

# DNA Global News

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*God made humankind to be culture makers, and it matters hugely what kind of culture we create. Whatever our vocation, whatever domain we are called to, as Christians our work is ultimately to create Kingdom culture—culture that reflects the true nature and character of God.*

- Darrow Miller

## Global Updates

**NEPAL** (Submitted by Bishnu Regmi) Last quarter has been the busiest and most meaningful time for us since we began this ministry. I traveled to Eastern Nepal and Northeast India twice last quarter. It was a wonderful and meaningful trip for us. We were able to see numbers of pastors and leaders there and have fellowship with them. As a result they are interested in conducting Vision Conferences in Jhapa in Eastern Nepal, and Darjeeling in Northeast India. During the visit they allowed me to speak at their churches on Sunday Service.



I was able to teach three Vision Conferences last quarter. It was indeed a wonderful time to travel different places and see many faithful pastors and leaders serving the Lord in different parts of the country. I was overjoyed as I saw Vision Conference participants expressing their positive response in the teaching and their commitment to apply the principles in their churches and communities.

**CHAD** (Submitted by Pierre Celestin Ntoko and Rene Mbongo) We are grateful to God for the time we spent in Chad from June 16-19 with the local churches there, bringing a message of hope both for the Church and for the Nation. As you all know Chad is wounded by many years of war. The events of February are still fresh in people's minds. In such a context having a time of sharing the Disciple Nations Alliance curriculum was very



helpful. The first days following our arrival, brother René and I lived at the SIL guest house. But we did have to move from SIL to Tropical Hotel. The reason: All the missionaries were asked by their embassies to leave N'djamena because of the progression of the rebels toward the Capital city of Chad. We were struggling as well, seeking God's face to know if we should leave or not. By God's grace, we decided to stay and have the training. The brothers were highly encouraged to see our readiness and willingness to fight with them, sharing some of the pains and wounds.

Brothers were also encouraged to see to eagerness of the 49 participants from different churches both males and females, to learn. From the Transforming Story to the Seed Projects, God moved mightily in our midst to accomplish His purposes. Participants saw the training as one of the best tools they've ever had to transform their community, to come close of the neighborhood and bring the message of the kingdom in its fullness. In fact one of the participants named Asbaki Charles had just written to me by email. He said that he has started a seed project in Guité a village to east-west of N'djamena. Their goal is to distribute mosquito nets in that village. They'll start at the beginning of this month by a survey.

Does this testimony not speak for itself? Let's pray for Chad that God will do something new in that blessed country as God's people seek new and afresh ways to serve Him better and disciple communities effectively.

#### Vision Conference in Juba Sudan

(Submitted by Dennis Tongoi and Meschack Oduke). From May 5-9, over forty Sudanese church and denominational leaders gathered in Juba, the unofficial capital of southern Sudan, for a Vision Conference facilitated by Dennis Tongoi and Meschack Oduke. Participants represented four denominations as well as leadership of the development organization ACROSS ([www.across-sudan.org](http://www.across-sudan.org)). In response to the teaching on the Disciplines of Love and the training on the Transforming Story, one church leader went back to his wife and asked for forgiveness for having not honored her in their several years of marriage. He then offered to join her for the family morning devotions which he had abandoned for some time. She, in turn, told him to please go back and thank those people whoever they are that have changed you in this way to start to honor me.

Dr. Ingreid Renau of ACROSS had this to say following the conference: "Now I am wondering how this seminar can be made to all missionaries coming on our Father's mission to Africa. How can we have all missions boards and agencies use this material in their missions preparation programs? Then I am wondering how we can have this presentation made to all students in Bible colleges and seminaries, especially those with Africa on their hearts. Lastly, I am wondering whether we, at ACROSS, would be able to have someone from Samaritan Strategy Africa make a presentation at the first meeting of the Christian NGO forum that we are establishing here in Juba.

#### Reports from Chris Ampadu in West Africa

(Submitted on July 1) Praise God, the Vision Conference and TOT in Togo ended very successfully. It took place in Tsevie about an hour drive from the capital city Lome. 85 pastors and church leaders participated. The conference was opened by the mayor of Tsevie who was full of appreciation to the Federation of Evangelical Churches for bringing such an important conference to his city. The excitement, zeal and the eagerness to learn was so encouraging amongst the participants. At the end of the conference, one Methodist minister commented that it seems his ten years of ministry were wasted years and he is just commencing ministry using God's full agenda. The TOT was attended by 20 participants. John Wood did an excellent job helping to facilitate this event.

(Submitted on June 10) Thank you so much for your continuous prayer support throughout the month. All our meeting programs were very successful. In Lome, Togo with Compassion International we had 60 participants; in Aboisso, Ivory Coast we had 80. At the Assin Foso Church leaders retreat and seminar, over 700 leaders participated, and last week's Vision Conference and TOT facilitated by Dr. Bob Moffitt and I in Monrovia, Liberia had more than 60 church leaders. All of these events were attended by influential church leaders, and as a result, biblical transformation has started in various communities as God's people begin to live the life expected of them as they demonstrate God's love through service.

Wholistic ministry is not a technique or a fad. It is the natural outgrowth of a wholistic life—one that understands that God is a real, active, all-powerful, loving presence and lives in total devotion to him. A person living out this kind of wholistic life recognizes Jesus as King of kings and Lord of lords, not just in a future heavenly realm, but now. This person appreciates that God is not merely lord of the spiritual realm, but Lord over everything in creation. God desires each of us to glorify him by participating in his big agenda of advancing the Kingdom. We do this as we understand and apply biblical truth in our whole lives, and as we love our neighbors and creation through wholistic ministry.

#### **Training of Trainers Event in Colombo, Sri Lanka**

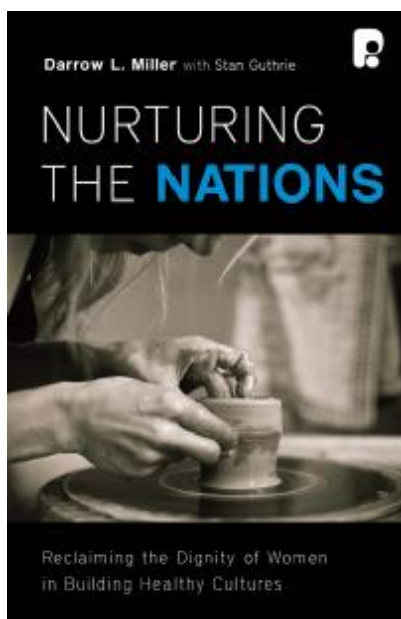
(Submitted by Bob Moffitt) From May 20-23, I facilitated a Trainer of Trainers course for students who attended a Vision Conference in Sri Lanka last year. For a TOT, this was a large group. We had four Tamil and 14 Sinhalese pastors, two laymen and 10 staff from the sponsoring organization, the Evangelical Association of Sri Lanka. The TOT was designed to refresh their understanding of the key points of the Vision Conference, but primarily to enable them to use effective teaching methods to equip the members of their local churches for the demonstration of God's love. It is always encouraging to see trainees go away feeling that they have the practical tools to mobilize their people.

#### **Nurturing the Nations Workshop in Lima, Peru**

From May 13-23, Darrow Miller facilitated a new workshop titled "Nurturing the Nations." Hosted by Food for the Hungry Peru, the workshop was attended by key church and denominational leaders from the greater Lima area. Following the workshop, many participants expressed that their eyes were opened in a new way to the plight of women around the world through the statistics and stories that were shared. Many stated that they now understand the biblical role of women in developing societies, beginning in the home. Several women responded that after the teaching, they have a new understanding of their roles, as well as an improved self-image and sense of worth.

The Nurturing the Nations Workshop is a five-day learning event that focuses on the dignity of women and their central role in developing healthy nations. It is designed as a companion to Darrow's newly released book, *Nurturing the Nations: Reclaiming the Dignity of Women in Building Healthy Cultures*. If you are interested in hosting a Nurturing the Nations workshop, please contact Cindy Benn at the DNA US office: [cindyb@disciplenations.org](mailto:cindyb@disciplenations.org).

### **Nurturing the Nations Released**



In May, Paternoster Publishing announced the release of Darrow Miller's latest book, *Nurturing the Nations: Reclaiming the Dignity of Women in Building Healthy Cultures*. According to Miller, "The book addresses one of the greatest causes of poverty worldwide: the lie that men are superior to women. Our world is filled with nations that are impoverished largely because half of their people--the female population--are disenfranchised."

But this is not just a book about women; it is a book that deals with the intersection of three seemingly very different subjects: women, poverty, and worldview. *Nurturing the Nations* explains how the ideas that societies embrace create healthy or impoverished cultures and supports this theory with information regarding domestic violence, murder, and pornography.

With *Nurturing the Nations*, Miller teams up again with Stan Guthrie, author and senior associate editor with Christianity Today magazine and co-author of Darrow's first major book released, *Discipling*

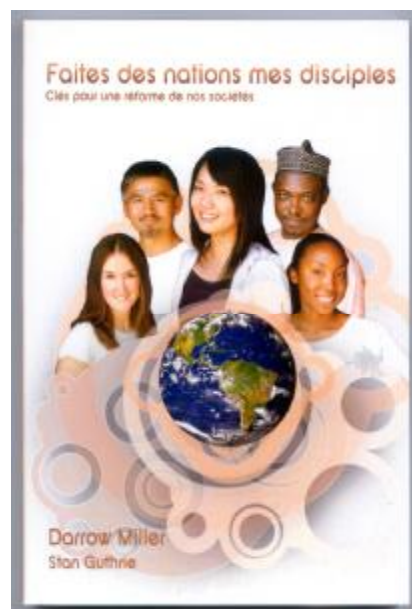
*Nations: The Power of Truth to Transform Culture*.

*Nurturing the Nations* explores the role of worldview in shaping culture by examining various paradigms, such as Hinduism and Animism, showing how they lead to the abuse and hatred of women. It then moves to an exploration of the biblical worldview, specifically the Trinity as a model for male-female relationships. Servanthood, submission, and the transcendence of sexuality are all discussed based on the biblical idea that male and female are created equal in being, yet different in function. The book concludes with a look at the history of women in the Old and New Testament--how they functioned as co-laborers with men in the development of creation, and the liberating challenge Jesus issued to the sexist culture of His day.

*Nurturing the Nations* is available at the Disciple Nations Alliance U.S. online store ([www.disciplenations.org/store](http://www.disciplenations.org/store)).

## French Translation of Discipling Nations Released

DNA U.S. is happy to announce the release of a newly published French-language edition of Darrow Miller's 1998 book *Discipling Nations: The Power of Truth to Transform Culture*. The publisher is Jeunesse en Mission (YWAM Switzerland), and copies may be purchased by visiting <http://www.rdf.ch/boutique/index.php?critere=jem&fevalrestr=prixcasses>



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It has been said that the greatest single statement most people will make in their life for the cause of Christ—for good or bad—is how they *do their work*. In fact, discipling the nations requires followers of Christ to discover their God-given calling and intentionally live-out their vocational life within the framework of a distinctively Biblical worldview.

Yet tragically, far too many Christians unintentionally allow the predominant worldview of their surrounding culture to shape their understanding of work. Imagine how powerful it would be if all Christians saw themselves as “missionaries” sent by God to redeem and restore the sectors of society where they are deployed? Developed by Disciple Nations Alliance co-founder Darrow L. Miller, *LifeWork: Developing a Biblical Theology of Vocation* helps Christians understand a Biblical perspective of vocation (or *LifeWork*), develop a biblical theology for particular vocational areas, and take practical steps to align faith and work. Study helps cover a broad range of vocational areas including administration, agriculture, art, business, communication, community development, education, government, healthcare, motherhood, and more.

*LifeWork: Developing a Biblical Theology of Vocation* is appropriate for individual or small-group study and is now available at [www.disciplenations.org/books\\_download](http://www.disciplenations.org/books_download) as a free PDF resource.

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