



RaiseUp

GLOBAL MINISTRIES



A YEAR IN REVIEW

2019





Dear Friends,

Word-centered, interactive and action-oriented learning — it makes a world of difference. That's what I saw on my recent trip to Malawi and Zambia. I went to

attend a Timothy Leadership Training (TLT) graduation and see Timothy Leadership Training in action.

James was very proud to show us Kingdom change. We drove an hour out of town through rough, untamed land. After James completed the first TLT manual, *Caring for God's people*, he recognized many of his neighbors were “vulnerable.” They had little to eat and no access to employment. The second manual, *Christian Stewardship*, helped him realize he had something to offer. He created an Action Plan to participate with God in Kingdom change. He decided to help his neighboring village by building a fish farm and creating gardens so that they could have access to food and employment. Today, he employs his neighbors to help with the garden and the ponds. He smiled as he explained how he accomplished his work using a SMART goal. Building the farm and garden was specific, measurable, actionable, realistic, and time-oriented.

This illustrates how well Raise Up Global Ministries' three programs, Coffee Break / Discover Your Bible, Timothy Leadership Training, and Educational Care, fit together. All three programs develop leaders and equip the global church and schools through



facilitated learning, centered on the Bible. In Coffee Break, we like to say the Word does the work of evangelism and discipleship. I was encouraged to see that is also the case in TLT. As people like James dig into God's word together with others, the Word plants ideas and grows into plans that produce Kingdom change. It is beautiful.

Thank you for supporting this partnership and this important work. We are honored to share these tried and tested – and might I add well-loved – materials with the global church. Please check out our new Discover Your Bible website at DiscoverYourBible.org; it is in Spanish, Korean and English. Also, visit the Raise Up website at RaiseUpGlobal.org to see more about all three programs.

“...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.” (Isaiah 55:11)

Grace & Peace,

Sam Huizenga

Director of Raise Up Global Ministries



New Program Logos

This year we worked to update the logos for each of our programs under Raise Up Global Ministries. Read below for more about why we chose what we did.



TIMOTHY
LEADERSHIP TRAINING PROGRAM

Timothy Leadership Training Program

This logo hasn't changed, but we changed the name from Timothy Leadership Training Institute to Timothy

Leadership Training Program. This puts more emphasis on the training itself, underneath the larger umbrella of Raise Up.



DISCOVER
YOUR BIBLE

Coffee Break/Discover Your Bible

Coffee Break has been in existence for over 50 years. But we found that in some cultures and languages, the name Coffee

Break is hard to introduce. Our materials have always been called Discover Your Bible, so we created a new logo to put emphasis on this great curriculum.



educational
CARE

Educational Care

Educational Care is still a relatively new, but very important program we offer. The new logo design hints at a book to show that it's a curriculum for educators. It also

incorporates a rising sun to imply hope and new beginnings.



Trainers' Retreat in India

“To say something about this retreat, there are no words to express it! It was like a family fellowship.”

This was how Mrs. Jennifer from Bangalore described the India TLT Trainers' Care Retreat 2019. Jennifer was one of thirty TLT trainers who gathered in Southern India for three days of fellowship, skills training, encouragement, and spiritual refreshment.

These trainers represented seven regions in India where TLT has a presence: Visakhapatnam, Kalimpong, Bangalore, Siliguri, Chennai, Odisha, Jaipur, and in Sri Lanka. TLT volunteers Tom and Judy Skaff and Gene and Linda Klaasen, along with TLT Program Manager Albert Strydhorst and Calvin Seminary professor, Geoff Vandermolen, also participated. The TLT training group that hosted this retreat had been planning it for the better part of a year. They did a spectacular job!

TLT leaders did skills training in the areas of *Facilitation* and *Action Planning* using the 2018 Trainers Guide. Participants repeatedly emphasized the value of interactive learning that TLT

provides, and the need for trainers to facilitate lessons well. Groups discussed and assessed many examples of Action Plans, and several participants observed



that Action Plans are what raises the practical value of TLT above other training programs.

Prof. Geoff Vandermolen led sessions on *Growing in the Character of Christ*. Participants engaged in meditative reading of Scripture, with encouragement to pay attention to the promptings of the Holy Spirit. One of the participants, Mr. Durai, expressed gratitude that “the Holy Spirit spoke to me about my life through Dr. Geoff’s class.”



The groups also conducted skills training in the area of *Organizing New Groups*, with a view to multiplying TLT by building on the strong foundation already present in many regions. Participants had many spirited discussions as people reflected on requirements for TLT training groups, compared their own experiences with TLT, and shared plans for growth. They gathered in regional groups to develop Action Plans for their areas. The potential for TLT to grow in India and Sri Lanka is enormous!

Rev. Isaac, one of the TLT participants summed up the retreat with these words of appreciation: “It was uplifting, enlightening, encouraging, and equipping. We had a wonderful time of sharing and fellowshiping. Above all, it encouraged us to draw closer to God, to be obedient and walk in faith trusting in His faithfulness. Thank you for making this retreat memorable in the ministry of TLT.”



North American Coffee Break

Inspirational Women's Conference Canada

On April 27, 1,150 women gathered at The Meeting House in Oakville, ON for the Inspirational Women's Conference. The theme for the day was In You. I Am. Enough., based on the words of 2 Corinthians 12:9, *My Grace is Sufficient*. Throughout the day Brooke Nicholls and her band led the women in contemporary worship, experiencing God's awesome presence. Megan Fate Marshman was the keynote speaker challenging women to surrender desires to be enough, and to seek Jesus — He is enough! He wants a relationship with us and desires to work through us!

To enhance the theme, a creative dance by Petra Blenkorn and an improv comedy sketch by True Story touched our emotions in powerful ways. Storyteller Sara Weber shared an honest, personal reflection of the challenges of social media and its impact on women today. Video recordings of all the talks and a photostory of the day can be seen on the conference website, InspirationalWomen.ca.

Coffee Break Grandpas

Faith CRC in Pella, Iowa is a great example of how it takes a whole church to serve the community. On Wednesday mornings, it is not just the long-time Coffee Break leaders who gather to organize



the event, but also a group of men from the congregation.

Don DeWaard, newly elected mayor of Pella, started as a helper and now he leads the story time for

the three-year-olds. He says he does this because he loves kids and he loves watching the young moms of their community come to study the Bible together. He wants to nurture the next generation and to help their church connect to their community. Another one of the grandpas says he loves seeing his Coffee Break kids when he is at the grocery store — lots of hugs and smiles.

Bringing people together around the Bible; facilitating discussion, learning, community; carrying this legacy on to the next generation — this is the heart of Discover Your Bible in action.





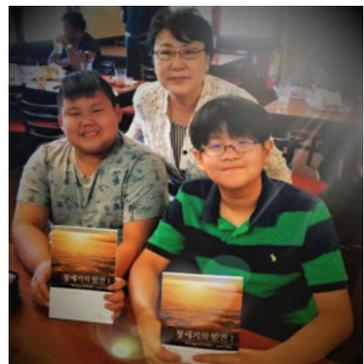
Korean Coffee Break

Here are some updates since the last Korean Coffee Break Conference in California in June 2019. Young pastors who are in their forties and who attended the conference started a new Coffee Break group. They are actively participating in and enjoying the small group reading, sharing the Word of God, and sharing their lives, difficulties, joyous events, struggles, challenges, and prayer requests.

There is a newly planted church (Nadeulmog Vision Church) with twenty one congregation members in California. Every Wednesday night, every church member is currently participating Coffee Break.

There are many women's Coffee Break groups in Southern California and there is also a men's Coffee Break meeting every Thursday night in Irvine.

The youngest members of Coffee Break group consist of ten- and eleven-year-old kids in North Carolina.



Global Coffee Break



India

Two new Coffee Break centers are opening in India. There are many Coffee Break centers there already, and the ministry keeps growing.

They are planning and praying for more books to be translated into Hindi.



Colombia

There is a pastors' Coffee Break group started in Moteria, Córdoba of Colombia. Fifteen pastors gather bi-weekly to share

and study the book of Jonah in a small group. They practice formulating questions, sharing what they discovered in the Word, and praying for each other's ministries.



Japan

There are several Coffee Break groups with of Pastors' wives and missionaries in Fukuoka, Japan. Myung Sook Uyama is one of the

leaders, and she is also translating Discover Your Bible's *Sermon of the Mount* lesson into Japanese.



Educational Care

Ethiopia

This is a unique group with many educational administrators, teachers and church workers, drawn from fifteen districts of Ethiopia. A majority are affiliated with the Kaleheywot Church where they serve in the school ministry or youth and children ministry,



or Bible school. The participants are focused and action-oriented and show eagerness to establishing Educational Care groups all over Ethiopia. One of them, a head teacher in a school, has already translated *Preventive and Corrective Discipline* into Aromia and is using it to train his staff on discipline.



Uganda

Action Plan report: We made it!

The school director has committed to stopping corporal punishment and one of the head teachers also committed to extending this policy to the other staff at the children's home / school.

What's New

Website Launches

This year we worked hard to launch two brand-new websites to better communicate our mission, reach a new audience, and provide high-quality, accessible resources to our participants.

DiscoverYourBible.org



RaiseUpGlobal.org



Bible Study Materials

We also have updated our Discover Your Bible study materials. We're very excited to offer these beautiful new designs!



Coming Soon!

We're working on an Online Learning Space for Discover Your Bible / Coffee Break leaders! Stay tuned to DiscoverYourBible.org or sign up for our newsletter to be one of the first to learn when this is available.



Thank You!

You are helping reach people with us — both around the corner and across the globe.



Your support is helping train hundreds of pastors and lay leaders in Zambia through our partner, Theological Education by Extension Zambia.



Your support is providing excellent training materials for teachers in West Africa through our partner, Resonate Global Mission.



Your support is raising up the next generation of Discover Your Bible / Coffee Break leaders.



Your support makes a difference in each of these lives and more. **Please consider a year-end gift to Raise Up Global Ministries.**

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