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# A DISCIPLE-MAKING JOURNEY

Christian Evangelistic Mission Special Newsletter



## A Vision in the Making - 10 Year Plan

BY CHAD HALBACH

In January 2022, I received specific instructions from God about the direction of CEM for the next ten years (see sidebar). One year later, I am happy to report that we have taken our first steps in seeing this audacious vision for the future become a reality. We have three godly men about to enter our year-long resident training program (John, Todd, and Nate). You'll be hearing more about these men in the coming months.

We are also taking our first group of leaders through a ten-month-long cohort focused intensely on disciple-making in our churches. Thirteen men are starting this March through the Bonhoeffer Project (see [thebonhoefferproject.com](http://thebonhoefferproject.com)), which encourages, supports, and teaches cohort members to become disciple-making leaders who train others to likewise make disciples (see back).

I ask that you keep the men who will be in this year's cohort in your prayers: John, Todd, Nate, Tony, Tom, Dave, Bud, Wes, Dale, Luke, David, Dan, and Brent. These leaders are equipped to be disciple-makers with regional influence in their communities and churches.

I have been clinging to the words of Jesus when he said, "Truly I tell you, if you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, 'move from here to there,' and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you" (Matthew 17:20-21). Please pray that the Lord will keep sending workers into the fields through our residency and disciple-making training.

## CEM Vision: 40-20-10

Recruit, equip, send:  
40 DISCIPLE-MAKERS

Send those 40 into:  
20 COMMUNITIES

40 Disciple-Makers to  
20 communities within:  
10 YEARS

### BY THE END OF 2023

3 Church Planter Residents:  
STIPENDS PAID

10+ Disciple-Makers:  
FULLY TRAINED



## What is the Bonhoeffer Project?

You may know Dietrich Bonhoeffer best for his book, *The Cost of Discipleship*. He believed that unless one followed Christ in a serious fashion, it cheapens the grace of God. From 1935-1940, he trained pastors in an illegal seminary, and was martyred in 1945. His students were instructed first and foremost in discipleship.

The idea behind our cohort process is simple: eight to ten people will spend a year together studying, discussing, and doing discipleship. The cohort will meet for ten sessions at a once-a-month pace. Participants will read, discuss, debate, plan, strategize, and do a bit of life together.

The goal of The Bonhoeffer Project is to encourage, teach, and support each participant to become a disciple-making leader. "Our vision is world revolution through local movements of disciple-making" ([thebonhoefferproject.com](http://thebonhoefferproject.com)).

## An Opportunity - Planting Seeds of Faith

BY SUZI STEELE

As Chad reflected on the mustard seed parable, God can use small things to become mighty works of God when we put our faith in Him. We've included a small packet of seeds for you as a gift. We chose Forget-Me-Not flowers to remind us of God's goodness and the new life we have in Christ. We also ask that you also "not forget" CEM in your prayers and financial support.

Normally, the Bonhoeffer Project has a cost of \$1,200 per cohort participant. To make this more affordable, CEM is providing \$600 scholarships to individuals who commit to joining a cohort. By cutting the cost in half, we believe more people in our churches can be trained in disciple-making leadership.

Not only will we provide scholarships to the cohort members Chad listed, we also seek to fund future cohort participants. We envision men and women (yes, there's women cohorts) in their respective churches to train others to "go and make disciples" (Matt. 28:19) wherever God leads them.

I humbly ask for gifts of \$1,200, \$600, \$300, or even \$150 to CEM's Bonhoeffer Project Scholarship Fund this March. Planting season is coming...please join us in the adventure!

**"We must be ready to allow ourselves to be interrupted by God."**

DIETRICH BONHOEFFER

