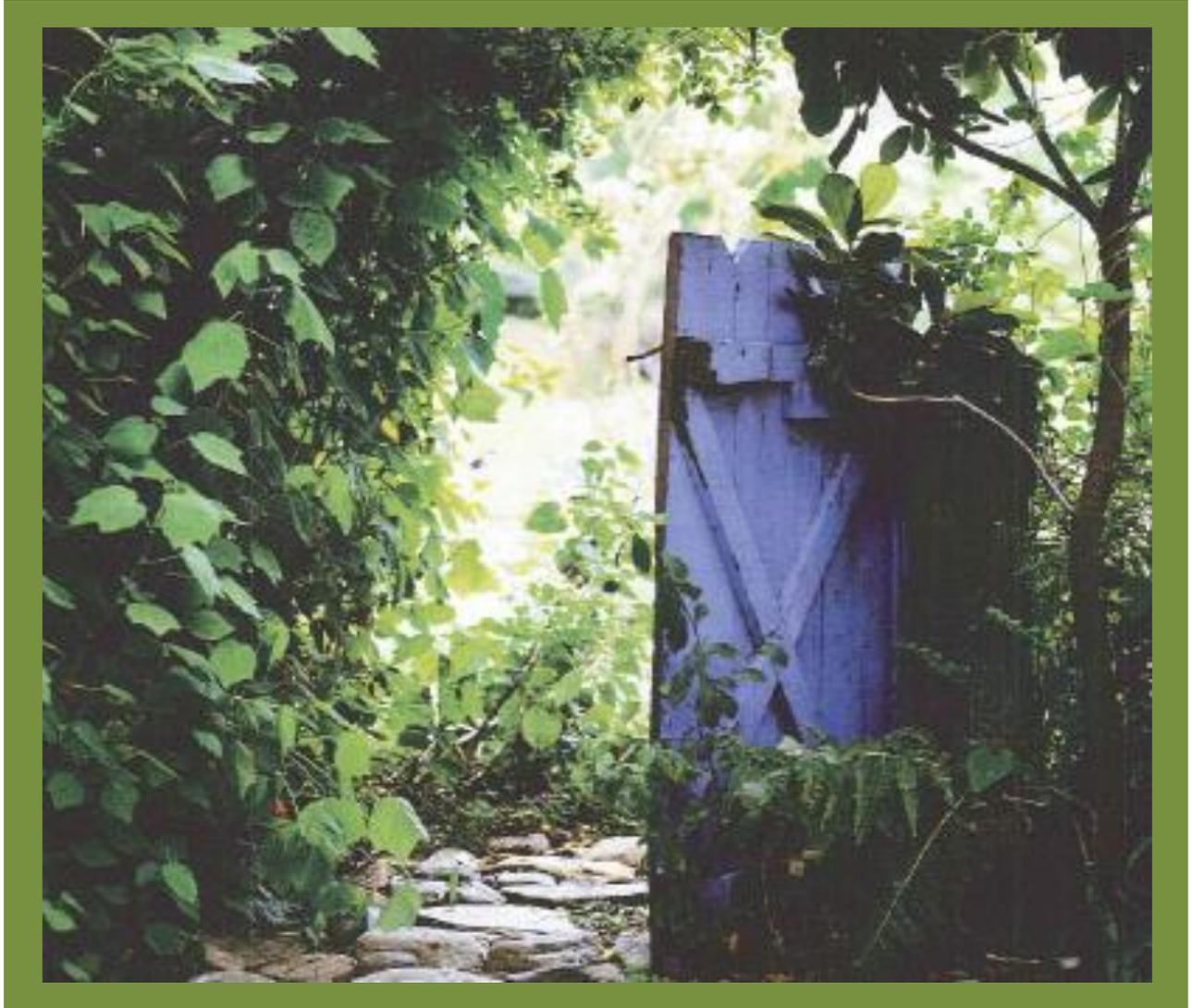




Narrow Gate



Ministry Blueprint

2018 - 2022



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Ministry Summary

In 2002 we dedicated our lives to the "Lordship" of Jesus and studying His public ministry as a model for contemporary "Disciple Making." By 2006 it became clear that we were additionally called to live out THE GREAT COMMISSION by implementing our Apprentice of Jesus Curriculum each week with the individuals God had sent us to disciple.

Then God put a burden on our hearts to equip Disciple Making Leaders to be intentional reproducers to the 4th generation. Since 2011, we have been striving to live out the 4th call of "Purpose" to help pastors design a Jesus Model for Disciple Making within their spheres of influence through our Co-Mission Institute.

Over the past 16 years we have been discipled, mentored, read over 100 books, and been taught the Biblical Principles of Disciple Making. These provide a solid foundation to live out the "Four Calls of Christ":

Salvation - Matthew 3:2

"Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near."

Lordship - 1 Peter 3:15

"But sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect..."

Be and Make Disciples - John 8:31-32

³¹ "To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, 'If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. ³² Then you will know the truth, & the truth will set you free.'"

Purpose and Significance - Romans 8:28

"And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose."



Therefore, our Mission is rather simple:

To Invest in Disciples and Equip Disciple Makers by Mirroring the Methods of The Master

In Him!!

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Matthew 5:16

“In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.”



Why an Olive Tree?

The Word speaks of the blessing of the Lord, from the olive leaf that marked the end of the Flood (Genesis 8:11) to the two “olive trees,” witnesses who prepare for Christ’s Second Coming (Zechariah 4:3, 4:11-14, Revelation 11:4).

Olive trees are typically planted in orchards or groves enclosed by a hedge or stone wall and called “oliveyards” in the King James Version (Joshua 24:13, 1 Samuel 8:14, II Kings 5:26, Nehemiah 5:11, 9:25). Kings and Priests were anointed with the oil (I Samuel 10:1, Psalm 45:7, Leviticus 8:10, 30). Christians are instructed to anoint the sick with olive oil when praying for their recovery (James 5:14).

Interesting facts that relate to Discipleship:

- Naturally a very bitter fruit and needs to be fermented from a few days to months
- Seldom bears fruit two years in a row but rather it has a large harvest every 6 to 7 years
- Preferred way to propagate is to take new sprouts and graft them onto a cultivated tree
- Doesn’t grow well in rich soil but does best in calloused ground, limestone, rock, etc.





Vision

The mission has remained the same and the vision is evolving.

2005 – A soul in Alpharetta is not worth less than a soul in Costa Rica. Influence 1,000 Disciples within a 5-mile radius of Mount Pisgah who touch four lives each.

2006 - What would Mount Pisgah UMC look like with "100 men who hate nothing but sin and love nothing but God and we will change the world"? John Wesley

2012 - What would Eastern Europe look like if there was a reproducing disciple making leader in each country?

2018 - What would North Georgia look like with 20 churches, each having 100 fully equipped Disciples of Jesus?

Mission

**Invest in Disciples and Equip Disciple Makers by
Mirroring Methods of the Master**



Co-Mission Church

Great Command - Love God and Love People
AND
Great Commission - Seek and Save the Lost
THEN
Disciple to Maturity in Christ

Disciple of Jesus

Is an "Apprentice of Jesus" with a biblical worldview and is reproducing to the 4th generation by answering God's Four Calls:

1. Salvation
2. Lordship
3. Be and Make Disciples
4. Purpose/Significance

Scriptures that define a disciple:

Luke 14:26-33, John 8:31-32, John 13:35, John 15:1-11, 16, and Luke 10:38-42



Ministry Strategy

Vision

What would North Georgia look like if there were 20 churches, each having 100 fully equipped disciples of Jesus?

Mission

Invest in disciples and equip disciple makers by
Mirroring the Methods of the Master.

Keys to the Mission	Critical Areas
Investing: 3-5-year covenant groups	Ministry of Jesus - Theology
Equipping: Disciples to the 4 th generation	Apprentice of Jesus - Curriculum
Making: Disciple making pastors	Invitation to Discipleship - Orientation
Mirroring: Jesus Model & Methods	Co-Mission Institute - Pastoral Strategy M & M Filter - Decision Matrix



Definition of a Disciple:

An apprentice of Jesus, with a biblical worldview, reproducing to the fourth generation

Luke 14:26-33

John 8:31-32

John 13:35

John 15:1-11, 16.

Luke 10:38-42

Jesus' Methods & Model



The Why

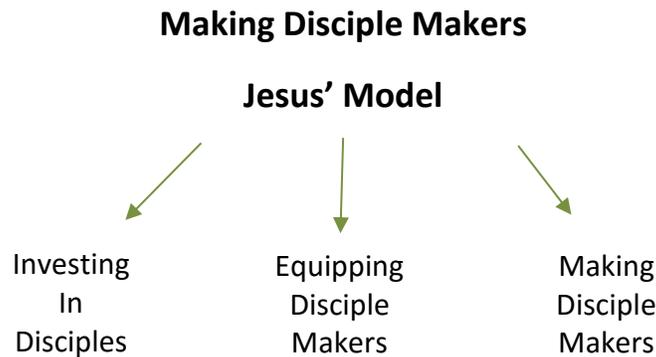
- There are multiple definitions for disciple
- ***“If you do not disciple a person who professes Christ, they will almost always become: Lukewarm in faith; Worldly in behavior; Hypocritical in witness.”*** Patrick Morley, *The Man in the Mirror*
- ***“Most Christians want to divorce Jesus’ teachings from His methods and expect His results.”*** Jim Putman, *DiscipleShift*
- GEORGE BARNA RESEARCH
 - 1 in 10 Christians "walk like Christians"
 - 37% could identify "The Great Commission"
 - 16% could identify "The Great Command"
- Becoming a Disciple of Jesus is a lifestyle that cannot be microwaved in six-week studies.
- The Church has been declining in attendance (from 6.5 to 2.1% of the population of in the US) for over 50 years.
- Of 100 Believing young adults entering college, 87% will fall away by the second year in the work force.



Mission Strategy

2018 – 2022

Effective January 1, 2018 Narrow Gate will deploy a three-pronged strategy to fill its purpose of “being and making disciples.”



Acts 1:8

“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

Investing in Disciples

All members of the Narrow Gate team will be personally investing in the disciples God has sent them, utilizing the Apprentice of Jesus Curriculum within their local sphere of influence on a 3-5 year “covenantal” relationship with 4-6 individuals.

Wednesday Biweekly Group 2016-2020

- Tim Embry
- Jerry McCoy
- David Smith
- Michael Jordan

Couples Disciple Making Group - Fall 2018

Young Adult Disciple Making Group - January 2019



Equipping Disciple Makers

As reflected in the Three Journeys of Paul, following up with those we have discipled is paramount to the fourth generation. This will not only include those discipled locally, but also with a 3-5-year commitment to four locations in Europe.

- 4:19: Mount Pisgah School of Disciple Makers
- Resurrection Church: Kiev, Ukraine - Pastor Igor and Suzanna Fedorovich
- Poznan, Poland - Jarek and Iwonka Pietrzak
- Sopot, Poland - Konrad Grondys
- Serbia - Duscan Berdi
- Follow-up annually with all past disciples to assess the four calls.
- A Narrow Gate team will visit each of these locations at least annually for a five day leadership retreat for a minimum of three years.
- Follow-up with biweekly SKYPE sessions to implement appropriate strategies to multiply Disciple Makers.

Making Disciple Makers

Narrow Gate has created a master's quality curriculum to implement over two years with pastors in North Georgia. Six pastors will be selected for each group to expose them to the Co-Mission Institute, designed to accomplish two key objectives:

1. Have the personal experience of being discipled in a "covenant group."
2. Final outcome will be a ten-page paper articulating their disciple making strategy uniquely designed for their sphere of influence.

Fall 2018 - Recruit and select six pastors from the Roswell District of the North Georgia UMC (Doug Thrasher, District Superintendent)

Fall 2018 - Winter 2019 - Recruit and select six pastors from the Athens District UMC (Brian Clark, District Superintendent)

2019 - Recruit and select six pastors

2020 - Recruit and select six pastors

2022 - Have six functioning pastoral groups and ongoing follow-up with those pastors completing the Co-Mission Institute curriculum.



The 5 Pillars of Discipleship

Genesis 1 & 2	Romans 12	Ephesians 1-6	II Timothy 2:2	John 17
In His Image	Executive Summary of a Christian	Content Based on Relationships	Generational Impact	High Priestly Prayer

Definition of a Disciple

Is an apprentice of Jesus with a biblical worldview reproducing to the fourth generation

Luke 14:26-33

²⁶ “If anyone comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters—yes, even their own life—such a person cannot be my disciple. ²⁷ And whoever does not carry their cross and follow me cannot be my disciple.”

²⁸ “Suppose one of you wants to build a tower. Won’t you first sit down and estimate the cost to see if you have enough money to complete it? ²⁹ For if you lay the foundation and are not able to finish it, everyone who sees it will ridicule you, ³⁰ saying, ‘This person began to build and wasn’t able to finish.’”

³¹ “Or suppose a king is about to go to war against another king. Won’t he first sit down and consider whether he is able with ten thousand men to oppose the one coming against him with twenty thousand? ³² If he is not able, he will send a delegation while the other is still a long way off and will ask for terms of peace. ³³ In the same way, those of you who do not give up everything you have cannot be my disciples.”



John 8:31-32

³¹ “To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, ‘If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. ³² Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.’”

John 13:35

“By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.”

John 15:1-11, 16

¹ “I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. ² He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes^[a] so that it will be even more fruitful. ³ You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. ⁴ Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me.

⁵ I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶ If you do not remain in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. ⁷ If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸ This is to my Father’s glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.

⁹ As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. ¹⁰ If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commands and remain in his love. ¹¹ I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete.

¹⁶ You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last—and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you.”

Luke 10:38-42

³⁸ “As Jesus and his disciples were on their way, he came to a village where a woman named Martha opened her home to him. ³⁹ She had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord’s feet listening to what he said. ⁴⁰ But Martha was distracted by all the preparations that had to be made. She came to him and asked, ‘Lord, don’t you care that my sister has left me to do the work by myself? Tell her to help me!’

⁴¹ “Martha, Martha,” the Lord answered, “you are worried and upset about many things, ⁴² but few things are needed—or indeed only one. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her.”



Scriptures to Stay Focused on Mission

Philippians 4:8-9

⁸ "Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things. ⁹ Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you."

Philippians 1:9-11

⁹ "And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, ¹⁰ so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, ¹¹ filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ—to the glory and praise of God."

II Timothy 3:16-17

¹⁶ "All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, ¹⁷ so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work."

Colossians 1:28-29

²⁸ "He is the one we proclaim, admonishing and teaching everyone with all wisdom, so that we may present everyone fully mature in Christ. ²⁹ To this end I strenuously contend with all the energy Christ so powerfully works in me."

Isaiah 30:21

"Whether you turn to the right or to the left, your ears will hear a voice behind you, saying, 'This is the way; walk in it.'"

Matthew 5:16

"In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven."



Colossians 1:10-13

¹⁰ "... so that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God, ¹¹ being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience, ¹² and giving joyful thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of his holy people in the kingdom of light. ¹³ For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves,..."

Habakkuk 2:2-3

² "Write down the revelation and make it plain on tablets so that a herald may run with it. ³ For the revelation awaits an appointed time; it speaks of the end and will not prove false. Though it linger, wait for it; it will certainly come and will not delay."

Proverbs 16:3, 9

³ "Commit to the LORD whatever you do, and he will establish your plans."
⁹ "In their hearts humans plan their course, but the LORD establishes their steps."

II Chronicles 16:9

"For the eyes of the LORD range throughout the earth to strengthen those whose hearts are fully committed to him. You have done a foolish thing, and from now on you will be at war."

Joshua 1:6, 8

⁶ "Be strong and courageous, because you will lead these people to inherit the land I swore to their ancestors to give them."
⁸ "Keep this Book of the Law always on your lips; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful."

Colossians 3:23-24

²³ "Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, ²⁴ since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving."



Psalms 127:1-3

¹ *“Unless the LORD builds the house, the builders labor in vain.*

Unless the LORD watches over the city, the guards stand watch in vain.

² *In vain you rise early and stay up late, toiling for food to eat—for he grants sleep to those he loves.* ³ *Children are a heritage from the LORD, offspring a reward from him.”*



Tenets

- The Relentless Pursuit of Mission without a Focus on Current or Future Resources.
- If you do not disciple a person who professes Christ, they will almost always become:
 - Lukewarm in Faith
 - Worldly in Behavior
 - Hypocritical in Witness - Patrick Morley
- Most Christians divorce Jesus' teachings from His methods and expect His results. - Jim Putman
- If you do Discipleship, you will always get church. If you do church, you will seldom get Disciples. – Unknown
- Jesus had no "Plan B" and began His Disciple Making Ministry with three years remaining in His life. He began with "The End in Mind."
- Jesus knew that He needed to implant knowledge, skill, and character into a life for lasting replicable transformation.
- Paul looked beyond the difficulties of ministry and schemes of Satan to praise and thank God.
 - To focus on our privileges of our position in Christ
 - Privilege of being used by Christ to be of influence
 - Privilege of Pleasing God by being Faithful
- Ask "Why" - 5 consecutive times when considering any decision and utilize our "M & M Filter"



MISSION

Invest in Disciples and Equip Disciple Makers
by Mirroring the Methods of the Master

VALUES

- Jesus as Lord
- Be Trustworthy
- Honor Commitments
- Generosity
- Simplicity

“M & M”
Filter
Good vs. Best

BEHAVIORS

- Relationship with Jesus
- Accountable Relationships
- Serve in Love with Spiritual Gifts
- Stewardship
- Share the Gospel

PRIORITIES

- Personal Worship
- Paula & Family
- Personal Health
- Intentionality
- Pastor/Teacher

- With:

Wisdom	Passion	Strong Willed
↓	↓	↓
Gentleness	Grace	Tender Hearted

Bill & Paula Lohnes

Narrow Gate EFL

2018



Narrow Gate History

Works of God's Grace in our lives

2002 - Bill and Paula surrender to Jesus

2004 – Present - Studies the Public Ministry of Jesus

2004 - Bill begins being discipled by John Musselman

2004 – Present - Bill mentored by 10 different individuals

2006 - 1st Disciple Making Groups at Mount Pisgah UMC

-6 leaders - 28 men

2007 – First Disciple Groups for Women at Mount Pisgah UMC

2008 - Began Narrow Gate EFL

2014 - Narrow Gate EFL became a nonprofit 501c3

- Adopted Jesus Model for Disciple Making

- Apprentice of Jesus Curriculum

2011 & 2013 - Taught Wesleyan Discipleship with John Musselman in Lagos, Nigeria, West African Theological Seminary

2014 - 2018 - Taught year-round Mentoring of Disciple Making Leaders at the European Leadership Forum

2018 - Added the "Co-Mission Institute" to Make Disciple Making Pastors in North Georgia



Discipled by: Dr. John Musselman, The Jackson Institute

Mentored by and or influenced by:

- Dr. Allan Coppedge
- Dr. Charles Lake
- Lead Pastor Steve Wood
- Rev. Mark Danzey
- Chip Ingram
- Tom and Judy Streeter
- Dr. Alex MacKenzie
- Dr. Jerram Barrs
- Dan Sullivan
- Dr. Greg Prichard
- Pastor Jim Putman
- Pastor Greg Ogden
- Dr. Robert Coleman
- Dr. Roberta Hestenes
- Dr. Phil Drake
- Gerald Twombly
- Pastor Boyd Bailey



2006 – Present Progress

Mount Pisgah UMC

Alpharetta, GA

1,300 Participants in Covenant Groups

4:19 School of Disciple Making

70+ Trained Disciple Making Leaders

West African Theological Seminary

Nigeria, Africa

61 Equipped Disciple Makers of Masters

& Doctoral Candidates

European Leadership Forum

Wisla, Poland

34 Equipped Disciple Making Leaders

in 12 Eastern European Countries

Bill has Discipled

34 Men for 3-5 years

- 21 are actively engaged in Disciple Making
- 5 were deployed to Make Disciples - May 2018
- 5 are in the second year of the Apprentice of Jesus

Paula completed the Apprentice of Jesus with 6 women in the fall of 2017

- 3 are actively Disciple Making
- 3 are being mentored into starting their first group

Numerous examples of 4th Generation Investment in Disciples of Jesus



Established Disciple Making Movements

Christ Church, Louisville, KY

- Rev. Brandon Dirks
- In 2nd Generation

Resurrection Church, Kiev, Ukraine

- Pastor Igor and Suzanna Fedorovich
- 20 Trained Leaders in Disciple Making
- Six Existing Groups

Way of Life Fellowship, Poznan, Poland

- Elder Jarek Pietrzak
- 12 Leaders Equipped
- 10 Existing Groups

Moscow Theological Seminary

- Dr. Sergei Nikolaev
- 70 Equipped Disciple Making Leaders and 23 groups birthed
- Trained by Rev. Mark Danzey's Team

Examples of Thriving Ministries:

- Mike Gailey at Inglesia Evangelica Manantial, DeVida Campio, Costa Rica
- Larry Campbell at Corners Outreach, Norcross, GA
- Jeff Able at Hands of Love, Pastor Elijah, Uganda
- Rick Thompson at Champions Place, Alpharetta, GA



Men Given to Bill to Disciple

By Bill:

2004-2010

- Matt Kehoe
- Frank Lamons
- Denis Kearney
- Steve Parker
- Wayne Meadows
- Bill Downey*
- Mike O'Brien

2006-2010

- Jeff Broka*
- Butch Nicholson
- Colin Steuterman
- Mike Morris
- Chris Hogg
- Jeff Sheppard
- Fred Cumming
- Iain Blackstone

2011-2015

- Steve Wood*
- Mike Gailey
- Stan Walker
- Bob Fincher
- David Hailey
- Jeff Bernier
- Rick Anderson

2014 - 2018

- Mark Danzey*
- Rob Sloe
- Chan Reeves
- Shawn Koch
- Doug Niman
- Byron Lay

2017-Present

- Jeff Able*
- Tim Embry
- David Smith
- Steve Schneider
- Jerry McCoy
- Michael Jordan

By Paula:

2014-2017

- Rita Felice*
- Beth Tanzy
- Ashley Bernier
- Kay Walker
- Mary Beth Ingram
- Kristy Pierce

2015 – Present

Mentoring / SKYPES

- Igor Fedorovich
- Konrad Grondy
- Jarek Pietzrak

*DENOTES CO-LEADER



Narrow Gate – Annualized Budget - 2018

Monthly	
M/C	\$500
Mary	300
1/2 Staff	1,500
Igor	200
Jarek	200
Office	250
Website	200
	<u>\$3,150</u>

→ \$37,800

Quarterly Pastor's Meetings (\$1,500 each)	
#1 - 4	\$6,000
#2 - 3	4,500
#3 - 2	3,000
#4 - 1	1,500
	<u>\$15,000</u>

Marketing	
List Purchase	\$1,000
Brochure	500
Distribution	250
Conferences	2,000
Disciple.org	750
	<u>\$4,500</u>



Narrow Gate – Annualized Budget – 2018

May - Kiev & Posnan	
Flights	\$5,000
Kiev	1,000
Posnan	1,500
Wisla	1,000
Cash	1,000
Car	300
	\$9,800

Actual
\$5,400
2,275
500
700
1,500
350
\$10,725

Income	
\$1,000	Mt. Pisgah
866	Children's
170	Coffee Team
100	Pierce
100	McCoy
50	Ray
1,500	Walker
400	Schneider
100	Hill
\$4,286	

August - Kiev	
Flights	\$6,000
Hotel	450
Van	800
Retreat	2,000
T-shirts	400
Outreach	250
Teen Club	300
Miscellaneous	1,000
	\$11,200

Actual
\$78,300

Income	
\$1,000	Mt. Pisgah
1,000	Mt. Pisgah (Pedro)
300	Lysett
100	Shaner
	Creech

Pastor Meeting Costs	
Room	\$500
Speaker	500
Lunch	250
Books	250
	\$1,500

Income	
\$3,000	AEF/UMC
1,000	Church
\$4,000	
	X 20 Pastors
	\$80,000