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hope and faith praying for God to use us to bring the real answer to our countries, cities and neighborhoods.

Just the videos of these large assemblies alone have been loaded over 121,000 times in over 100 countries. In addition, hundreds of classes have been listened to on audio. All are available on DToday.tv for viewing, listening and download.

Before Reach, various ICOC Service Teams, the ICOC Delegates and numerous missions groups met to plan and pray for God's blessings. A new website was released that provides transparent leadership information for our global efforts: www.icocleaders.org.

During Reach, numerous workshops were held addressing needs from grief recovery to Kingdom Kid leaders to empty nesters, adoptive families, professionals, and more. HOPE worldwide's new CEO Robert Carrillo held an extensive workshop and celebrated their 25th anniversary! During the weekend, the generous gathering donated over \$120,000 to HOPE worldwide to serve the poor. Steve Johnson and Sherwin Mackintosh produced a revival of the famous Upside Down musical that sold out six shows in the beautiful Ferrara Theater. The DVD will be available for distribution soon.

God has truly blessed us with incredibly talented disciples to lead us in profound and meaningful worship. Thanks to Brian Craig and many others for months of tireless preparation. Incredible servants volunteered at every level to make

this major event happen. Through the visionary leadership of Jeff Mannel and the elders of the Gateway City Church, and the partnership with Disciples Today, new advances were made in technology for the registration, the app, the presentations and the entire experience. The entire team from the Gateway Church heroically set new standards of excellence for us all. I seriously doubt there is any other conference you can attend of this caliber and content for this low of a registration fee. Sometimes it helps to hear the observations of brothers who have not previously been to our gatherings. You will enjoy this column by Lynn McMillon, CEO of the Christian Chronicle who attended with his wonderful wife Joy, former editor.

I close with a few prayer requests. Two men met during Reach were baptized recently, one from St. Louis and another from Texas! Also, one of our rising young stars, Conor McCormick, a 16-year-old from Springfield, Massachusetts, was severely injured in a diving accident when he returned home from Reach. Please bring these brothers before the Lord as well as all those baptized in Bali and everyone attending these conferences around the world.

We cannot wait to hear of how God will move in the other Summits this year and in the lives of each person. We are deeply grateful to the valiant Gateway City Church who hosted us in St. Louis. And we pray God will move us powerfully to Reach Up, In, Out and Beyond over the next four years and then gather in Orlando, Florida for the 2020 World Discipleship Summit to celebrate and take his next challenge.

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• **2016 West & Central Africa Discipleship Summit: Day 3** *Chux Onyekaba, Lagos, Nigeria — Wednesday, 10 August 2016*

In the end, close to 2,000 from over 20 countries attended the 2016 West and Central Africa Discipleship Summit in Accra, Ghana. The theme of the summit was One Body, One Spirit, One Hope and it was indeed an amazing experience highlighting the fact that...

• **Boston Church of Christ Holds Women's Teaching Day** *Kelly Amaya, Boston, MA — Tuesday, 16 August 2016*

The Boston Church of Christ hosted a very special Women's Teaching Day on, Saturday, July 23, 2016, led by Jeanie Shaw. Jeanie serves in the work of...

• **The Long Journey to Faith** *Douglas Jacoby, Atlanta, GA — Monday, 15 August 2016*

We would like to encourage you with the story of Michael Jacobs, 59, of Marietta, Georgia. Mike was brought up Jewish (bar mitzvah, rich cultural heritage, values of education and hard work, on so on). He married Lori, a vivacious Methodist girl. A year or two after their second son was born, Lori was reached out...

• **Relying on God: Reflections on a Lesson from Reach2016**

Nicholas Benson, Portland, OR — Monday, 15 August 2016

In early September of 2014, my girlfriend and I had dinner plans with my brother Robin. He didn't show up though, and it wasn't like him to be late. I also couldn't reach him on the phone. He was living in an apartment...

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"Then we your people, the sheep of your pasture, will praise you forever; from generation to generation we will proclaim your praise." — Psalm 79:13

As our Uber driver dropped us off at America's Center in St. Louis, he exclaimed, "The news people should be down here telling this story!"

These people are so young, happy and diverse!" That pretty much sums up the nearly 18,000 who attended Reach2016, the ICOC North American Discipleship Summit July 7-10.

Reach2016 lightsAs Jeff Mannel, conference director and lead evangelist for the host Gateway City Church, shared in the summary video, from his hotel

room it looked like ants with lanyards took over downtown St. Louis. They came from Canada, the United States and the Caribbean to love, listen and learn. ICOC leaders from around the world attended the International Leadership Conference. Others shared in the teen, campus, singles, marrieds, Spanish and deaf tracks that ran concurrently.

At night and on Sunday the entire crowd filled half of The Dome stadium with spirit-lifting singing, powerful messages and bone-crushing hugs. A new feature incredibly well-received this year was the men's and women's programs on Saturday morning in a Ted Talk and interview format.

Each general session celebrated a different theme as Shawn Wooten moved us to Reach Up, Chip Mitchell challenged us to Reach In, Doug Arthur inspired us to Reach Out and Frank Kim showed us that God's vision is Within Reach. Even as the U.S. was filled with tragic violence and racial tension that very week, disciples of all races, economic, education and social levels stood level at the foot of the cross in love,



• UPCOMING EVENTS

2016 Australian Discipleship Summit

Sydney, Australia
September 23-25, 2016

Las Américas Discipleship Summit

Lima, Peru
October 20-23, 2016

2016 Biblical Study Tour

Tel Aviv, Jerusalem, Israel
October 21-31, 2016

ICMC US West

Austin, Texas USA
June 29-July 1, 2017

ICMC US East

Asheville, North Carolina USA
August 4-6, 2017

2017 Family Ministry Conference

Denver, Colorado USA
September 1-3 2017

2020 World Discipleship Summit

Orlando, Florida USA
July 2-5, 2020

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