



## FOR UNTO US A CHILD IS BORN. UNTO US A SON IS GIVEN.

(Testimony by Jason Shellborn)

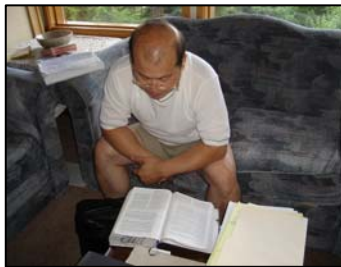
Have you ever pondered the great people of the Bible? Those true “people of faith”, the heroes, the leaders who fully put their trust in God. People like David, Moses and Paul. For such a long time I was amazed at how these people did great and miraculous things for God. They were almost a different kind of people altogether. They seemed like people who knew exactly what God wanted them to do, where He wanted them to be, and always with perfect timing. These people seemed to get answers to questions that I myself had asked God many times without getting a clear answer.

I found myself looking at the accomplishments of these people, thinking that this is what God wanted me to be doing. So I set out to do these great things. I tried to give more than the old widow. I laid hands on the crippled. I tried to save every person I met. There were exciting times but it always seemed that I was missing the mark. After a while I grew weary of the ups and downs of being a Christian. I was trying to bear fruit from a tree that wasn't properly nourished. I was missing something very important. The Bible says in John 15:5 “I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing”. I was trying to serve God in my own way. No one had come along beside me and shown me what the Bible teaches about being a follower of Christ.



**Jason and Stephanie Shellborn**

I had never been properly disciplined. Sure I had people in my life that I looked to as spiritual leaders, people I could go to if I had questions...if I knew what questions to ask. But, I didn't have someone in my life that would take me and show me what the daily life of great people of God looked like, the day-to-day practices of those who walk with Christ. I needed someone who would keep me accountable in my walk with Christ. Someone to remind me that even though there are hard times in serving God, I need to continue to be faithful with all that He has given me.



**Daily time with God**

And, as I continue to grow, God has been revealing to me that these people aren't much different than myself. For example David, a person whom the Bible describes as “...a man after His (God's) own heart...” (1 Samuel 13:14), finds himself questioning why God allows evil to go unpunished in Psalm 10. I struggle with the same question. Or there is Moses. After being in the presence of the Almighty, seeing the hand of God working with him and God's people, pleading with God on behalf on the ignorance of the Israelites, still did “...not trust in me (God) enough to honour me (God) as holy in the sight of the Israelites...” (Num 20:12). Let me not forget Paul. A great leader and apostle of the gospel confesses his great anguish and struggle with the sinful nature (Romans 7:7-25). These people of God fought with the same things I do.



Through the work of Discipleship International I have had the opportunity to be discipled. I have learned many truths of the Bible and am now standing on the promises of God's Word, instead of my own emotions. I have been shown the importance of daily time with God, memorizing scripture and always being prepared to give an answer for the hope that I have in Christ. The transparency of those who discipled me has encouraged me to want to help others grow in Christ.

Through this time of learning God has shown me that He uses ordinary people to join with Him in His work. Oh that we would be a people whose desire is to help others in their walk with Christ. Walking beside them so they don't have to go alone. Investing our lives into others who are establishing their relationship with Jesus and serving Him. The Bible says, "And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, let us not give up meeting together as some are in the habit of doing but let us encourage one another and all the more as you see the day approaching" (Heb 10:24-25).



**Discipleship group at Ross Road Community Church in Abbotsford**

As we come into the Christmas season we remember the time when our Saviour came to earth. Jesus came that we might be reconciled to God. He left us with this message: I am coming back. These lingering words of Jesus remind us that at any moment the Lord will return. Are you ready? Will we be found at work anticipating this coming day? Or will we be found thinking the



**Baptism at the Church of Pinotepa**

Lord's return is far off? What an opportunity we have in this season of life to share about our hope "while we wait for the blessed hope-the glorious appearing of our great God and saviour Jesus Christ" (Titus 2:13). At Discipleship International we are committed to the call that Christ gave to "go and make disciples". Every year we see the faithfulness of God at work in the hearts of those who seek Him. May the Lord richly bless you and your families this Christmas season.

From all of us at DI,  
Have A Blessed Christmas!

**Up coming Events!**

- Nov 15, Half Day of prayer at Fraserlands church (3330 SE Marine Dr.) 9am-2pm.
- Missionfest Vancouver, Jan 30-Feb1; Winnipeg, Feb 6-8
- Spring retreat at Loon Lake, March 6-8

**Prayer Requests/Praise**

- Guatemala/Haiti/Mexico missions trips
- God's direction in the expansion of His work through DI across Canada
- The Lords sustaining grace and wisdom for leaders
- Pray that Travis and Jenn will be able to bring home their boys from Haiti this Jan.
- New discipleship groups starting in Jan
- Praise God for 10 new groups started up in Sept!
- ETS groups serving at UGM
- Valdemar & Ishmael in their work in Mexico & visit to Vancouver in Nov.