

# TRAVELER JOURNEYS

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### Discipleship in Unexpected Ways

#### Matthew 28:19-20 NIV

<sup>19</sup> Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup> and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

- Discipleship in Unexpected Ways, a 501(c3) discipleship ministry, is the umbrella program that includes Traveler Journeys, a program to take people on journeys to the Holy Land. We have taken groups to Egypt, Israel, Jordan, and Greece since 2018 to experience the lands of Moses, Jesus, and Paul in unique ways. These trips broaden the faith of believers and expose all to the origins of our faith as no other type of education can.
- We feel that God has called us to reach unbelievers & Christians to grow disciples in nontraditional ways. This travel ministry is a wonderful start & we are developing a training program to give our traveler alumni the tools they need to become stronger disciples then fulfill our calling when they return home.
- We have so many ideas and God whispers to fulfill. We created this tax-exempt ministry to take donations so we can help those with a sincere heart for God & discipleship to be able to take this journey. We do not gift anyone a full tour but we are open to where God leads us with gifting.
- Future plans include formalizing our discipleship program materials, expanding our reach into the community, and supporting more frequent tours to the Holy Land to enable more people to join us.
- Tax deductible donations are welcome and will help us grow disciples! For details on how you can donate, please go to:

https://travelerjourneys.life/donate



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### About us...

We're a small group of Christians who believe in growing God's Kingdom through genuine investment of time and education about the origins of our faith that we can then share with others.



#### Debbie & Julie, Sea of Galilee 2019

When God calls you to a mission, it's often hard to put that purpose into words. When God called me (Debbie) to create this ministry in 2017, all I heard was "take 50 people to the Holy Land in October 2018". Well, that was pretty exciting for me! I was called to manage a new project (I love leading & organization!) that involved traveling to new places around the world. Wow!, what a blessing! We were able to accomplish that task (and plan more trips) but there is more to this mission...and we are focused on that too. <u>https://travelerjourneys.life/discipleship-in-unexpected-ways</u>

#### Connection

Philippians 2:4 call us. "Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others." People have needs. People are hurting. People need others. Being kind and loving to those in our midst and those we meet might just give them the glimpse of God they're desperate to see...and need!

(Talking about Jesus in the Aegean Sea, Greece, July 2021)



#### Service

We are called to be servants. 1 Peter 4:10 ESV As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace.

We will serve as He leads, in our homes, in our churches, & in our communities so that others see Christ in us.

> (Communion at the Garden Tomb, September 2019)



#### Discipleship

Discipleship in Unexpected Ways - it's so simple but so important! Not everyone will come to Jesus through an alter call at church or an invitation after a Spirit-filled concert. Some need a personal conversation, a fact-filled book to investigate, a shared story about grace or redemption, or provision of resources/support to overcome trials/doubts /insecurities. We need to meet people where they are...and seek them as He sought us. (Teaching the Beatitudes - Matthew 5 - at the Mt. of Beatitudes, Israel, October 2018)



## We could use your financial support & prayers!

Commit to the Lord whatever you do and He will establish your plans. Proverbs 16:3

We are exploring what God has planned for this ministry but we are confident that all will tie to helping people know Jesus. It's our commission and our responsibility to "make disciples of all nations (*Mark* 16:15-18)"! We can achieve this through witnessing (Acts 1:8), preaching (Mark 16:15), baptizing (at home and in Israel through our trips), and teaching (Matt 28:20). We will be successful because Jesus, the Lord of heaven and earth, will be with us as we pursue it.

Our Board has wonderful God-given gifts & talents that are being used well for the Kingdom. We have minimal expenses (technology & marketing) and use the majority of donations for materials and partial tour sponsorships. Donations are appreciated and they will be used for fulfilling this ministry's objectives. If you want to join us in these pursuits or donate to help us meet our Kingdom goals, please let us know! We'd love to have you!

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