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On the home front...

John enjoys home improvement projects and has taken on all sorts of challenges from tiling floors to installing recessed lights. Cindy is always grateful and very affirming, but she did raise an eyebrow a couple of weeks ago when John attempted to install new faucets in 2 bathrooms. Why? Let's just say that John has a knack for turning a \$25 plumbing project into a \$1000 plumbing disaster (#brokenpipes).

It wasn't quite that bad this time. The bill came to just over \$600, and the plumber politely assured John that the pipes really were very brittle ("It could have happened to anyone.")

Perhaps John has finally learned his lesson??

A New Twist on Equipping Leaders

How do you gather 80+ people from all over the country in a way that saves money and causes less disruption to families? By Zoom of course. John is part of a training team that's equipping men and women new to leading local campus ministry teams in the U.S. Not so long ago we gathered in Colorado for such training, but



thanks to virtual meeting options and to increasing difficulties with finding housing for everyone, that training now takes place virtually.

But does it work? Do people really learn on Zoom calls that go for hours each day? They do if you provide excellent content in a highly engaging way.

Training is no help at all if people are bored or don't have opportunities to learn and process with each other. We wondered if we could create a high-quality experience that adds value for leaders, so we went to work learning how to teach and lead well using virtual platforms. Did you know studies show that virtual participants need to actively engage with the material every few minutes? That slides and videos need to be reimaged and used in new ways when teaching by video? I didn't, but thanks to training I've received I know it now.

In addition to helping with designing the training, John leads several sessions on topics like effective coaching and using God's Word in pointing team members to Christ.

We have a bunch of prayer requests for this:

- Please ask God to make the content and delivery interesting and engaging for the participants.
- Pray for distractions to be removed, and for a virtual community to be built among these young leaders.
- Ask God to minister deeply to these men and women; ask Him to cause them to rest in Him and to depend on Him.
- And please pray that John's teaching helps prepare these leaders to lead teams on campuses across the country this fall.

Thank you! Your prayers make a tremendous difference. We are so grateful for your prayers and partnership in bringing God's love and forgiveness in Christ to students and faculty!

Helping Leaders Reach Leaders,

John & Cindy