

Hello Truth Connect Family,

I pray you are experiencing and recognizing God's blessings as we move into a new year. Like many of you, I have grown accustomed to receiving these newsletters as a supporter, participant and prayer warrior for TC. However today, I humbly greet you as the President of Truth Connect. It is such an honor and a privilege to sit in this role and I pray for God's wisdom daily. I am grateful for all the hard work Dr. Don and Karen have put in to make TC what it is today. God has given them clear vision and direction and I am blessed to have them as mentors.

I know many of you personally but please allow me to introduce myself and my family. My wife Julie and I are both Pennsylvania natives and have been married for 12 years. God has gifted us with two beautiful children, a four-year-old daughter and an almost two-year-old son. Julie and I have served in various ministry settings since 2012. As an interpreter for the deaf, Julie uses her training to minister to the deaf community. She has served alongside me in youth ministry, discipleship initiatives, marriage ministry, planting a church and now leading TC. I am thankful for all of the experiences God has given us because they have been shaping us for this new adventure!

My whole life I have heard the words of Jesus in Matthew 28:19, "*Go therefore and make disciples of all nations...*" . Now, I literally have a front row seat to leading an organization that does this very thing. Over the past decade God has been challenging me to really consider what this command from Jesus means. The mission of TC is to encourage and equip Christian leaders to be disciple makers where they live. I see the hand of God preparing us for this work with TC. Jesus taught us to invest intentionally and relationally and I have been challenged to lead according to this model. We have discovered a strategy that works in the U.S. but now I, and our TC team, have the opportunity to train global Christian leaders to do the same.

TC will continue sending qualified leaders and supporters to teach and engage at Leadership Training Conferences at host churches around the world. This has proven to be an effective way to carry out the mission God has given TC. We also plan to implement new strategies of equipping virtually on a consistent basis. Over the past year I have been in a Discipleship Essentials group with three of TC's leaders in Kenya. We meet virtually once a week for a discipleship group. They are now ready to go and do likewise. They have discipleship tools translated in their own language to carry out the great commission where they have influence.

In this season, God is calling me and my family to multiple initiatives. I would like you to know that I do not plan on doing these things alone. We have built a strong board of directors that will help lead and make decisions for Truth Connect. John Huston is a trusted friend and proven leader. He has been involved with TC in the past and is equipped as a teacher and visionary leader. Creed Smith has a heart for God and brings a unique skillset to help in many ways. Bob Ritter has a servant's heart and will help with the finances of TC. We also plan to build a team of trained teachers that strategically travel to teach and minister around the world. And as always, you are welcome to join us. Come see with your own eyes what God is doing through your support. The best receipt is a first-hand experience.

Please continue to pray for wisdom for our leadership as we seek God for his direction. As Dr. Don often says, "God cannot lie" (Hebrews 6:18) and "God promises wisdom to those who ask" (James 1:5). So we are trusting Him with TC's future. God has already done amazing things but I believe the best is yet to come.

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