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Dear Friends,

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I was challenged to evaluate the impact my personal ministry will have in 10 years. That will wake you up! A life coach challenged me to embrace the past and build on it which was helpful as I am seeing some progress in writing study guides and launching a discipleship training plan. I have been keenly focused on writing study guides for a book titled Essentials of Discipleship by Francis Cosgrove who served on staff of Navigators. The pastor of a PCA mission church asked me to help a new believer grow spiritually. After that, I asked three friends to go through the program to help refine the guides. One of those first four guys just started meeting with his first trainee which made me realize the potential of this plan and the priority of asking each participant to pledge to disciple others. This is an essential step. We are expecting intentional multiplication.

These guys are now engaged in training “disciple-making disciples”. This is more than encouraging and equipping people for personal spiritual growth. We all have many opportunities for personal growth. We are promoting a duplicable plan of action. It provides coaching and builds confidence that all believers can encourage and equip others by God’s Grace. (Eph 4:11-13 is my life passage). Each person who agrees to participate is asked to pledge to disciple at least one person. Hopefully they will never stop discipling others in their lifetime. I am now asking God for 4 more guys anywhere to disciple in person or by phone or via FaceTime. We will start the new sessions in early September which means we should have 12 training 12 by next January. We take breaks over the holidays and again over the summer months. Do the math! If all continue to participate as they have pledged in writing, there will be 24 training 24 by next fall, on and on. No doubt this has the potential for many of us to obey the Lord’s Great Commission in Matthew 28. You can find these study guides at [www.medicalmobilizers.org/studyguides](http://www.medicalmobilizers.org/studyguides).

I have been challenged to use this plan to offer Medical Discipleship to health professionals. The life experiences and needs of the trainer and trainees are unique to the health professional’s world. This is what I sought to offer in my ministry career working with health professionals. One of the strategies for the newly trained disciple is to consult with their pastor about new candidates. This can be new believers but it might also be mature Christians desiring to be trained to disciple others. I learned from the Navigators that the sessions should be one-on-one or Life-To-Life and with the plan for a long-term relationship. Trainers are to mentor those they disciple. I prefer the one-to-one format which allows us to do a combination of coaching, counseling, mentoring, and discipleship training. This format allows extra confidentiality that is usually not possible in groups.

I have written other study guides such as the first 8 chapters of In His Image by Dr. Paul Brand. I was asked to teach this weekly at the local Franklin Family YMCA this past spring. Starting this fall, I will be teaching from Addiction and Grace by Dr. Gerald May. This is a timely subject. Dr. May writes that the only hope for an addict is in the Grace of God, i.e., the gospel of Jesus Christ. You can find these study guides on the same webpage. Consider using these for your own ministries. Call me for guidance and details.

I have spent many hours of work preparing these study guides and discipleship plan. These study guides are offered free of charge. One of our donors recently encouraged me to put more time into raising up new donors in order to support these new projects so I will be strengthening some fundraising efforts until my tent-making work of SwitchandSupport.org develops stable income. Note: switching to our kYnect services offering energy and wireless is a way to help generate extra financial support for us.

**Bottom line is that we need your prayers & financial support.** I feel bold in asking for your investment now as we are seeing results. Will you invest financially as we increase the number of guides and develop more training? You can make a donation by going to the **Donate** page on our website using PayPal using email [ron@medicalmobilizers.org](mailto:ron@medicalmobilizers.org). Thanks in advance for your prayers and support. I look forward to reconnecting with you and working together as a team. Consider using Switch&Support as well.

**CHALLENGE:** Consider walking through this discipleship training with me so you too can be better equipped to disciple others in your network. Then work with your pastor to prayerfully & pro-actively select those who could be trained. We can do this! EASY!

**Family Update:** God is blessing as we now have another granddaughter – Ruthie Lively. Mother Justine & our son **Andrew** are proud parents again. They, with (Hayden, the twins Sawyer & Marlana, and now Ruthie) live nearby in Columbia. They have full custody of the twins now. **Laura** & Patrick (with Penelope) live in Franklin. **Josh** and Maureen live in Huntsville where Josh continues to learn how to care for a house and yard! **Leeann** & JJ live on a small farm in Auburntown, TN (John Holden, not yet 4, already has a 4-wheeler!) **Renee** and Craig (and three children) live in Anderson, SC. **Penny** is an active and happy Granny!!

In Christ, **Ron**

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