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## 24 OUT OF 25

The year 2025 still sounds futuristic to us in DiscipleMakers, largely because we've had our sights set on this year for the last decade. After taking nearly thirty-four years to grow from one campus to eleven, we decided in 2015 to more than double the size of our ministry, aiming to reach 25 campuses by the summer of 2025.

Well, here we are.

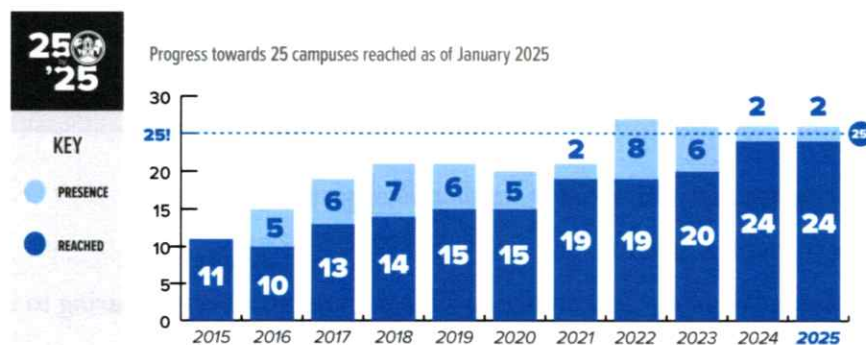
And by God's grace, we have reached 24 campuses out of the desired 25.

Because of our commitment to disciple-making, we are not willing to declare a campus "reached" until we have a trained missionary presence at that campus, fostering a culture of raising up effective disciple-making disciples of Jesus Christ. So meeting with a few students or

leading an infrequent Bible study is a great start. But we consider such work to give us a "presence" at that campus; it's not enough to label that school as "reached."

With that said, we're delighted to report that we have a presence on two more schools at this time. We're praying hard and laboring with all we've got to allocate staff resources to "reach" at least one of those two last schools.

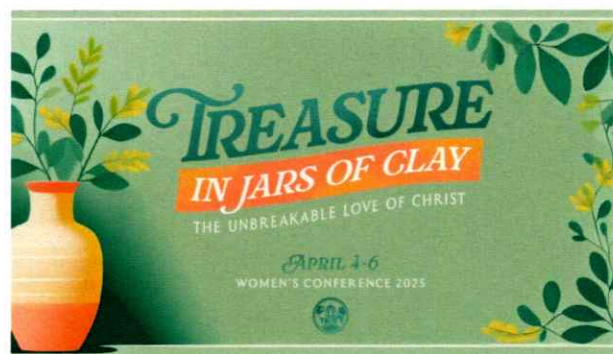
Due to sensitivity with university administrators, we're not able to disclose the names of those two schools. But the Lord knows them. Would you be willing to pray with us for the remaining months of this spring semester, that he might enable us to hit that goal and reach our 25th campus by the end of the school year?





## WOMEN'S CONFERENCE PREPARATION

Our annual Women's Conference takes place on April 4-6, and Peter has been meeting with a number of the DM staff who will lead workshops, to coach them in their preparation to teach. It's been a great honor to work with these skilled colleagues, encourage them in their study of God's word, and assist them in preparing to teach the women who will attend the conference.



## FAMILY UPDATE

In August we wrote about our plans to take Matthias to the Strasburg Railroad to see the full-sized Thomas train. We were able to make that trip happen, and Matthias was thrilled. Since then he has frequently recounted the events of "my trip" and asked when he'll get to return. We usually respond that we'll probably be able to get him another trip as his 4th birthday gift. He knows that his birthday is "in July when it stops colding outside." At one point, he called Thomas on his toy phone to assure his friend that he'd visit again.

Matthias attends a preschool in our neighborhood so the rest of us can get homeschooling done. One day when there was a snow day and Matthias was home, he asked for a snack, but he didn't like the options Erin offered, so he called his preschool teacher on his toy phone to see if she could get him a better snack. He loves having guests in our home, and he always gives them the grand tour and shows them all of the games, puzzles, toys, and books. He's been taking swim lessons this winter, and at the end of each lesson, he asks, "Can I go again?"

Since Matthias often asks siblings and parents to play a game with him, he is used to the response, "Ok, I have time to play one game with you right now." Growing in cleverness, Matthias recently attempted to head off the one-game limit by asking Peter right off the bat, "Could you play *two* games with me?"



## PLEASE PRAY

- **Praise God** for bringing us to the verge of accomplishing our 10-year goal!
- **Pray** for our labor to reach a 25th campus.
- **Pray** for the upcoming Women's Conference and for the staff teachers preparing to instruct the students in God's word.