

What happened since "September Surge"? Fire and Fruit.

It was humbling to ask for your special prayers about special needs in September. But seeing Him answer your prayers makes the humbling so worth it. Your prayers really matter! **He lit a fire in the souls of many others, producing twice the fruit in one month. He opened doors far beyond our ability:**

1. God stirred people to give for surprise medical expenses from this past Spring.

Faithful, extra, and "surprise" giving filled in holes made by Kurt's appendectomy, blood clots, oral surgery, Lyme relapse, shingles, this past Spring, ... and Ginger's heart tests, treatments and more. We were freed to pursue fruitful ministry without looking back. **This rekindled our faith and fire to serve Him.**



2. God stirred people to seek Him. Ministry "surged forward"

→ **Speaking to Kent City H.S. Football team...** hungry, responsive to God's word. God continues to work through Pastor Jeff A. who helps coach the team.



→ **Speaking to Pastors** in N. Kent County, "Maximum Fruit, 4 Generations, Beyond. Jesus' Blueprint for Outreach and Making Disciples." Pastor Keith invited me. He encourages pastors to think of a growing movement, impacting our state and world.

→ **Meeting with Cruz's and Tibercio's families** after death of his wife.

God worked during this 2 day immersion into another culture. Cruz introduced me to all 55 of his relatives, and invited me back to their homes near Hart, MI, the next day. His brother Tibercio deeply appreciated the comfort and parts of the Gospel we shared with him after his wife's death.



→ **18 men, discipleship retreat, 4 generations, multiplying impact**

Dan G. invited me to his retreat, to see firsthand 4 generations of fruit. Many of them thanked me for mentoring Dan R. who mentored Dan G. who mentored someone who mentored them while they now mentor someone else. **Coach Bill McCartney**, (Promise Keepers) blessed us with powerful scriptures. Each guy shared scriptural insights and examples of **God working through them to reach and equip others in their families, churches and beyond.** God worked through the "Rescued" story to reveal God's urgency about being equipped to reach lost people. We all trusted God to "immerse" us into **new levels of power for His Great Commission**, to build disciples according to His blueprint. Since the retreat, many of us have already seen a **marked increase in fruit.** This was one of those **most rewarding** and significant events of the year for me.



→ **10/27 READY, AIM, FIRE Event, 70 participants, 35 coaches. Outreach, Next steps of faith and equipping**



Coaches, Ginger and Sandy, 44 mag



Families, Spanish Church, bullet holes



Dinner, Prizes, Inspiration, "Next Steps"

Coaches explained, demonstrated, and then one at a time, helped them hit the targets. Many **novices to firearms and to faith**, young and older, kids, parents, spouses... **12 teams** rotated through **4 shooting zones**: shotgun, handguns, .22 rifles, and BIG rifles... They each shot a **bullet through** a piece of **steel**, which they kept, representing **power**, far beyond our own ability. The **inspirational message** explained more about "Power": **God's power unleashed** when we allow Him to "assemble" us according to His specifications, and "aim" us in His directions. A disassembled bullet represented **broken commitments**: no primer= *no initial decision*, powder poured out and ignited made a big flame= *passion without Biblical structure*, cartridge out of rifle= *unwilling to fit into Master's plan*. They were invited to take **next steps of faith**, practical teamwork, tools and coaching to help them: Explore, Receive, Grow, Share, Equip Others.



Fire!

→ **Speaking 11/4, Crossfire Church, "Loving Enough to Ask Life's Most Important Questions" C.P.R.?**

Are we ready to give C.P.R. when needed? Will we take faith steps to be equipped to give "Christ's Powerful Relationship" to people who do not have life? **God stirred a deep hunger. +35 people** took sample sessions from discipleship tools. Pastor Keith has been mentoring some leaders who will then mentor these hungry next generations.

YOUR SURGE OF PRAYER AND GIVING WAS PART OF POWERFUL SURGE IN MINISTRY FIRE AND FRUIT. Thank you!

Pursuing these great opportunities required every ounce of strength. **Your prayer and giving helped fire up that strength.**

Next letter: More Praise Reports, Next Steps of Faith, Doors Opening, Why your year-end giving makes so much impact.

PRAYER REQUESTS: 1. **Full recovery** from Kurt's 11/20 surgery repairing hernia of Appendectomy incision. Need to catch up from many setbacks caused by this. 2. **"Fruit that remains"** in the areas listed above. 3. **Spirit led giving and preparation** for outreach and equipping in January, beyond. 4. **David's, Rosa's, and Kurt Jr.'s birthdays;** 11/30, 12/2, 12/11.

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