

Acts 8:30, Philip said to him, **“Do you understand...?”** He said, **“How can I, unless someone explains it to me?”**  
2Tim. 2:2 Take the things you have learned from me, and entrust them to faithful men who are **able to pass them on to others...**

**Your giving has helped us pass on treasures to others, who pass them on to others.**  
Of all the gifts we receive this year for Christmas, only a few can never be taken away.  
Here are a few examples: (More on page two, Quotes from grateful people...)

## **ASKING GOOD QUESTIONS: GIFTS THAT KEEP ON GIVING**

### **Breaking knees, breaking strongholds. John, Joe, 14 others, 16 leaders, many more**

They didn't used to call him Pastor Joe. Detroit mafia used him to break people's knees. Now God works through him to break strongholds. Since someone shared the Gospel with him years ago. He helps people break free from addictions of every kind. They listen to him because he understands. He and his wife Karen have ministered to those often missed or shunned by the church through "One Life Ministry." Joe could gather quite a following, could really preach with power. he longed to be more effective in equipping people to minister to others. But how?



John, Pastor Joe

Three years ago John G. gave Joe a gift. He asked Joe a question that shook his world. "Pastor Joe, who is discipling you?" As John walked Joe through "Destined", Joe learned how to give the same gift to others. He asked them questions instead of just telling them. He taught them how to be sure people really understand and apply what they are hearing. Soon he was mentoring 14 people a week. Joe brought some of them to Maximizing Mentoring in Ludington last year. As he partners with a local church he helps 16 leaders of "Life Support" to help others to recover from many addictions. But now Pastor Joe wants to give these leaders a gift they can pass on to others. He wants us to help equip these 16 leaders with "Maximizing Mentoring," using "Destined." This will help them ask questions, so they can integrate clear convictions about Jesus into 12 step programs they're using. Soon, those who were addicted will be equipped to ask others if "they understand." They will help others to be truly free. (See pg 2 for Joe's note to you)

**God is stirring to people to give the gift of humbly asking, "Do you understand?" and people to accept the gift by honestly saying, "How can I, unless someone explains it to me?" Each month more people in more places are stirred to be open to the Good news and pursue mentoring. All we need to do is humbly offer to help them answer questions like someone helped us.**

### **Why are we are so thankful for your prayer and support?**

**Over all these years, many of you have stood with us.** You have seen **God open doors** through **universities**, fraternities, athletic teams, dorms, **other countries**, businesses, the Jaycees, neighborhoods, **city-wide events** like Josh McDowell in W. Mich, Alive '85, Peter Lowe, Zig Ziglar, **Conferences** like Family Life and Dad the Family Shepherd. **Relational Outreaches** like Paintball, Rec Nites at the Y, Outdoor Life For Men, Father Power -Fire Power, Survival Saturday, Wild Game Dinners, outreach one person at a time. **You've prayed us through struggles** with health, marriage, ministry, children, family, support, our own immaturity and sin. Many of you **have encouraged us** in some special way, when we were at the end of hope. Others have joined us in real life ministry.

**How can we say thank you? We hope these glimpses give some ideas of God's work, and our gratitude. Please see pg 2, for more expressions of gratitude.**

### **PRAYER REQUESTS:**

+ **PRAISE for all God is doing, in and through our lives. We are so blessed!**

**Continued fruit, protection, provision** for those involved in mentoring process. Leaders who speak for discipleship. Many who step out in faith experience enemy attacks.

**Tuesdays, 6:10 am, Destined Men's group**, Calvary Church, 8 "alumni" helping 16 new guys  
**Pastor Mark**, Bella Vista Church asked, "How can the Great Commission be the DNA of every part of our church?" Pray for him and others like him to see fruit.

12/11, **Kurt Jr** 28<sup>th</sup> birthday, now engaged to Carrie Decker, seeing progress with work, deepening his walk with God, needs reliable car.

**Kelly** now connected with YMCA, hoping to expand her client base as massage therapist.

She saw many lives changed at Breakthrough Nov.1-4. She is seeing many provisions which have been urgently needed. Rosa and Baby David had good birthdays, are getting over nasty flu and colds, and learning many good things each month.

1/10 -13 **Lifebuilders' Nat'l Training**, Dallas TX. Launching "Destined for Harmony," marriage mentoring

1/26 **Outreach Dinner/Seminar, Capt. Dan Keating**, Grand Haven, Great Lakes Salmon Tips, Good News

Preparation, equipping, invites, follow up. **Tickets 616-847-2540** or [ssabatino@gnlc.org](mailto:ssabatino@gnlc.org)

2/9? **Outreach, Rescued Story**, then follow up and equipping opportunities

**Follow up equipping for "Chapel"** pastors in Chicago. Had a good beginning in November.

**Continued healing for Ginger**, who serves faithfully, despite five out of seven very tough days.

**Continued healing for Kurt** who is at 60%, works like he's at 90%, and often needs to recover.

+ **Overflowing support and resources so we can reach and equip others:**

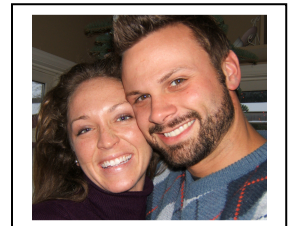
\$870 more per month to pursue the many new doors opening and for admin. help.

\$3,100 to cover past medical treatments and continue treatments for Ginger and me,

\$3,400 to cover ministry materials, order new ones, and cover January training expenses

**Please see quotes from grateful people on next page..**

**Many ask for CCC envelopes in December.**



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