



Compassion For Life
Making Disciples Worldwide

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From the President:

In the book of Matthew, Jesus made the following promise to His disciples: *"I also tell you this: If two of you agree here on earth concerning anything you ask; my Father in Heaven will do it for you."*

We have exciting news as you will read about in this edition of our quarterly newsletter. *Light & Life* ministry and *Compassion for Life* have decided to take God up on His offer to do great things through us. We are joining forces and agreeing together to not only make a difference in peoples' lives throughout the world, but to see the people we reach become true followers of Christ who in obedience to His command will in turn make other disciples.

The keyword in both of our ministries is the word "Life." Compassion defines what we desire to show wherever God leads us. Compassion both for their well-being here on earth, and even more so for the life to come.

Jesus said in Matthew 16:26: *"What does it profit a man to gain the whole world but lose his soul?"* It isn't enough just to meet the overwhelming needs of underserved people. If we do not tell them about a Savior who gave His life for them, then we have failed.

Compassion for Life is committed to two principles set forth by Christ himself: *to feed His sheep* and *to bring the lost sheep back into the fold*. Read on in the rest of this issue how and why we plan to accomplish this goal. Lastly, please pray that God will honor our efforts and supply our needs to be successful for the Kingdom's sake.

God Bless,

Richard Williams

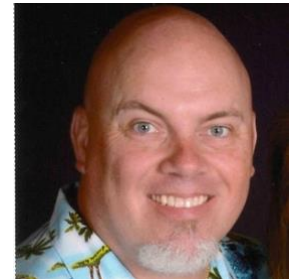
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Well, we have had a marriage of sorts and it has been an exciting transition over the last month or so. As *Compassion for Life and Light & Life* began to interact through a shared board member, we quickly saw the hand of God leading us to join forces. *Compassion for Life* has been very involved in meeting the needs of underserved people, particularly in Western Africa; and *Light & Life* has focused on Disciple Making Movements, primarily in Eastern Africa. The Lord has made it clear to us that we each fill a niche in the other's organization and so the merger moved forward quickly! While we kept one name, we became one newly formed organization.

We share acts of love; we multiply disciples who obey Jesus.



Our new executive team includes: Richard Williams as President/CEO and Ryan Hunt as Vice-President/COO. We also have a fantastic board and small staff that are all dedicated and determined to help fulfill the Great Commission.



"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." Matthew 28:18-20

We seek to answer this call by sharing Jesus' love and compassion to underserved people around the world and by making obedient disciples of Jesus who make more disciples, focusing on multiplication and ongoing movements. We have provided school support, food, and uniforms throughout Africa; and hundreds of children have been blessed through those efforts.

In Liberia, we have been involved with building foot bridges and re-building markets; enabling people to gain access to crucial life resources such as food and clothing. Also, we have facilitated installation of water lines, and provided over 75 tons of rice to needy families.



In addition, we have seen disciple making movements spring up in Haiti and Chile. Our emergency response efforts are currently gearing up to assist with the disaster in Haiti, a country already on the verge of civil war and now facing the aftermath of a devastating earthquake. With nearly 2,000 people dead, 10,000 wounded, and half a million children affected- the people are recovering from the earthquake and simultaneously dealing with a tropical storm which is causing further damage, danger, and displacement. Please join us in praying for Haiti.

We have also been involved in East Africa with disciple making movements and have seen over 250 Persons of Peace emerge as we have provided emergency support for the famine, locusts, floods, COVID, and the effects of war especially in Northern Ethiopia. Another nation that desperately needs our prayers!

In the midst of these tragedies, we have seen God at work developing disciple makers who make disciples. Nearly 400 people attended our disciple making training in Ethiopia. Specialized training was provided for 28 strategic coordinators and two Kingdom Movement seminars with 150 attendees. Over 900 prayer partners have sprung up and we join them in interceding with the Lord asking that He would have His way with Africa, with the disciple makers there... and with us!



As we continue to develop partners, provide training, and supply resources to our disciple makers (such as printed & digital Bibles and/or motorcycles to allow them to reach communities they would otherwise be unable to reach), we ask that you join with us, maybe financially, but even more importantly prayerfully! Specifically for the people in Haiti and in Ethiopia who are facing one crisis after another all at the same time. Pray that in the midst of these tragedies they would be open to the healing of the Lord Jesus.

Compassion for Life seeks to show Christ's love to underserved peoples throughout the world by offering a hand up rather than just a hand out. As we share the love of Jesus and build relationships, we mentor them to become obedient disciples of Christ...For Life.

For Life indicates our desire to improve the lives of people physically, economically, and spiritually, but it also indicates the long-term relationships that we endeavor to build with people. We want to love people to Jesus!

Compassion for Life provides money, clothing, food, and books to approved organizations who distribute those goods and services to needy individuals and families- particularly indigent children in rural areas. Through partner organizations we provide medical services, school fees, uniforms, connect children with tutors, build schools and training centers, assist with short-term home rentals, distribute emergency food, and create safe water sources. We also support new infrastructure and micro- business opportunities to facilitate community gathering for moral, social, and spiritual development.



Lastly, our discipleship efforts include acting as a catalyst (supporting organizations in Discovery Bible Studies), mentoring, coaching, and training with a focus on obedience-based discipleship.

***from Ryan Hunt
Vice-President, COO***



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