

Second Level

~ Making a Difference One at a Time~

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, co-workers in Christ, let's seek His glory and keep serving together!
 "But an hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for such people the Father seeks to be His worshipers." (John 4:23)

Let's Become F.A.T. Christians !

God desires for you to become a F.A.T. Christian! But that doesn't mean being physically fat - F stands for Faithful, A for Available, and T for Teachable. If you prioritize these three points, God will richly provide ways for you to grow as a Christian.

F: Faithful: Being dependable and loyal. You don't need to be a great Biblical figure or show prominent leadership. God wants to make great use of ordinary people as faithful servants. Let's aim to be faithful and please the Lord, who will say "Well done, good and faithful servant" (Matthew 25:21).

A: Available: Being prepared to be used by the Lord. Jesus told Andrew, Simon, Philip, and Nathaniel to "Come, and you will see", and they decided to follow Jesus (John 1:35-51). John and Peter also left everything behind and immediately followed Jesus (Matthew 4:18-22). In the Old Testament, in the same way, we see Samuel and Isaiah respond to the Lord's call (1 Samuel 3:10, Isaiah 6:8). Are you able to respond immediately when the Lord calls you?

T: Teachable: Being able to receive teaching, having motivation to learn. The key to growth is to have a humble heart and attitude, desiring to continue learning and seeking God's truth.

Also, if you desire to help others grow spiritually, let's seek for FAT Christian! The Lord will open the way for anyone who is seeking. The same thing applies to spiritual growth. A believer who answers God's call with "Yes Lord, I am here" will be used as the Lord's precious vessel.

"I want to become a servant Christian who can impact others' lives." A perfect opportunity for someone who desires so.

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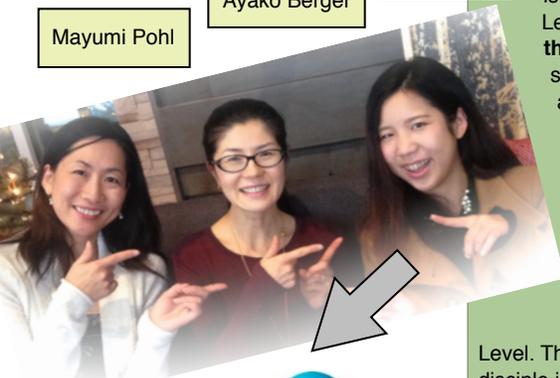
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Through God's grace, Second Level Ministry has been **bearing the fruits of discipleship**. The branches of this ministry are rapidly becoming heavy with these discipleship fruits. Mayumi Pohl met Ayako Berger in 2008 and clearly remembers her saying, "Please don't tell anyone that I am a Christian." It is unbelievable how God has transformed her spirit of indifference to a spirit radiance. From "15 Step Lessons" to "Living as a Disciple of Christ" (Second Level Publication), **Ayako has firmly established the foundation of her faith**. She loves to learn God's words, enjoy fellowship with other Christians, and serve the Lord in many ways. It is now obvious through her life that the Lord is pleased with her service and that she is fully invested in her spiritual walk. She is experiencing the Lord and becoming Christ-like daily.

Mayumi Pohl

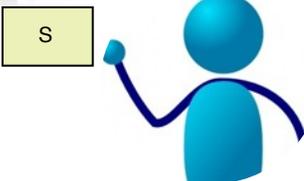
Ayako Berger

Haruka M.



And now discipleship is producing discipleship. In 2015, Ayako spent a lot of time with three non-believer ladies. One of them, **Haruka, accepted Christ** as her Savior and was baptized in October 2015. Because Ayako was already meeting with Haruka to share the Gospel, the discipleship started very smoothly right away. And God's work didn't stop there. **Haruka is miraculously growing and led her friend to Christ** in December 2015. As we are seeing new salvation and spiritual growth through this ministry, Ayako and all of us are in sheer awe of God's work. We are convinced that discipleship is making a huge difference in the lives of Christians influenced by Second Level. These stories are an encouragement and explanation of why we value the opportunity to nurture and disciple individual souls as Christ desired for us to do. (Matthew 28:19-20).

As Second Level, we always approach others, "personally", "intentionally", and "strategically". Even at the stage of evangelism, we foresee discipling and multiplying the fruit someday. Our vision is and will always be that discipleship leads to discipleship. We hope to remain faithful until death. (Revelation 2:10)



Assumption of Disciple Making

Left column: the numerical representation of additional growth. The annual total number of saved persons grows by 365, if one person is saved on a daily basis.

Right column: the numerical representation of multiplicative growth. The annual total number of disciplined persons grows by a factor of two, if two people invest their lives into the lives of two other people for discipleship annually.

This is just an assumption, but please note the powerful difference in the result. By comparing additional (evangelism) and multiplicative growth (discipleship), the 33 year growth projection of discipleship, justifies the relevance, importance, and potential of the discipleship mission of Second Level.

Mentor. Grow Disciples. Multiply!

	<u>Evangelist</u>	<u>Disciple-Maker</u>
Year	1 person/Day	1 Disciple/Year
1	365	2
2	730	4
3	1095	8
4	1460	16
5	1825	32
6	2190	64
7	2555	128
8	2920	256
9	3285	512
10	3650	1024



30	10,950	536,870,912
31	11,315	1,073,741,821
32	11,680	4,294,967,296
33	12,045	8,589,924,952



Start SMALL, Think BIG!

The gift of teaching the Bible does not automatically translate into mentorship success; teaching is just one part. Successful mentorship requires courage so that you can lead one-on-one mentorship and get into the depth of the personal relationship. Successful mentorship also requires commitment and patience. The long-term results of mentorship are worth the investment and will only be seen by committing to the "end game."

Imagine that your "spiritual investment" "multiplies" the production of fruit. As you can see on the chart on the left, investing in F.A.T. people (see P.1) via nurtured growth leads to a large harvest in the future. It looks like there is no change in the beginning. One seed can easily grow into one forest of disciples.

In the long run, you can see that the true impact of mentorship is brought by "reproducible lives", the goal of discipleship. The value of spiritual seeds is often underappreciated, because people are focused on immediate gains instead of long-term gains. With growth of the kingdom in mind, why don't we focus on the effects of growing a seed?



Brian McGregor has been an intern at Second Level since the summer of 2015. Brian is a very capable member of our team; he is able to convey Biblical truth and disciple others.

As we prayed for His guidance, the Lord sent the right mentee, Seiichi Nakamura (HI), for Brian. Second Level was in touch with Seiishi originally as a mentor. When we contacted him, Seiishi was facing difficult spiritual battles and was in need of a Christian mentor. And the Lord answered many prayers.....Brian connected with Seishii!

Seiishi was dealing with a situation that Brian was familiar with. Brian is using his experience and knowledge to mentor Seishii through this situation. The door of their mentoring relationship opened in an exciting way with God's obvious intervention. It has been a few months since they started meeting, and we are very thankful that Seiichi's needs have been satisfied. Seishii stands firm in the Lord. Second Level serves to disciple; this example of discipleship success is the mission of Second Level!

The One Who Connects Us

One of Second Level's activities is to help the process of finding mentors (who carry out the mentoring) and the mentees (who receive mentoring) and putting them together in suitable pairs, in addition to promote the necessity and effectiveness of discipleship training. There are various considerations in this process. We take age and gender into account, of course, as well as consideration of both parties' situation - the needs of the mentee, the spiritual wisdom of mentors prepared to meet their needs, thoughts toward discipleship, and spiritual experience.

We naturally remember Ephesians 3:20, which speaks of "Him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us." We have been pleasantly surprised by what the Lord has done through this match maker role. The Lord has perfectly brought people together through it, and we've often seen hearts opened and problems overcome together with the right people. Mentors are not to feel obligated or forced to do things for their mentees, but rather have received a calling from God Himself to serve them. The kind of mentoring we've described above is a fine example of God's great work. "For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised; he is to be feared above all gods." (Psalm 96:4)

Not only " to teach", but " to be caught "

To teach God's truth is important (Deuteronomy 6:6-7). Rather than hoarding God's truths, we should go share them (II Timothy 2: 2). The book of James says, "Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says." (James 1:22). Through these verses, we can learn the important principle that faith and conduct must be accompanied together.

Mentors are the ones who demonstrate the Christ-like servant model. If you have a Christ-like attitude, the testimony of what it means to be a disciple of Christ will be obvious, even without speaking a word. The opportunities for mentorship are everywhere. Remember that we are called to demonstrate Christ's love and share his truths. As Christians, we want people to "catch" the fragrance of Christ. Teaching and being caught are two principle activities we should keep in mind.

Let us continue to pray to the Lord that each one of us is living witness of Christ!



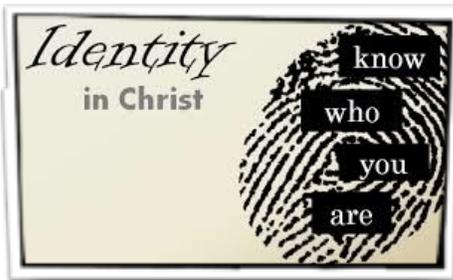
Identity In Christ

In 2015, we have offered Skype learning sessions entitled, "Identity in Christ". A ten-chapter series, "Identity in Christ" focuses on the identity of the new person in Christ. The Scripture talks about the beautiful transformation of the saved in God's eyes. As people who are saved yet still carry their old nature, it is often difficult for us to see ourselves the way that God sees us. Through God's Words found in the Scripture, we learn to view ourselves not by our own distorted view, but through the "lenses" granted by God. Therefore, as a saved person comes to understand the abundance of the spiritual blessings God has given, this leads to further glorification in God and living in a way that is transformed to more Christ-like.

Words of Testimony

"I've found the richness of salvation. By knowing the original state of myself and where I am at after having accepted Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior, I am now, in Christ, committed to a deeper relationship with God. From here on, I want to live my life as a saved Christian, who is always giving thanks and pursuing a relationship with Jesus."

In 2016, we're planning to publish these contents as a textbook, so stay tuned!



Okinawa Mission Trip

June, 2016, Wakako Minamoto, Associate Staff of Second Level

We are offering a seminar about spiritual growth, discovering spiritual gifts, and identity in Christ. The details will be announced soon!

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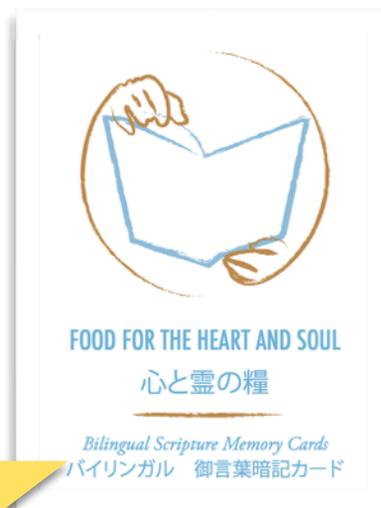
Our Bilingual Scripture Book is renewed! *(by Michael Reynolds, Chairman of Second Level Ministry, Second Level Publication)*

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