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Scott D. Allen, President
DNA Global Secretariat

**“If you give a man a fish, you feed him for a day.
If you teach a man to fish, you feed him for a lifetime.”**

As helpful as this proverb is, it does not go far enough. If the objective is for a man to flourish as God intended, it is not enough merely to teach him to fish. You have to help him learn how to think about fishing. Because we bear God’s image, we are made to use our minds to think deeply about the nature of reality and to seek out the truth. We are to organize our thinking into basic principles and apply these principles in the form of practical solutions to our problems.

This is what sets the Disciple Nations Alliance apart. This is what distinguishes us from other worthy community development organizations. **We emphasize teaching the deeper worldview truths that cause development, not just skills training.**

For example, most Christian development organizations emphasize the need for widespread community participation in development initiatives. This is good, but it does not go far enough.

The deeper biblical worldview truth behind this is that **every member in the community is made in the image of God** and, thus, is equal and unique. Everyone has an important role to play in God’s intentions for the community. Everyone has God-given gifts and talents that need to be applied. This is why they should all participate in the community development process. Yet almost no Christian relief and development organization has a clear strategy for helping the community understand this deeper truth. It is simply assumed.

A second example. Most Christian relief and development organizations emphasize the importance of “asset-based development.” This is an approach that encourages people to identify and work with the resources they already have. This is good, but it does not go far enough.

The deeper biblical worldview truth behind this is that **God is the source of all resources and the author of development.** He has given each person valuable resources that they are to steward and apply for the benefit of

themselves and others. These resources include their minds, their hands, their time, their relationships, their faith, and whatever material resources they possess. Furthermore, God is the multiplier of resources. He is able to help individuals do more than they imagine if they make their resources available for the good of others and the development of their community. Again, very few Christian development organizations emphasize the need to teach this deeper truth.

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A third example. Christian development organizations often help people develop micro-savings, business, and income-generating opportunities. What they often do not teach is that **business and work are God’s divine commandment for all mankind** – to subdue and rule over all the earth, to cause it to flourish, and to create income for the purpose of providing for one’s family and generously helping others (Genesis 1:28-29). In this way, work is sacred.

Finally, Christian development organizations have many programs to educate children, but few have the goal of implanting in children, their parents, and their teachers the reason for education. **God wants all children to be educated in order to bring them to their full potential as image-bearers** – made by God to self-govern; to steward their mind, body, and spirit; to govern creation; and to diligently love and serve others. This is the reason for education.

These deeper truths are transforming truths. When people understand them and build their lives on them, development begins to happen. Change happens. Transformation happens. The new “space in the mind” that is opened by these truths enables people to develop their own creative solutions to overcoming poverty and to experience the dignity that comes along with developing their own solutions.

In Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Scott D. Allen". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

Scott D. Allen
President, Disciple Nations Alliance Global Secretariat

2017 IMPACT

Equip + Train

Hosted the **largest ever Global Forum** in Prescott, Arizona. It was a wonderful success! **Over 100 champions** from **24 countries** gathered for the event. At the forum, people shared their testimonies of how DNA training has impacted them and how they have incorporated it into successful ministry models and tools. Many new connections were made, and several attendees were **inspired to start entirely new ministries**.

Held an **Africa Forum** in Nairobi, Kenya that hosted **77 leaders** from **15 countries**. Among those in attendance were key leaders from organizations like Food for the Hungry, World Relief, and Samaritan's Purse. Like the Global Forum, this meeting was a major catalyst and accelerator of the DNA's work around the world.

Continued **expanding our reach in the United States** through an increasing number of local churches, schools, and businesses who have partnered with us and implemented our trainings and teaching in a multitude of ways.

Equipped and trained several hundred Christian leaders in countries such as **Peru, Mexico, Nepal, Mongolia, and Brazil**. This leadership development and mentoring was complemented by our local networks and affiliate organizations in those nations. Training sessions in **Kenya, South Africa, Liberia, and Brazil** are taking place in 2018 and 2019.

Coram Deo

Reached over 4,000 registrants in 97 countries between all courses and languages on **Coram Deo**.

Finalized and launched a third translation of the **Coram Deo Basics Course** into **Portuguese**. We are currently also translating the course into **Bengali, French, and Arabic**, with the potential to reach millions of Christians in these regions of the world.





2017 IMPACT Continued

New Publications

Celebrated the completion of our latest books: *Wisdom and Community Transformation* by Darrow Miller and *Made to Flourish: God's Design for All People to Flourish as Individuals, Communities, and Nations* by Dwight Vogt.

Vision 2020

Continued as an organization, through much counsel and prayer, to implement our Vision 2020 plan, which will enable us to reach hundreds of thousands more people around the globe with our wholistic, biblical teaching.

WHERE WE WORK

- Local Networks
- Countries where training has occurred



CHAMPIONING CHURCH-BASED
COMMUNITY TRANSFORMATION
FOR 20 YEARS



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CORAM DEO

Since its initial launch in 2014, Coram Deo has greatly expanded and continues to have a significant impact on individuals and communities around the globe. Over four years ago, the DNA launched the Coram Deo Basics Course in English out of a desire to make our core teaching readily available and easily accessible. Since then, the online training has experienced significant growth.

- After the launch of the Basics Course in Spanish, the number of registrants **more than doubled**.
- Today, over **4,000 individuals** have registered for courses in 97 countries. These numbers continue to grow steadily.
- Courses are available in **multiple languages**. This is largely thanks to individuals who see the need to have Coram Deo training in the language of their region and generously offer their skills and resources. The online Basics Course is available in English, Spanish, and Portuguese. Partners (or champions) are currently working on additional translations in Bengali, Arabic, and French. A workbook in German is also available.

Individuals who have completed Coram Deo courses are using the ideas to positively affect their communities. As registrants and available resources increase, community impact also increases.

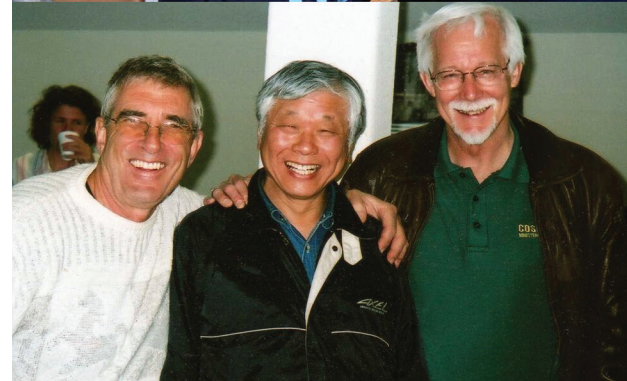
- Jens and Eva Vaylann, German missionaries in Kenya, found fresh vision through Coram Deo and initiated local leader training, which ultimately **resulted in 400 Muslims becoming followers of Jesus Christ!**
- In South Sudan, a young man who does not have internet access and relies on video transcripts writes:

The Holy Spirit arranged this course for such a time as this in this season of our lives... I was imagining how hard people worked to write the transcript for us... [We] can't read through a transcript without pausing-literally standing up to shout and dance out of excitement! The realities in these transcripts are causing a revolution in our hearts and in our world view.

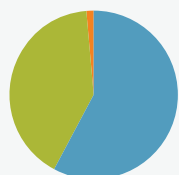
We are thrilled by how God is using and expanding Coram Deo. Lives are being transformed, and when lives are transformed, families, communities and nations are transformed. We are grateful for leaders around the globe who have said yes to training, spreading, and translating these truths and curriculum. And we are grateful to friends of the DNA who support this work through their resources and prayers.



Jens and Eva Vaylann

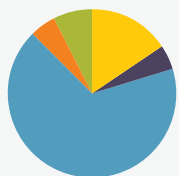


HOW YOUR GIFTS ARE USED



Income

Foundations and Major Donors.....	\$414,912
Churches and Individuals.....	\$292,831
Book and Resource Sales	\$7,663
Total Income	\$715,406



Expense

General Operations.....	\$98,944
Events.....	\$31,055
Personnel.....	\$424,717
Travel.....	\$33,300
Projects.....	\$46,474
Total Expense	\$634,490

FOUNDATIONS SUPPORTING THE DNA IN 2017

Maclellan Foundation

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