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DISCIPLEMAKERS MINISTRY UPDATE



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BACK TO WORK

The 100th percentile. That's what I shared with you in November. The Best Christian Workplaces organization certified DiscipleMakers in the 100th percentile of the Parachurch and Missions sector.

That means that, of the 168 mission agencies surveyed by BCW, our staff gave us a higher rating than any other group of staff gave to their agency.

This was great news for us! But it's not the end goal.

When I shared the news—as well as my gratitude—with our staff team, I reminded them that these results are but a means to an end. DiscipleMakers does not exist to be the best mission agency to work for but to populate the planet with disciple-making disciples of Jesus Christ. Providing a stellar workplace environment greases the skids for our mission, but it is not the substance of the mission.

And so we are back to work. Back to training our staff in ministry skills. Back to leveraging the success the Lord has granted so we can

provide him an even greater return on his investment. And back to the hard work of meeting one student at a time, leading one Bible study at a time, calling sinners to trust in Christ, and teaching them to obey all he has commanded us.

Thank you for your partnership, which makes it possible for me to lead this exceptional staff team in the mission God has given us. Please pray for our team as the new semester gets started, the euphoria of good news fades, and the hard work of life-on-life discipling continues.



WINTER STAFF CONFERENCE

To help us get back to work, we held a training conference for our staff team on January 5-8. We studied the book of Ecclesiastes together, gaining a fresh vision for fearing God and delighting in him in the here and now. And we spent some time sharpening fundamental ministry skills and mindsets. It was a blessing to have leaders and newer staff learning alongside one another and sharpening one another.

FAMILY UPDATE

Elsa and Charlotte enjoyed another season of marching band this fall, with Elsa serving as co-manager of the uniform staff (no small task, since the band is over 200 strong!) and Charlotte achieving her dream of playing tenors. However, if you ask Charlotte what it was like to play tenors, she will tell you that she almost died during the homecoming parade in 80 degree heat with her wool uniform and 65-pound instrument, and that she would rather not march in any more parades, ever. She loved the football games though.



A junior in high school, Elsa has started visiting colleges, where she plans to major in flute performance. Charlotte has tagged along with some of the visits to get a jump-start on her own college search. She is thinking of majoring in business, but her interests change quickly, so she may have a different idea a few months from now.

Over the summer, both girls (and Benaiah) went on a mission trip to New York City, where they shared the gospel with internationals who had migrated there. We've been encouraged to see them continue to apply what they learned as they reach out to friends at the public school where they attend part-time.

PLEASE PRAY

- **Praise God** for providing a wonderful workplace for our staff team to thrive in.
- **Pray** for perseverance in our mission of raising up disciple-making disciples of Jesus Christ on campus.
- **Pray** for the reality of a new semester, with new relationships, new challenges, and much hardship.