

Acts 8:30, Philip to the Ethiopian, "Do you understand...?" The Ethiopian, "How can I unless someone explains it to me?" after Philip explained the Gospel, the Ethiopian said, "What prevents me from being baptized?"

Here are some examples of God asking, "Do you understand?" and giving new life, today:

1. God worked mightily through the new "Survival/Adventure" equipping.

As 16+ men explored the most bedrock issues of our faith, some were saved, assured, cleansed, committed, empowered or clear for the first time on many of these things. Others learned to share these treasured truths with others in a personal way.



God is opening doors for improving, re formatting, and printing this new tool through the generosity of 2 people and the skills of Darrel who is helping me edit it. God is also stirring other people who have mentored me to help shape it more effectively. We need it ready as a field test copy by 9/09 so we can train teachers to start teaching it this fall.

2. This kind of clarity helped Jose build good foundations for marriage.

As he and Tiffany went through pre-marital counsel, they were so clear and committed to the foundations essential to building a good marriage. They could see the link between experiencing confidence in God's promises themselves, and keeping their promises to each other. What a delight to see this soldier as equipped for spiritual battle as he is for military combat, and to see this reflected in their wedding.



Jose, Tiffany, building marriage on the cross

3. God worked mightily at Radio Bible Class Chapel July 1.

People were hungry to see God work now, like He did through Philip when He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading...?" 29 people wanted to have that two-way, open conversation about faith, and took a Destined book to help guide them. What does God have in store next as some are mentored and some mentor others?

4. God worked through Bob and his wife to share the good news with a grandfather and granddaughter who both received Christ.

Bob's been able to share the Good News with many people through his difficult work of serving legal papers to people.



Jessica, Diane, Jason, Tanya

5. Last Sunday a.m. four members of my extended family were baptized.

God is answering prayers from 1994. We asked Him to bring good things out of my brother David taking his life. At the time his son Jason was five, daughter Jessica was three. Now, David's widow, Diane, Jessica, Jason and Tanya, his new, wife celebrated NEW LIFE Sunday! publicly declaring their faith in Christ... We had lunch together with other family to celebrate LIFE, and several birthdays.

6. **Some progress in healing for Kurt.** Some increase in immunity, a little more energy at times. Seem to be at 70%. I can sometimes go 4 days in a row before needing to shut down and rest. If I am wise about pace and scope, I can go several days without being soaked with night sweats. This year I may be able to throw a ball and swing a bat if I continue to gain mobility in wrists, elbows and shoulders. Six different treatments plans for Lyme disease have each helped in its own way. Now I am aiming at another treatment which can help restore my immune system from within bone marrow. Though quite expensive, 3 treatments last year seemed to make a measurable difference. **Ginger** has had **more challenges** with health the last few months.

7. **Our family is making some good memories.** These adventures help us see how our Father cares for us, charge our emotional batteries, and help deal with some continuing challenges. Ginger has stayed faithful, very helpful with Kelly's children, and ministering to others, despite health issues. Kelly works hard as a massage therapist and trusting God as a single Mom. Rosa and David are growing more delightful each month, yet face significant challenges... Kurt C and Carrie are making good progress in fixing up their home, and strengthening their walk with God. Kurt is working with Integrity Tree services this summer.



8. **More people are starting the Destined Mentoring process** with others. Jim just began with 2 men, Frank with a new guy, and several others are beginning. We are developing a tool to keep the mentors encouraged and sharpened as they continue to mentor others. **(Personal Development Plan and Review)** We are also seeking to increase the effectiveness of our **Advisory Board**: some new members and better tools for reviewing and assessing and planning our ministry and personal areas.



Please pray for continued fruit in 1-8, and for:

→ July 20 -29, CCC Staff Training, for Kurt Colorado State University.

The training is very challenging, very helpful, requires resources, but is very worth it.

→ 8/4-9, Family/discipleship camping, & next 3 weeks in August; discipleship/relational retreats (God works powerfully when He takes us outside of our classrooms into His creation)

→ Leaders starting strong with mentors and groups, partnering powerfully with churches.

→ Strong, overflowing support which makes so much difference in all the above



*Thank you so much for your prayers and giving,
Kurt and Ginger*