

Each January I celebrate two very special things:

Jan.19,1973, **First date with Ginger**; Speaking at 1st CRC in Fremont, MI. One of the things I loved about Ginger : Much of our relationship was formed around ministering to others.



Jan. 13, 1974 **First clear call to full time ministry**: While working in construction, way up on a ladder, the Lord whacked me on the side of the head with a 2x4, asking me, "Kurt, many people are building houses for people... **But who is building people for houses?** Who is showing them My blueprint, and teaching them HOW to build their lives according to My plan?"

Three months later I was serving with CCC at Buffalo NY. Just last week in Manistee, we saw **Jim Pastoor**, my foreman 1/13/74.

WHAT DO YOU SAY TO YOUR MOTHER AS SHE IS DYING?... WHAT WOULD SHE SAY AT HER FUNERAL?

Shirley, or Surely? We have been praying for the family of **Terry H.** for some time, asking God for open hearts, open doors. Those prayers were answered just before his Mom died. After hearing the Good News clearly from her own son, she saw Jesus more clearly than ever. Just before dying she said, "He is here! Can you see Him?" She knew for certain, that Jesus is her Savior. So Terry and I called her Surely, instead of Shirley. At the funeral, Terry asked his family and friends, "He is here now. Can you see Him?" God worked powerfully as Terry and I shared, "What would Mom say if she were here right now?". Afterward many people thanked us. They took nearly every outreach and growth tool we brought. When Terry's faith was most needed, with people he loved most, he was prepared...



WHAT DO YOU SAY AT YOUR FATHER'S FUNERAL? WHAT WOULD HE SAY?

Ginger's Dad, Charles Hart; Ginger's family celebrated his homegoing with great joy and honor... A life well lived, a race well run. How many lives were touched because of his trusting and obeying, one step at a time. A huge impact from a small man from a small town and a small church. His life is still speaking, through his family generations, through Gitche Gumee Bible camp, First Baptist Church, Calumet, pastors, MI Tech graduates, Northland Bible College, WHWL Marquette, missionaries around the world... What a challenge, and encouragement, to all of us.

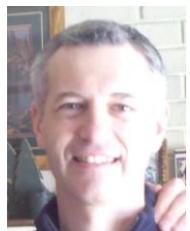


WILD GAME DINNER OUTREACH, MANISTEE, MI 225 hungry people

Reenacting being rescued from Lake Superior always grips the audience. But it wrecks me. It stirs memories and emotions that still disturb me for hours. Why do it? **God uses it to feed hungry people** who usually do not attend church... He uses the dinner and rescued story to give hope to the discouraged, warning to those drifting, challenge to the passive, and incentive to those who want to equip others. People see and feel God's heart for lost people. They respond to His call to be saved, surrendered and sent. They devour the tools and materials we bring, and often chase hard after opportunities for growth. Pastor George and his team at First Baptist, Manistee provide great opportunities for ongoing life change. His church is increasingly making an impact.



HUNGRY PEOPLE: "Lord, how do we find, feed, and equip them?" Sasha; Ukraine, Paul; Texas, **Sasha serves as a ministry leader in Ukraine.** He is hungry for equipping in making disciples. As we spoke 2 weeks ago, he said, "This is so helpful! It helps me see missing areas in our process. I have not been asked these questions or seen tools or training like this... How can I get more of this kind of equipping?" **Paul serves as business and ministry leader in Texas.** As we met last week, he said the same things as Sasha. He expressed his hunger by saying, "This is way more than I expected... "How can I get more of everything you have? This week Chris, and Rick expressed similar hunger for equipping. Each of these guys will impact many who will impact many others here and around the world.



Sasha

REMARKABLE GIVING, REMARKABLE OPPORTUNITIES. "OTS", Grateful for your prayers and giving **Year end giving was remarkable!!!** The "crater" has been filled. We have been able to reimburse past lost salary and medical and ministry expenses. This has helped us pay down some credit we used to survive. Additional monthly support was also strong, nearing the goal. Kevin, Tony and Rob have strongly encouraged us with "OTS", Operation Total Support. Their encouragement and actions gave us a some real encouragement. Your giving and prayer have given us resources to forge ahead with enthusiasm. We can focus on seizing great opportunities with people like Terry, Pastor George, Sasha, Chris, Rick and many others, here, and around the world.

PRAYER REQUESTS;

- +Continuing fruit with leaders, churches, lost people, here and around the world. George, Sasha, Paul,
- +3/10, 11 Dan Keating seminar and speaking , Holland, MI, +Fruit with "Angling Life" book
- + 3/24 Wild Game Dinner, Algoma Baptist Church, Kurt speaking, "Bringing Adventure Back to Life",
- +continued fruit for Pastor Keith, Crossfire Ministries. 10 people recently committed their lives to Christ
 - + Kurt Jr, Carrie, baby Judah, fruit, health, wisdom about future career choices
 - + Ginger, mentoring Kris, seeing more and more fruit
 - + continued upgrading and fruitfulness of Survival/Adventure
 - + seeing continued progress with Kelly and Rosa and David. Wisdom about work and other needs



Baby Judah