

Kurt and Ginger Loosenort, Grand Rapids, MI, *Turning Points, Feb. 2016*

John 12:24, "Unless a kernel of wheat goes into the ground and dies, it remains alone. But if it dies it produces many seeds." The power of one step of faith, one nut going underground



FIRST KISS, FIRST DISCIPLE, FIRST FRUITS

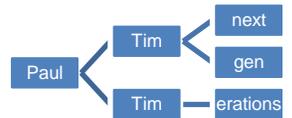
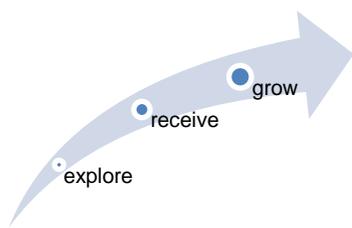


Ginger and I recently celebrated our first date, our first kiss, at Hope College. Who could imagine all that would come from those first steps; ministering with youth and couples, missionaries at campuses in Buffalo NY, Marquette, and Eau Claire, WI, City Ministry in W. Michigan, and beyond... Kids, Grandkids...

We also visited a classroom where I met the first guy I ever disciplined in 1970. I recalled how I had refused to disciple anyone... until I read **John 12:24, "Unless a kernel of wheat goes into the ground and dies, it remains alone. But if it dies it produces many seeds." God's word cut through my resistance.** I knew I had to die to some things in order to bring life to others. **At midnight I surrendered to God's call to make disciples.** The very next morning Dave introduced himself and asked, "Do you know where I could find a Bible Study?"

Soon 5 others joined, as they explored, received, and grew, they soon led their own groups, who led theirs... **Four generations** in our fraternity and beyond...

surrendering, by faith, to His call to salvation, to make disciples. Who could imagine how God would work in Dave's life, his impact as missionary, pastor and beyond... next generations of disciple-makers in our fraternity..., many became pastors. I just got a letter from Dave, reminding me of all these things.



IS JESUS STILL CALLING PEOPLE TO TAKE FAITH STEPS?

Thank you for helping us to keep saying "Yes!" Strong prayer and strong giving have freed us to keep equipping people like Dave today. You have helped us move from medical needs to ministry opportunities. (Praise, prayer details on pg. 2)

PRAYER REQUESTS: (see pg. 2 for more...)

+ God's power evident in **people taking first steps**; Explore, Receive, Grow, Share, Make disciples...

+100 involved in mentoring in 15 churches would **sow Good News** broadly and **multiply** prolifically this year, much fruit here and around the world.

+ God's wisdom evident in **revising** our entire **process/tools** for outreach/making disciples, from Rock Solid Reality to Jesus' Blueprint for Making Disciples. Field trials of books 1 and 2 this spring. This hard work, is so worth it for **next generations**.

+2/20, 9am-3pm Capt. Dan Keating, **Super Salmon Seminar**, Hillcrest Church, Hudsonville, MI 877.783.2270, bluehorizonsportfishing@gmail.com

+2/20, 5-9PM, **SPORTSPERSONS EVENT**, Wild and tame dinner, seminars, biggest trophies in US, outreach message, Tracy Breen, great opportunity for inviting... 5 churches sponsoring. Held at Bella Vista Church, 616 874 7727 <http://bvcevents.org/>

+ 3/1, 7pm Kurt speaking, **Ferris State**, Real Faith Ministry. "Jesus' Blueprint for Building People" Some will follow up with field testing revised tools

+ **Events** which accelerate outreach, connecting and making disciples, for dads/kids, or leaders of leaders

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SPORTSPERSON'S Dinner
 SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20 4:30-9:30pm
 BELLA VISTA CHURCH GYM
 5100 Belding Road NE - Rockford

SCHEDULE
 4:30pm Doors open
 5:00pm Seminars
 Small Boat Salmon Tactics presented by Capt. Dan Keating
 Trophy Whitetail Stories presented by Trophies of Grace
 Scouting for Success presented by Ross Groveling
 River Steelhead Fishing presented by Jon Hendrick
 6:00pm Wild & Tame Dinner
 7:00pm Trophies of Grace presentation
 7:30pm Speaker Tracy Breen
 8:30pm Grand Prize drawings

TICKETS
 \$10 ADULTS
 \$5 YOUTH AGES 10-16
 INCLUDES DINNER, SEMINARS AND GRAND PRIZE DRAWING
 Click Here to Order Tickets
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MEET THE SPEAKER
 Tracy Breen is a full-time outdoor writer who writes for dozens of publications across the United States, including Outdoor Life, Backpacker, Bowhunting World, Peterson's Bowhunting, Bowhunter and New Pioneers. Tracy is also a marketing consultant in the outdoor industry and works with many well-known companies including Mathews Archery, Grim Reaper Broadheads, Wilderness Athlete and many more. He lives in Ravenna, Michigan with his wife, Angie, and sons, Thane and Hendrik. Tracy has cerebral palsy and often writes and speaks about overcoming physical challenges to enjoy the outdoors. Learn more about Tracy and his hunting adventures at tracybreen.com.

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