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Do you believe it is possible to see a rapidly reproducing Disciple-Making Movement take place in your city?
Lee Wood believed Jesus was able.

CASE STUDY

A network of house churches in Tampa, FL functioning as a model of a city Church, as well as, a regional and global model.

2013

Lee Wood (former drug-addict and ordinary man) attended a Disciple-making training (Module 1) led by Curtis Sergeant.

Lee immediately launches numerous groups, some reaching the 4th generation.

As Lee was obedient to Jesus, Curtis was also pouring deeply into him:

- 1st month: Coached Lee weekly
- 2nd month: Coached Lee 2x/month
- 3rd month: Coached Lee monthly
- After the 3rd month, Curtis gave Lee the open door to call anytime he wants for coaching

There were 63 simple churches functioning in just 6 months.

An elder, Jose Martinez gets trained and simplifies training even further (also in Spanish).

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- Consistent coaching
- Simplified training
- Coaching tools (Model, Assist, Watch, Leave principles)
- Intimate, abiding, and simultaneous prayer
- Accountability within the groups (checking-in)
- Prayerwalking for people of peace and for the least, last, and the lost
- Simple church model (3/3rds group)

2014

First person of peace is found near the University Mall.

After one year they rapidly started 130 simple churches and saw growth to the 4th generation.

Lee realizes he has spread his time and groups to thin, Curtis reminds him to pour deeply into a few and to obey and train others to do the same.

Lee goes back to each group and begins to simplify and pour deeply into the leaders.

Curtis comes to Tampa to train, check on, and encourage the simple churches.

2015

House church leaders trained in how to coach others and how to steward a movement (Module 2).

300+ simple churches have been started.

First group of kids meet near a community field and come to faith using Jose's simplified training.

Started seeing leaders launched to other countries (Mozambique, China, Cambodia, Thailand, Australia, and more).

2016

House Church network buys the community field for community transformation and events.

3rd generation leader, Darren Thurber, buys a house near the field, turning it into a "Tyranous-like" training center for leaders.

US Leaders from various ministries visit Tampa to immerse themselves in the movement to take back to their city.

2017

More than a thousand groups are active and making disciples today—down to the 8th generation.

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L E A D E R S
F A C E D

Feeling unqualified and not being good enough

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Repetitive Failure

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Consumer mindsets and self-satisfaction

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Spiritual Opposition

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Complex Training

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Temptation to think of this as production instead of relational

Overview of Recent Success in Florida

In March 2013 I attended a Metacamp discipleship training facilitated by Curtis Sergeant. The focus was on obedience and training others how to make disciples who make disciples, leading to rapid multiplication of simple house churches. I came to the training with a passion for discipleship and a healthy dissatisfaction with my status quo. I understood **why** we are called to make disciples – that the world might know – but was confused as to how. At the training, we learned the **how** and the importance of disciple-making as an expression of our love for God and others.

I left Metacamp eager to apply the principles: tell your story, tell God's story, form groups and train them to do the same. We hit the ground running. We started 63 groups quickly and trained others to do the same. Some groups multiplied to the fourth generation. Hundreds of groups formed in the first two years, but with weak follow up, they were not sustaining or multiplying the way they should. We were so busy forming groups we failed to follow all the principles we had learned.

Thankfully Curtis didn't give up on us. He continued to coach us, emphasizing these critically important principles:

1. Take care of the depth of your ministry. God will take care of the breadth.
2. Pour deeply into the few who are obeying.
3. Keep doing what you are doing and you will get better at it.
4. Simple things grow. Simple things multiply.
5. Obey and train others.

We went back to train and salvage what we could. We poured into those who were clearly obeying the call. (Not doing this was our most significant failure in our earlier efforts.) We began to prayerwalk intentionally in some of the worst places in Tampa and discovered persons of peace among the least, the lost and the last. We learned and obeyed. We began to train others locally and eventually globally. Healthy groups began multiplying. The movement expanded to other Florida cities, crossed state lines and with the help of some of our earliest disciples expanded to other countries. We began to send out missionaries to unreached, unengaged people groups within two years, from a completely organic decentralized movement.

Two years ago we began to co-labor with another network attempting to model collaboration across boundaries that often hinder multiplication. They have sent us to over 70 countries where self-multiplying movements of people reaching their own for Christ are beginning or are well under way. Additionally others began coming to our city for immersion training in an emerging urban church model, engaging in CPM that transforms communities.