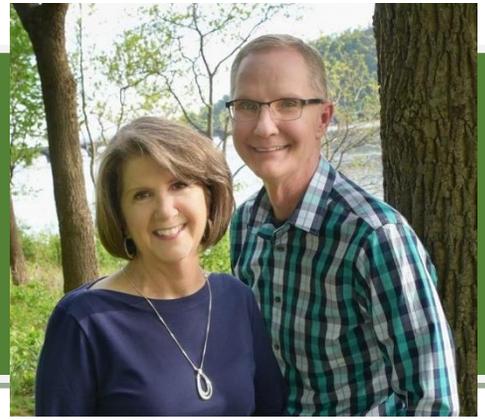


Multiplying Leaders with Good Soil

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In the middle of September, we had the wonderful privilege of visiting two couples in Colorado (only one pictured in front of a lake in the Rocky Mountains) who are friends of ours and friends of Good Soil. What a blessing it was to talk with them and gain insights about leadership, decision-making, and finances related to Good Soil! We are grateful to God for giving us “iron-sharpening” friends.



The week after that Gil joined 30+ people from ABWE in attending the 2021 Missio Nexus conference in Austin, Texas. We were able to begin relationships with several people and mission agencies with whom we can partner in the future.

Some will remember the Kusel, Germany, meeting in 2005 of 18 missionaries from around the ABWE world in which Good Soil was born. On September 7-9, we had what one could call

“Kusel 2.0.” Ten missionaries representing five continents met with the following objective: “to equip our missionaries and international partners for worldview-relevant second level discipleship.” Good Soil has a several worldview-relevant tools for evangelism and first level discipleship, but nothing for second level. We had great interaction and were able to

1. Define seven distinctives of a Good Soil second level discipleship model,
2. Create a template for the same, and
3. Map out the five phases that should be covered.

Pray for the team as we now put “meat on the skeleton” over the next several months. Our missionaries and international partners have been asking for this for quite some time. ***Pray that God will bless greatly so that tools and training will be ready soon.***



The week after these meetings, we taught Good Soil Evangelism & Discipleship at the office. Even though the attendance was not as high as usual, we still had representatives from ABWE, other missions, and several churches. The participants were very appreciative of the training and took many resources back to their place of ministry. One couple from to an African country have already taken steps to get the resources into *four languages* to reach the people in their host country—three of the languages are new for Good Soil! ***Pray God will use this training these resources in their lives to reach people for Christ and make disciples of the nations.***



Two Groups working on the “Essentials for a Truly Evangelistic Church” Model



Much of the learning takes place from students processing what is shared from up front and around tables.

In our last letter we mentioned our new Good Soil appointees to Thailand, **Danil & Alla Tereshchenkov**. We have the privilege of preaching at their commissioning service on October 31st in Seattle WA. Please ***pray that God will use the message in their lives and others who God may call to missions***. Also, ***pray for them as they prepare to leave for Thailand on November 28th***.

The day after arriving back from Seattle, we will be flying to the Phoenix, AZ area to do a three-day Good Soil Seminar (Nov 3-5). We would appreciate your ***prayers for stamina, good health, and effectiveness in training***.

Your Missionaries,

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