

Lifebuilders - Building for Eternity

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2 Cor.1:10 On HIM we have set our hope... [11] as you help us by your prayers. many will give thanks... for the gracious favor granted us in answer to your prayers.

CHANGED LIVES. CHANGED FAMILIES... Derek and Holly

Derek and Holly continue to grow since our last letter (where we called them "Adam and Mary"). Their story was featured at Ada Bible Church last week.

Derek has now been free from drug abuse for 9 weeks and loves living "sober". God gave them courage to take many faith steps, including being baptized at the small group from Ada Bible Church. Elder Rob helped set it up, Pastor Jeff did the baptizing, which also included Derek's Mom, Liza. What powerful testimonies they each shared. The small group showed practical love, and shared wisdom to help them grow.

Derek and Holly are back in TX, trying to move away from their former house and temptations, to a new town, looking for housing and a church and work. He has much experience in the oil industry.

They seem to really "get it" when we review scriptures. When they visited our home and during our follow-up appointments by phone in TX, Derek says, "I am learning to confess sin right away, at the root." Holly says, "Writing in my journal helps me see God's work. It increases my confidence that He is always with me."

They plan to marry soon and build good faith foundations for their 6 month old son Cutter.



Derek. Cutter. & Holly

POWER OF PARTNERING: with churches which mobilize outreach and multiply mentoring...

God's work in Derek and Holly clearly shows the power of partnering with a local church.

What benefits they have by being connected to a pastor, body of believers, small group and personal follow up.

And what joy they bring us, the small group and church leaders. Pastor Jeff says this may light a fire in other small groups to see this happen all across the church. He hopes to see many more people saved and baptized this fall, at the church building and in small groups. Rob hopes many more group leaders will be equipped to lead people to Christ and baptism and growth.

NEW EQUIPPING GROUPS:

Three groups at Calvary Church are using the "Destined" process; "Men of 6:10", 20 men, and two new opportunities: "Baby Boomers and Beyond", 50 people, and "Survival and Adventure", 15 men. Pastor Joel is eager to be equipped with the "Clarifying My Core Convictions" tool, hoping it will help many other group leaders in the church.

Many other groups or individuals are continuing or starting in the "Destined" mentoring process at Calvary and other churches. More and more people are equipped to share the good news, to follow up a new believer, to equip others to help others grow. Church leaders are encouraged, seeing leaders raised up, the power of the Gospel and the Great Commission.

God worked mightily at the PASTOR'S CONFERENCE, STAFF TRAINING, Dallas TX July 20 to 25. Pastors shared with other pastors how God has transformed their lives and churches through the "Destined" mentoring process. Pastor Steve Wilson attended and wants help in launching "Destined" in his church. We hope to take some Grand Rapids people with us for training Oct. 18 to Evangel Baptist Church, Houghton MI. We have been praying for this church near Mich. Tech. U. for 30 years.

God worked powerfully at our staff training, focusing our hearts on His call and His word. He worked through my weakness to serve as an emcee, lead some worship, and present a seminar. I had oral surgery again July 17, and was very weak and in much pain. Each word cost me. But it was so worth it. Many staff said they were very encouraged.

WHERE WOULD WE BE WITHOUT YOU?

I often wonder, "Where would I be without churches and pastors, without Lifebuilders, and without you?" Your prayer and giving matter so much more than you can imagine. Please don't offend God or leave us defenseless by assuming we can do fine without your prayer. Sometimes we feel so prayed for. Other times we feel very vulnerable.



**Carrie and Kurt Jr
Rosa. Kelly. David. Ginger. Kurt**

PRAYER REQUESTS:

2 Cor. 1:8 "We do not want you to be uninformed about our hardships.."

- People in mentoring process, lives changed, leaders equipped. Houghton Training Oct 18
- Recovery from setbacks; Kurt's jaw, infections, surgeries, extractions took him down to "30%." New treatments have me back up to 60%.
- Ginger's separated shoulder, poison ivy, eye staph infections... all required tests, treatments.
- We are so excited about ministry yet often hurt by these and other challenges.
- Protection and provision: family, friends, finances, ministry, fun
- Ginger's parents have moved to assisted living in GR, MI
- Many more doors are opening ← Resources urgently needed. ← See enclosure

++Praise: We have seen great fruit and had some fun memories even in the hardest of times.++

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