

Colossians 4:12 Epaphras, who is one of you and a servant of Christ Jesus, sends greetings. He is always wrestling in prayer for you, that you may stand firm in all the will of God, mature and fully assured.

“WE HAVE YOU SURROUNDED.”

When they heard of great open doors and great challenges in our lives, these guys pledged to surround us with prayer, each day of the next month. How much extra fruit we have seen... Is it because of their prayers?



“LIVING LEGACY” RETREAT April 21 -23

God worked beyond our expectations in 25 couples from Calvary Church. As we explored the treasures transferred through the process of discipleship, couples prayed together and asked tough questions about their own faith. Many were stirred to take steps of faith, to be mentored and to mentor others. Linda's letter conveys heart changes like many others experienced.



John 14:21, He who... keeps MY commands loves Me, ...I will reveal Myself to him

As Jerry and I prayed about passing on the treasure, “Leaving a Living Legacy”, I began to question why I had such a fear and unwillingness to do so. I realized that I can't pass on what I don't possess. So, I began to ask myself WHY I don't possess it. Of course, I knew the answer, God wasn't speaking to me. I would pray, ask for guidance, wisdom and power to “make me who You want me to be Lord”, but I was always discouraged, defeated and depressed that I couldn't change. My prayers were unanswered. The feelings and emotions weren't there. I attend church, Sunday school, bible studies, small groups, retreats, etc, all with short term emotional mountaintop experiences—but no lasting change. Why???

The answer came at the retreat. I read the first couple of pages of the *Destined for Security* book and was struck by their definition of faith : “FAITH IS CHOOSING TO LIVE as though the Bible is true regardless of circumstances, emotions, or cultural trends.” Then, (and here is what got to me) ASK: “If you choose to live as though this scripture is true, how would you be living?” There was the answer. God was speaking, through His Word, but because I wasn't APPLYING, I wasn't hearing. All of my previous “efforts” were academic exercises, acquiring knowledge. I realize that I need to get into God's Word (which I hadn't been doing) and trust it completely, asking myself that question with every passage.

So, I am just beginning the process with God and Ginger. I find myself “feeling” hypocritical, fearing what will be required of me. But God promises me in His Word to reward me for seeking Him, to not be afraid because He is with me. He will work in me and He will follow through with it. He promised, and I am going to believe Him and hold Him to his Word. Thanks Kurt and Ginger, Linda

MAXIMIZING MENTORING, Starting the Process of Discipleship, May 6 Equipping

Matt.4:19 “Come, follow ME, and I will make you fishers of men...”

Many of these 30 men from Calvary Church have said, “If someone will equip me, I'll equip someone else.” Ken K wants to take what he learned at the Retreat and the May 6 Equipping to begin mentoring his 4 sons right away. Kevin VH wants to equip the 10 chaplains he oversees with what he learned at the Retreat and Equipping. What a joy to see my Dad (Curt), Randy, Tom, Rick, Scott, Guy, Earl and other guys help get these men started.

Several women at the Retreat asked Ginger for this Equipping at a later date.



FOUR GENERATIONS, Kurt K, → TJ, → Scott, → Jim

2 Tim. 2:2 Take what you have learned... and pass it on to others...who'll pass it on...

When Kurt K and I began the mentoring process 3 years ago, we had no idea it would make such an impact on our daughter Kelly. What joy to see Kurt K mentor TJ, who mentors Scott, who now mentors Jim B. That is Jim Biegalle, married to Kelly, raising Rosa... Kurt K and TJ are also going to share God's love in Guatemala this summer. These 25 couples or 30 men may impact people like Kurt K., or Linda and many others.



Scott, Kurt K, TJ, Jim B

*We appreciate your prayer and giving,
Kurt and Ginger*

Linda, Jerry, chaplains, and the next generations, here, and in Guatemala, say thank you.

PRAYER REQUESTS; Col.4:12 always wrestling in prayer for you

- +Praise: recent giving helped us order \$2,100 in materials, and cover \$2,400 in medical expenses
 - +Praise: We celebrated Kelly's birthday May 10, and Rosa's first spiritual birthday May 9
 - +Praise: Kelly and Jim are expecting a baby in November! ~Kelly and Rosa have battled Strep infections
 - ~Jim is seeking a good job. And they need a home on the NE side of town.
 - +Kurt C has a new job with a landscaping company. The “Prayer House” ministry continues to grow.
 - ~Ginger, as she mentors Beth, who leads a small group, and Linda, as she shares with others
 - +Ginger; progress w/ phys. therapy and machine helps breathing at night. Still needs much healing.
 - ~Roy as he mentors Austin and Mike, who each had someone receive Christ with him recently.
 - ~Todd as he mentors two new men. Guy, mentoring Ryan, who is sharing with others... and many more...
 - ~ Many who are on a “waiting list” to be equipped and mentor others... many open doors...
 - ~ Kurt needs accelerated healing to offset recent setbacks in health. To regain strength, clarity, freedom from pain, to catch up where he's behind, and seize opportunities for ministry and adventure.
- + June 1, our 32nd anniversary! ~ Jun. 13-18? Training Counselors, Gitche Gumee? ~June 25-30 Staff Training



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