

Gospel for Life March

A full first quarter in 2015 for GFL

GFL's vision to train indigenous pastors continues. That is in keeping with our goal is extend the reach of the Word of God into villages and hill stations that we as Americans could never personally penetrate.

Our time in Delhi, India and Yangon, Myanmar (Jan 22-Feb 8) was intense and rewarding. 39 adults began Jay's Disciple-making course in Delhi, and 32 finished and were rewarded certificates. Pastor Peter Malakar shared with us that 32 finishers out of 39 attendees was an outstanding percentage of completion in his culture! We praise God for the response to the instruction. Our translator shared this good word: "I want to follow your example of disciple-making. As a result of your teaching, I am grateful to have a complete view of the gospel—especially knowing what I am saved from!" Ashok, (former Hindu)



The joyful group in Delhi that finished the discipleship training

International Pastors Discipleship Conference

Hosted by The Master's College, GFL provided a 3 day conference for 35 foreign Pastors from 13 different countries. Break-out focus groups allowed pastors to share the challenges of implementing disciple-making in their own cultures.

One Pastor said, "The urgent need of our church is discipleship. This is the reason I strongly encouraged our elders to go to the USA to attend GFL's training. I especially appreciate the way you modeled the disciple's dependence upon God by emphasizing prayer in your lectures, (cont. on back pg.)



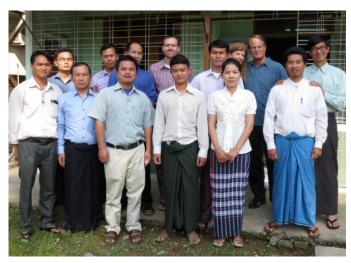
Illustrations help to bridge the cross-cultural gap (Delhi)

Pastoral Training at EPTS Myanmar

Our time in Myanmar was equally encouraging. Burmese pastors from outlying regions of the country (some from 600 miles away) happily made the sacrifices needed to further their training in the Scriptures. Expository Pastors Training Seminary, Yangon, Myanmar invited Jay to teach his course on "Grace-driven Sanctification." EPTS is affiliated with The Master's Academy International.

Here are comments from trainees in Yangon: "Thank you for teaching identification truths in Christ. I know much better now how God changes people. This will become a significant emphasis in my ministry." Pastor Thaung Pi

"What you taught touches the greatest need among Kachin Baptist pastors: to present the gospel biblically, accurately, logically, and Christo-centrically." Pastor Philip Auwg



Seminary students at EPTS Yangon, Myanmar

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...your passion for the gospel for the Christian life, and your reviews of our lessons to ensure that we were really learning. I am thus so excited after going over your Leader's Guide because many of the things I read in your Discipleship Manual confirm what I have been sharing with our congregation." Pastor Ramos



Pastor Alex Montoya and Jay handle Q & A at the Undivided Conference, Whittier, CA. Jay spoke on The Sufficiency of Scripture for Christian Apologetics.



Pastor Borchmann, TMAI Germany leads a Focus Group



International Pastors learn how and why The Great Commission charge 'to make disciples' must be the priority of every local church.

We are thankful for answered prayers for the Pastoral Training in India and Myanmar, and for the International Discipleship Conference at held at The Masters College, March 9-11.

- Praise to the Lord that a number of Pastors have already taken what they have learned from these equipping sessions back to their villages and churches.
- Pray for the Lord's guidance as this annual Discipleship Conference grows in its scope and reach.
- Praise: Jay's podcast program on Discipleship is now available for listening at http://www.gospelforlife.org. GFL's podcasts on Discipleship are also accessible from this link: https://soundcloud.com/gospelforlife-org

Our mission at GFL is to help equip individuals and churches to more fully embrace The Great Commission. The training we offer in evangelism and discipleship is 'hands-on' equipping. Instead of training in theory alone, we demonstrate how these biblical commands can immediately be put to use.

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Thank you so much for your prayers and support! Jay, Michele and the GFL Team