# Foreword for

### SCHOOL FROM SCRATCH

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Everyone knows the Great Commission which compels us to go into all the world and share the Gospel. What is often forgotten is the second half of that commission – the educational mandate: "teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you." (Matthew 28:19-20a)

Yes, we need to reach the lost, and Doug Crowder has been on the front lines of mission work for his entire ministry, but he also understands the need to disciple those who come to Jesus so they can grow and get to the work of the Kingdom. It is critical that we do everything we can to not only teach the Bible, but to do so in a way that transforms lives.

In Nehemiah 8:8, we read, "They read from the Book of the Law of God, making it clear and giving the meaning so that the people could understand what was being read."

But what do you do when there is a need for biblical education and the schools available to help evangelize and educate the next generation just aren't available?

That's when you might find God calling YOU to start a school. Yes! You CAN "start a school from scratch." The very idea can be daunting and intimating. Doug knows this, because he lived it when God called him to do this very thing. If only Doug had a book like this to help him in that journey!

Well, the good news is, YOU do! This book will help you through the process of launching a school and help guide you around, under and over the hurdles you will face. It will save you time, prepare you for what to expect, and give you practical insight to put you on a path to success!

If you are reading this, God has indeed given you a big task! He never calls where he will not provide and guide, and I know this book will be a part of God's assistance in your adventure of helping to fulfill the Great Commission. Remember, you can do ALL THINGS through Him who strengthens you and will provide all you need! (Philippians 4:13,19)

Because Jesus Loves Children, Pastor Karl Bastian Founder of Kidology.org

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