

2 Cor. 4:7 But we have this **treasure in jars of clay** to show that this all surpassing power is from God, not from us.

2 Cor 12:9 "My grace is sufficient ..., MY power is made perfect in weakness.

Dear Friends,

I have desired to send you this letter for many weeks. But each of the **great opportunities** the past two months has been preceded by **great challenges**. God has been revealing His great treasure, and showing His power through our weakness. Our Living Savior gave strength to complete the missions. But in between I have fallen far behind in many areas.



CHALLENGES:

Lyme disease relapse and **shingles**, again, before speaking in Manistee, 2/11. Major depletion/**Lyme relapse** before speaking in Lansing and Sparta, 3/23-25. **Emergency appendectomy**,3/31. **Blood clots** in external veins, located near I.V. sites, Emergency Room, 4/5 and 4/15 **Ginger's Mom**, stroke, 4/15, she begins rehab at Mary Free bed 4/19?

GREAT OPPORTUNITIES;

God opened many doors to share with people during each of the medical adventures. And He gave unusual peace and determination during each of them. He used each of the outreach/equipping opportunities to speak to me...

The messages He shaped in me were not just for others. HE designed them to make a big impact on my own heart.

The tougher things got, the more clearly **God revealed the magnificence of our Savior**. His greatness makes sharing His message a great privilege, far more worthy than our troubles. He made it clear: His word means life or death to people. He stirred our hearts like the disciples in Acts 4:20... "we cannot stop talking about Jesus..."

GOOD NEWS FROM MANISTEE. God stirred me right away to focus on the family described below. He continued to work after the event. Pastor George describes the treasure of God's message, and its impact on the family and church. How **exciting to see them come to church the next morning**, and hear me speak about **God's heart for lost people**.

Hi Kurt,

I want to give encouragement from the **Wild Game Dinner 2/11**. One new family came back, because they got to be in the building and like what it looks like. And another Awana family start attending worship for a first time.



But here is a great family story of .. (Dad & Mom, Son 7, and Daughter, 5.)→

Kathy & I had lunch with this family who has attended 5 times (since Wild Game Dinner). The two kids are in our Awana program. Whenever they drove past our church, the kids would say, "When are you going to take us to our church?" Then they attended the Wild Game Dinner. You shared your story of being **rescued from Lake Superior**.

This is a Native American Family. The Dad is on Tribal Council. He very interested in Lake Superior and all things of nature. When asked where he fit in the story, he said, "**I was out on the waves drifting away.**"

The **7 year old son was called up to re-enact in the canoe**, and that was an exciting experience for him. Your story retelling was riveting to him. The son took your DVD home and listened through it twice. Mom and the 5 year old daughter enjoyed the Wild Game Dinner and are enjoying worship with us. **But the men were really impacted significantly**. The whole family has been excited to become regular in worship. Dad and Mom appreciate our casual atmosphere. They also like the way our people have gotten to know them.

I'd have to say that **the Lord performed a rescue through you, for this family, in cooperation with our church**.

Thank you Lord! Thank you Kurt! I appreciate you so much, brother! George Butler, Manistee, First Baptist Church

GOD WORKED POWERFULLY; Resurrection Reality, far beyond mere religious words

3/24 am, Lansing/New Hope Fellowship, 3/24 pm Wild Game Dinner and 3/25 Sun. am service Algoma Baptist Wed am equipping group, other discipleship groups... More details and developments about those in the future.

For now, THANK YOU FOR PRAYING FOR US. In a way you have been with us on these challenges and adventures. Your prayer and encouragement and investments have made such a difference. Many times "the lights would come on" in our soul, and we would say, "Someone must be praying for us." Even now, when things are still plenty complicated or challenging, God's word is being quickened in our hearts. HE is giving a freedom to be genuine about the difficulties, but a focus on His greatness. Our challenges are His opportunities to show His greatness.

PRAYER REQUESTS:

4/19-26 Kurt and Ginger, CCC Staff Conf, for missionary couples facing challenges
4/29 Kurt speaks, Crossfire Church, Cedar Springs, 5/2-28 Discipleship Equipping for leaders
Strong growth for new Christians: Max and family, just baptized, converted from Muslim faith,
Powerful partnership with churches and ministries,
Continued progress with Kelly and Rosa, David. Wisdom , blessing, Kurt Jr, Carrie, baby Judah
Preparation for summer and outreach, equipping, leadership development
Healing, fullness, "catching up" in personal areas



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