ongoing, ever-expanding, world-changing ministry, impacting families, communities and nations.

Through a comprehensive program and God's enabling, WDA trains ordinary people to do extraordinary things, just as Jesus trained those first Twelve.

WHAT A WAY TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

Maturity really does matter.



We all appreciate the honest business person, the hard-working employee, the patient caregiver, the kind shopkeeper, the caring parent, the respectful teenager, the loving spouse, the wise statesman.

But we notice most when people don't act mature: at ball games, in traffic, in government... and we all sense that maturity is quickly disappearing. Our society seems to be approaching a point-of-no-return, imploding on its own selfishness. This is tragic, and keeps us on our knees, seeking God and wondering about the future.

What most people overlook is that maturity doesn't happen automatically or accidentally. Maturity is the result of mature people intentionally helping others.

The Lord Jesus had a process for equipping the first leaders of the Church to be mature, and His plan remains transferable. His Commission to make and equip disciples from all nations applies until His Return.

The Church must take this matter of maturity seriously, for we will be held accountable for this stewardship.

This is what Worldwide Discipleship Association is all about: We meet people where they are and help them take the next step®...to maturity! All of our programs and resources are geared to this specific task.

But here's a sobering truth: We often don't value something until it's gone. Then, unfortunately, it's too late.

Thank you for partnering with us. Together we can make a difference in our homes, in our churches, in our communities, and in our nation, **before it's too late!**

Bob Dukes

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