

But my servant Caleb,

because he has a different spirit and has followed me wholeheartedly, I will bring him into the land into which he went, and his descendants will inherit it. Numbers 14:24 (NRSV)

# Caleb

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## REPORT

The Caleb Report is the quarterly newsletter of SEND Ministries, a Department of Rosedale Mennonite Missions.

# go



& be disciples  
in all nations

by austin beachy



## “Go and make disciples of all nations”

is perhaps one of the most well known quotes for Christians today. Most Christians know it as the Great Commission, a term that implies we have been given authority to act. It is this action, making disciples of all nations, that is a driving factor for a short-term missions program like SEND, as reflected in the name—Serve, Evangelize, Nurture, and Disciple. But what does making disciples mean for us and how do we live that out in day-to-day life? Perhaps we should understand what it means to be a disciple before we try to understand how it is that we are to go out and make disciples in all our neighborhoods and even the nations.

Discipleship is not simply a one-time occurrence but instead must mean life-on-life interaction.

Dietrich Bonhoeffer makes an interesting point when he says, “Salvation is free, but discipleship will cost you your life.” Jesus had 12 men who he specifically referred to as his disciples. So what was it that separated these 12 men from the numerous crowds that would later become the beginning of the church of Acts, and in fact were referred to as his disciples? We can recognize that Jesus taught many, sometimes even thousands of people at a time, yet Scripture does not refer to them as Jesus’ specific disciples. I think sometimes we can get caught up in the idea that teaching alone is fulfillment of the commission to make disciples, but there had to be something else besides just teaching that separated these 12 men from the many in the crowds.

The distinguishing feature between these men and the rest of the masses goes back to Bonhoeffer’s quote. Discipleship is not simply a one-time occurrence but instead must mean life-on-life interaction. Jesus walked with these men and broke bread with them. He taught through the example

of his life. The Great Rabbi speaks clearly in John 8:31: "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples." So it cannot be that those hearing a formulaic one-time teaching will walk away disciples, all from simply hearing a message. To be a disciple is not just to hear teaching but to apply it and make it part of how you live.

It is interesting to note that in the account of Jesus being arrested before His crucifixion Judas approached Jesus with the intent to kiss him, and thus signify him as the man to be arrested. As he approached he met Jesus and said, "Greetings Rabbi," and then gave the betraying kiss. Jesus responded by referring to Judas as "friend," not simply as "pupil" or "follower." Rabbi ("teacher" in Hebrew) was the only way Judas ever knew Jesus. He did not recognize him as Lord, Messiah, or friend. As true disciples of Jesus, knowing him is not simply a knowledge dynamic but instead must be a testament through our lifestyle.

It takes a disciple to make a disciple, so we have to ask, "How are we living and sharing the one who calls us friends?"

Here at the Rosedale International Center, before we send REACH teams out, we have everyone go through three months of DTS or Discipleship Training School. There is no getting around the fact that this is a pretty intense three months. We are fortunate to have speakers come from all over to share the gospel and to give a lot of biblically-founded teaching. REACH-ers learn the ins and outs of Scripture and learn to see how God is alive and active today and what our response should be. But this is not what makes it intense.

For those three months everyone lives together. The learning does not stop with some good teaching; in fact, I would say it is just the beginning of the discipleship journey. As they go out and serve in the community, worship together, eat together, and share the same rooms everything comes to the light. Who they really are and what they truly believe will inevitably come up and be scrutinized. This may sound scary to some. And I'm sure it was scary for those disciples to drop their nets and follow two thousand years ago. But DTS participants discover that as they move forward for a common purpose under the common banner of Christ, this is the time that true learning and life change occurs. They are shaped and refined as men and women, as disciples.

Discipleship, however, is not a REACH thing or even a DTS thing. It is a life thing. It takes a disciple to make a disciple, so we have to ask, "How are we living and sharing the one who calls us friends?"

# mission opportunities



## THAILAND

This is a two or three year program combining work with language and cultural studies in Bangkok, Thailand. The intern will participate with a multi-cultural team, building friendships with Thais and others living in Bangkok and learning what it means to be a catalyst for people coming to know Jesus. At the same time, the intern will be engaged in a university environment and/or in the workplace. There are six months of formal language and cultural study and eighteen months of learning through mentored practice.



## CALIBRATE

Calibrate is RMM's new missions training program at the Rosedale International Center. Mission candidates will ease the transition into their new work with:

- Teaching and mentoring from experienced missions workers
- Help in building a support team
- Strategy training and development
- Hands-on experience in an urban culture

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## alumni happenings

Please inform us of any births, weddings, missionary appointments, or change of address. ([karen@rmmoffice.org](mailto:karen@rmmoffice.org))

### BIRTHS

Keith (R 05) & Emily Byler had a baby boy named David Keith on November 6, 2009.

Tamara (Widrick R 02) & Michael Schrag welcomed Micah Levi on November 28, 2009.

Jeremy & Sarah Miller (R 05) welcomed Judah Ellis to their family on March 22, 2010.

Maria (Stoltzfus R 99, I 02) & Kerwin King had a baby boy named Blake Kerwin on April 7, 2010.

Norma Jean (Shank R 01, 06, 07) & Jim Stutzman had a baby boy named James Alexander on April 26, 2010.

Simeon (R 02, 04; I 03) & Janelle (Swartz R 02, 04; I 03) DiGennaro had a baby boy named Malachi Titus on May 12, 2010.

Shawn (S 01) & Kaylene Yoder had a baby girl, Kelsey Makenna, on May 14, 2010.

Kathleen (Shank R 97) & Kavoga Maurice welcomed a boy, Amani Blaise, on June 22, 2010.

Kris (Tuttle R 04) & Brian Borntreger had a baby girl named Lilliana Raine on June 30, 2010.

### MARRIAGES

Nicole DeLaCruz (R 00) married Samuel Gichuhi on March 27, 2010.

Carla Miller (R 94, 95) married Arneelius Whipple on April 24, 2010.

Randy Sommers (R 03; I 04) married Rachel Hough (S 05) on May 15, 2010.

Jenee Chupp (S 01) married Erik Sterling on May 29, 2010.

Roxie Nisly (R 04; I 05) married David Heatwole on July 10, 2010.

Kayla Novak (R 07; I 09) married James Rice on July 10, 2010.

Andy Sommers (R 09) married Debbie Freed on July 24, 2010.



# when do I die?

**BLOOD BAG**

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editorial by todd miller

The story is told of a family that was involved in a serious traffic accident. Mike, the younger of two brothers involved, was badly injured and needed a blood transfusion. Mike's big brother Danny, who was only eight, had the same blood type as his younger brother. Their father sat down with Danny and carefully explained to him why this blood transfusion was needed and how wonderful it would be for his little brother. After some silence, Danny responded by saying, "Yes, Daddy, I'll give my blood to Mike so he can get well."

At the hospital, a pint of blood was drawn from Danny's veins. Only after the needle was removed did Danny turned to his father with tears rolling down his cheeks and ask, "Daddy, when do I die?"

The father suddenly realized with shock that Danny had misunderstood his explanation

of giving blood. Danny thought he was giving all of his blood to save the life of his brother! He thought that he would die after the transfusion was over. Danny was willing to die so that his little brother would live. That's what Christ did for each of us. He shed his own blood to give us life.

I am privileged to watch young adults come through City Challenge and REACH and am amazed at how God continually meets us. When we begin to grasp how great and awesome God's love for us is, and then grab hold of it, we are changed. Jesus poured out his life for us. We need to accept his love and in turn show his love to the world.

Jesus said, "My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends." (John 15:12-13)

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**SEND** Ministries exists to equip and motivate young adults to become Christ-centered world Christians who make disciples.

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