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Equipping the global church with  
open discipleship tools

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## A NEED

In people groups all over the world, new believers want to learn to be disciples of Christ, but they do not have the opportunity to do so. They need access to discipleship materials and resources in their own language that enable them to grow in spiritual maturity. Though thousands of discipleship resources exist in some common languages, many are under copyright and so cannot be legally translated, adapted and freely redistributed without restriction.

The global church needs to be equipped with open discipleship tools.

## OUR RESPONSE

We are creating legally unrestricted discipleship resources that equip believers everywhere in the world, in any language, to grow as disciples of Christ. We are making the resources available on the Internet, on mobile devices and in print as well as multimedia formats.

**Free & Open** – Distant Shores Media started the Door43 project (<http://door43.org>) as an open-membership platform for creating open discipleship resources. All the resources are released under a Creative Commons license and so can be legally translated, adapted, distributed and used for any ministry purpose, for free. This makes it so believers anywhere in the world do not need to start from scratch to create discipleship resources in their language – a solid core of Biblical content is available at no charge and they are free to translate and adapt the resources for effective use in their own language and culture.

**Multimedia & Orality** – In addition to creating text-based materials, we are also creating audio and video resources that make discipleship tools available to people who don't (or are not able to) read to learn.

**Technology & New Media** – By using cutting-edge technology and networking with believers around the world, we are facilitating the creation of unrestricted discipleship resources of the highest quality. We are also developing content distribution systems that make it possible to push these resources in multimedia and text-based formats to mobile phones and web browsers in any language, anywhere in the world, instantaneously.

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Imagine that you are one of only a few thousand speakers of a minority language in a limited-access country and you have been a follower of the dominant religion in your people group... until today. Today you became a follower of Jesus Christ and for the first time in your life you are at peace with God. You want to grow in your faith and become a mature disciple of Christ.

But you have a problem.

There are no discipleship materials in your language that can help you grow. The thousands of discipleship tools available in common languages are of no use to you. They are not in your language and you cannot legally translate and adapt them for use in your culture because of copyright law.

But then you discover Door43...



"Pray... for an open door for the Word." —Colossians 4:3

## A Project

Door43 (<http://door43.org>) is a project to create discipleship tools that are not just free of charge but are released under a Creative Commons license (<http://creativecommons.org>), giving anyone, anywhere the freedom to translate, adapt, edit, improve, re-purpose and redistribute the tools for any ministry need, without any legal concern or copyright infringement.

## A Network

Door43 is an open-membership network of followers of Jesus Christ all over the world who believe in the vision of creating free and open discipleship tools for use by anyone, anywhere, in any language. We are working together as a massively distributed, international team of believers to create them.

## A Workbench

Door43 is an on-line workbench that uses the same wiki software as Wikipedia to provide a platform for drafting, discussing, editing, refining and distributing open discipleship tools.

These are the projects we are currently working on:

**Open Bible Translation** — The Bible in every language, free to translate, use and redistribute anywhere, in any format, for any ministry purpose.

**Open Bible Stories** — The stories of the Bible in an audio study curriculum, intended for listening to, learning and freely sharing with others.

**Open Bible School** — A modular Bible training course intended to be translated, adapted and freely distributed to anyone in any language, in both audio and text formats.

**Open Study Notes** — Verse-by-verse study notes of the entire Bible, focusing on the cultural, historical and linguistic context of each Bible passage.

**Open Bible Handbook** — A handbook of key Bible concepts, people, terms and maps to help anyone in any language better understand the Word of God.

**Open Christian Library** — A collection of free and open Christian literature, studies, essays and other resources, intended for translation and use in any language and culture.

**Open Worship Project** — Free and open worship songs of the global church, pre-cleared for any ministry use in any language and culture.

## We need your help

Door43 is built by you. If you want to be a part of equipping the global church with free & open discipleship tools, please consider joining us (see <http://door43.org/join>). We need your help and would love to have you join the team!