

2 Corinthians 1:8 We do not want you to be uninformed about the hardships we suffered...

v11 as you help us by your prayers... many will give thanks on our behalf for the gracious favor granted us in answers to the prayers of many.

May I shoot straight with you? I wish I could just talk about Christmas. And talk with each of you personally. But friends told me I need to be very honest with you, as soon as possible. So here goes; I'm asking you to "help us by your prayers," especially the next 15 days. (see scriptures above) Ginger's surgery 12/15 is a reminder of the urgency we feel.



December 1974

Over the years, you prayed, God has produced fruit beyond expectations. As you prayed, and gave, He has protected and provided through some real challenges. We reported how God "granted gracious favor", and many gave thanks. (see pg.2)

To be honest, I feel challenged far beyond my capacity. We've seen a lot of fruit this year. But if this were football, we have been sacked, and played while injured more than usual the past six months. It feels like we have 15 seconds left, with 65 yards to go, and no time outs. (Green Bay vs Detroit, MSU vs Iowa... They never gave up...)

God is opening doors for 2016. 2nd, 3rd and 4th generations are poised for more fruitful ministry. We are revising our entire outreach and discipleship process and tools (January '16 Prayer Letter) But these will be greatly affected by the next 15 days. This is way beyond any solutions I can produce.

YOUR PRAYERS WILL HELP MORE THAN ANYTHING I CAN SAY OR DO;

1. Our hearts, bodies, extended families, experiencing the fear of the Lord and His favor
2. Increasing fruit, here, around the world, Overflowing resources for life, ministry,
3. That people would sense HIS call to pray for us, to invest in our ministry. (See "Ministry Partner Info")
4. That these resources would come in fully and soon so we can begin 2016 with no delays (We have not had a full paycheck since Oct.9)

MEDICAL: (not covered by insurance and beyond the ordinary)
\$13,000; Kurt's kidney and other surgeries, blood clots in lungs, leg, 100 mi. ambulance, pulmonary tests, treatments, jaw appliance, implant, future vascular and other tests

\$11,000 Ginger's surgery 12/15, muscle, spine, nerve treatments, jaw appliance, implants, injections

MINISTRY; (beyond present monthly)
 \$2,400 Leadership Retreats
 \$2,400 Outreach Events
 \$2,000 Ministry tools, materials
 \$1,800 Administrative help
 \$1,200 Office/computer equipment,
 \$1,800 Staff Training Conference

\$11,600

MONTHLY;
 beyond our present base

Increase of **\$970 per month**
 or

\$11,640 one time

WE ARE SO THANKFUL! YOU HAVE PRAYED BEFORE, GOD HAS PROVIDED

Thank you for helping us bring the Christ of Christmas to people all year long.

2 Cor.2:10 On Him we have set our hope, that He will continue to deliver us. We know that as you pray, God will touch hearts to give. He will deliver, many lives will be touched in 2016 and beyond. We will recover strength and health. We'll share those stories, many will give thanks.

So grateful for your partnership, Kurt and Ginger



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MANY THANKS, GRACIOUS FAVOR, ANSWERS TO PRAYER;

2015 Mentoring, Equipping, Multiplying 4 generations, Partnering with churches

Turbo Discipleship equipping, Hillcrest



Destined, Bella Vista



Equipping equipers, improving tools →



4 generations



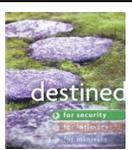
Survival Adventure, Hillcrest



Destined mentoring



Equipping counselors → 150 youth



2015 Outreach, New Birth, Speaking, Inspiring, Motivating for equipping,

Tony, Foundation For Hope Events



Capt Dan Keating, Speaking, books, retreats, seminars



Ferris Sate Speaking



Outreach tools: CD,s Books,



Many more sharing Good News face to face....

Thank you to those who pray and sacrifice for Kurt and Ginger and their ministry:
 God is working through Kurt to bring our men's ministry to a new, fresh level of the most important of all things: **how to be a disciple of Jesus and how to make disciples of others.** My men have **greater clarity** of who God is, what the Bible is and says, and how we were lost but now saved. Kurt's deep love of The Lord and people, his devotion to prayer, his wacky sense of humor and his great ability to communicate the Bible in a "down-to-earth" manner are helping so many of our men (of all ages) make serious and significant gains in their Christian walk. I assumed that our men had "the basics" clear in their minds and hearts. I'm finding out that this was not the case in many. So when they are clear, **I'm watching a new level of joy and confidence and openness to growing in their faith** like I've not seen before.
Brian Bosscher. Sr. Pastor. Hillcrest CRC

Having gone through "Survival" and "Destined for Security" I can tell you that this experience has given me more confidence and deepened my Christian walk. The experience has changed my life in a number of ways and is evident... It has taught me to be more gracious and more patient with my friends, family and coworkers.... I have setup a personal devotion time each morning where I read the Bible, talk to God and pray for those on my list.
 I would say to anyone who wants to be more clear about their salvation, the work of the Holy Spirit and how to answer tough questions like, "How do you know God is real?, Is the Bible really true?, and are my sins forgiven? And.....be able to explain it to a 10 year old..... then this is for you.
My sincere thanks to those that have mentored us Hillcrest men along the way; to Marty, Jim , Mike and Kurt for their unwavering commitment and ministry to us. To the men of Hillcrest who I have shared and grown with. And above all I thank God for his infinite love that he continually reveals to me. **Doug Holtrop**

Thank you for investing in Kurt and Ginger. Their equipping had a huge impact on our counselors. Most importantly they grew in the knowledge and grace of the Lord. There was a much higher level of confidence with our counseling staff this summer. God worked in tremendous ways. Many campers came to know Him as Savior. Many more dedicated their lives to His service. As you support Kurt and Ginger, they support us, and we support the students, who then go on to support others. You are part of an **eternal impact** in students' lives way up here in the Keweenaw. We are so grateful for their ministry and the impact that it had.
Robbv Fischer. Dir.. Gitche Gumees Bible Camp. Eagle River. MI

Thank you to those who support Cru City, Kurt and Ginger. God worked through Destined to answer our prayers. We've long wanted to serve the Lord in ministry together. Our marriage has matured. We've grown closer to each other and the Lord as we have applied the Word to our lives. I have been able to lead my men's group through it. We'll be leading our small group through it also. We're excited about the changes in our own walk with the Lord. But it is so **fulfilling to see growth in the lives of others..** Seeing their "lights go on" mind is awesome! A newer Christian saw in the Destined Process the "more about God" he was looking for. He just completed it. Now he wants to go through it again **so he can teach his wife and kids. Thank You for helping us to be equipped** with the Word of God in a way that can be easily presented by someone who feels completely unqualified. **Absalom and Melissa**

SEE JANUARY 2016 PRAYER LETTER FOR OPEN DOORS AND INCREASED FRUIT OPPORTUNITIES