

1 Samuel 16:7 Man looks at the outward appearance, but God looks at the heart.

1 Thess. 2:8 We loved you so much that we were delighted to share with you not only the Gospel, but our lives as well.

EXAMPLES OF GOD WORKING ON OUR HEARTS:

1. through INTENSIVE STAFF TRAINING 7/14-22:

Excellent Biblical Equipping about; +God's comfort, how we experience and give it.
+Walking with God with humility and confidence +Sharing Good News and discipling others more effectively, here and around the world.

Inspiring fellowship with people from around the world:

- +Leaders who equip leaders in dangerous countries
- +Leaders who design ministry tools for use in cultures around the world
- + People we equipped years ago, now equipping others around the world



Kurt C, Dad Curt, Father's Day

2. through DEEPER RELATIONSHIPS/RETREATS with family, friends, mentors, 7/29-8/13

Jesus spent time with His disciples in the real world, not just classes. Camping/Adventures provide room for deeper communication, exposure of real issues; more life to life impact in one day than in 10 appointments.

Quality times with Ginger, Kelly, Rosa, baby David, and Kurt C.:

- + Campfires, smores, creation adventures, making lifetime memories.

Quality times with friends and mentors: (15 families, 3 generations)

- + Praying, enjoying creation, sharing the word, encouraging those who are suffering. Families, generations connecting with and reaching others.



Kelly, David, Rosa, Andreas, Noah, Hannah

3. through DIVINE APPOINTMENTS

+**Andreas**, a massage therapist from Germany, and his kids had their first smores and first fishing experiences with Rosa, Ginger and me. Andreas is willing to read the Bible we gave him, to see if Jesus' claims are more than just "enlightenment and good ethics..."

4. through HUMBLING, 2 HOSPITALS, HELP FROM FRIENDS

1 Peter 5:6 Humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, ... cast all your cares upon Him,.. resist the devil.. 10 ...and the God of all grace, who called you to His eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, WILL HIMSELF RESTORE YOU AND MAKE YOU STRONG, FIRM AND STEADFAST. What a promise!

This long process of healing the "inner man" is humbling, like discipleship. Despite my "outward appearance" and peak performances at times, I need to submit to my doctors' and supervisor's orders. Planned resting between events, regular exercise, chiropractic and massage therapy are slowly reducing nerve inflammation, pain, weakness and dizziness. I often feel prayed for as I trust God and forge ahead with ministry, or trust God and rest. His word and people are very encouraging. Faithful support has provided for medical help and ministry.

This was especially needed since August 18 and 19. I had a bad reaction to a medication while at a retreat in Pentwater. This required a catheter at Ludington hospital on Saturday afternoon, removed on Sunday afternoon. Saturday at midnight, while back at the campsite, I received a call that an ambulance took Ginger to a Grand Rapids Hospital. She could only crawl to the phone due to loss of motor control and vomiting, and struggled to dial 911. Many tests have ruled out stroke and other issues. We are not certain why she had such an extreme attack of vertigo. We spent most of last week recovering, and will need further tests. Both experiences were humbling and frightening. We are so thankful for friends who helped with the messy parts of these weird events.

This week a ministry partner encouraged us, "The closer we look, the more we get to know you, the more we believe in you and want to support you." Thank You Lord. They see YOU at work in our hearts despite our outward appearances. I so appreciate Ginger's, Kelly's and Kurt C's faithfulness, despite their own challenges.

We are so grateful for your faithfulness, despite your own challenges. Your prayer and support have helped so much! Doors are opening; mentoring is multiplying, despite the enemy's attacks....

PRAYER REQUESTS: (9/13, Ginger's birthday)

9/13 -15 Ginger, Gitche Gume Women's Retreat with 3 G.R women
9/15 Calvary Men's Breakfast, 9/18 Launching Destined, Calvary Men, 6:10 am
Equipping others with Destined: Rob Betts, Pastor Phil, others→guys at Ada Bible Pastor Tom Bradley, others→Westwood Church. Pastor Joe→One Life Ministry.
Kurt K→Guy, Dave, John, and TJ→ Scott, Steve→ Covenant Life Men.
Ginger→Wendy, Gale, Hillary, Minnie, Linda, →Vineyard, Calvary, Crossroads Churches. Ginger, Wendy, Gale, Hillary
Dave→ 3 guys, Les →2 guys, Ken →3 guys, Russ→ Guy, others→Calvary Church. Tom M. → 3 guys
Marty, Phil, Ken, others→ Bella Vista. Dan, John, Dan, Roy,others→Sunshine. Doug, Bruce→Blythfield.
Pastor John Kimmons→15 guys, Carolina. Pastor Ben Pent→18 guys, Newberry. Many others; multiplying.
Kelly: Fruitful ministry and massage therapy business. God is blessing her relationship w/ ex husband's family.
Kurt Jr: Fruit in ministry, siding business, needs reliable car. Rosa starts first grade. Baby David is growing!

