



# Making Disciples Newsletter

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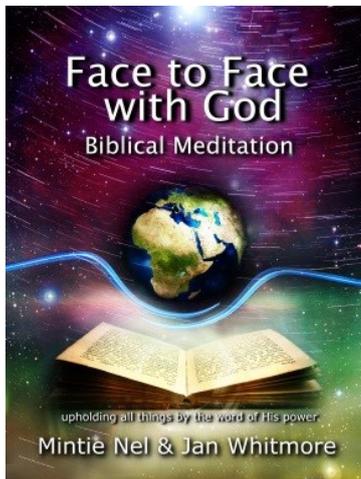


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Dear Friends,

We wish you a very happy and blessed 2015! The New Year has kicked off with a bang! Two years in writing, our second discipleship book is out and available online either from Amazon.com or Amazon.co.uk. Ideal for personal or group study, you will learn of the richness of Biblical meditation and discover the power of planting God's Word in your heart.



## FACE TO FACE WITH GOD – BIBLICAL MEDITATION

We hope you have purchased a personal copy and returned online to place positive feedback on the Amazon website. This will encourage others to buy! All royalties are

being ploughed back into our ministry of discipleship.

### BOOKS FOR MISSION

**We want to make this book, together with our first discipleship book, Sow What? available to missionaries world-wide, free of charge.** We know of a number who would dearly like copies to use in outreach ministries, but do not have the funds to buy. **Would you, your Bible study group, or church, be willing to purchase up to 20 copies from Amazon and ship them direct to a missionary? We will supply you with addresses in Eastern Europe, Africa, Asia or the Middle East? Please let us know if you are willing to help in this way ASAP. Email: [UKOfficeMDI@aol.com](mailto:UKOfficeMDI@aol.com)**

This is the perfect way for you or your church groups to engage in mission, reaching out to the nations. God's

people are spiritually dry and desperate for encouragement!

### CHANGES AT HOME

Last October, Jenny Lowen, a South African missionary working with YWAM, was made homeless by flooding at her UK YWAM Base. Longing for her own home she cried out, "Lord, would You have an affordable annexe in which I could live?" At that time we were sensing that it was time for us to consider a lodger to help out financially! We were praying, "But Lord, who would be a reliable and trustworthy lodger for us?" As only God can, He brought the two needs together! So, in the last few weeks Mintie has happily vacated the Annexe and moved back into the main house. In March, we welcome Jenny into the annexe of our home. Isn't it wonderful how the Holy Spirit leads!

### ENCOURAGEMENT IN JERUSALEM

As promised, we are going to **Jerusalem, Israel, 1-31 March 2015**, to encourage some of God's workers. We have booked an apartment in Ba-ka for the whole month, providing a suitable base from which to serve.

There are two specific services we are offering:

1. **An individual structured debriefing.** We were formally trained as debriefers at Le Rucher, France - [www.lerucher.org](http://www.lerucher.org) A routine debriefing typically focuses on the personal journey of the debriefee.

Using the Le Rucher debriefing model, "debriefing at the cross", space is made for the one seeking help to reflect on reactions to events of life. It is a model for debriefing that empowers the individual to tell their story in their own time and manner, freely sharing how they have been affected by past events - including triumphs, disappointments, conflicts and other changes and concerns.

A structured debriefing provides opportunity to reach closure (where needed) and bring pressing issues into the presence of God in a safe, peaceful environment.

We have several appointments already booked.

2. **Fellowship at our apartment each week.** Once a week over four weeks, we will open our Jerusalem home for fellowship, hospitality, friendship, Bible study and prayer. These meetings together will be small retreat-type personal moments. Our new discipleship book: Face to Face with God - Biblical Meditation, will form the basis of group Bible study and fellowship.

Once again, you can accompany us in this Spirit-adventure.

We **praise the Lord** that our airfares and the apartment in Jerusalem have already been paid from generous gifts. However, **we still need funds for the following:**

- **Travel within the country - £400 / \$600**
- **Catering for the weekly hospitality at our apartment - £300 / \$450**
- **A copy of our book for each worker (20 books) £130 / \$200**
- **To purchase personal gifts for each of the workers - £200 / \$300**



The "Golden Gate" of Jerusalem

Details of how to make your donation in either the UK, USA, or South Africa are on our website: [www.makingdisciples.co.uk](http://www.makingdisciples.co.uk) For those without internet access in the UK, cheques can be made payable: **W E Nel** and mailed to our home address: **16 Hermione Close, Ferring, West Sussex BN12 6PZ**. Once again, it will be your prayers and giving which sends us on our way to come alongside those in need of encouragement. Thank you.

## ROOTED IN JESUS

Rooted in Jesus and His living Word, it is exciting to experience how God directs our lives. Sometimes we are surprised by God's new initiatives, other times we simply recognise and cooperate with the sequence of events that God has orchestrated for the wider good—like Jenny moving in. Two weeks ago we were surprised by an email that came via our website. A missionary to Uganda has returned home broken and did not know where to turn. Her Mum found us online and it has led us into a skype-debriefing process. Pray for this process.

It is highly anticipated that we will conduct a field visit to Alison in Burundi sometime in the coming year, God-willing. Locally, we are responding to needs and invitations. After Easter we anticipate setting up another discipleship group in our home. All round, we are finding purpose and strength in peaceful rootedness.

**"I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser. Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me" (John 15:1-4 NKJV).**

Finally, a request. Please pray for Jan on the **29th April 2015** as she undergoes further surgery on her right shoulder. For some months she has endured increasing discomfort and pain. It is day surgery with a 6 week recovery period. We are very hopeful that during the month of May, Maritha Esterhuizen, our former PA with Mission Encouragement Trust, will come from South Africa to physically help us. The encouragers need help! For this to happen, we will surely see God's faithfulness once again.

## A FINAL PRAYER

**"Father, help us walk in a manner pleasing to You in this coming year, fulfilling Your will, and reaching out to those You bring across our path. Stretch out Your hand of blessing on those working in Jerusalem. Guard, strengthen and encourage each one. Provide for their needs. Raise up sponsors for the discipleship books and enable these materials to reach the nations. Help us each to stir up the gift You have placed within to serve You and Your people faithfully. Amen."**

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you His peace. With our love, **Jan & Mintie**