

2 Timothy 2:2

Take the things you have heard in the presence of many witnesses, and entrust them to faithful men who are able to teach others also.

RANGER? OR PASTOR? Who is this guy?

1. He re-enacts the era before the Revolutionary War, especially the history of some of his heroes, Rogers' Rangers. Today's Special Forces and Army Rangers use principles that Rogers and his Rangers taught. They used them in real battle, forged them into cohesive, transferable principles, put them into writing, trained leaders who would train leaders. Lives are saved and victories won today because Rogers transferred his proven principles to faithful leaders who passed them on, all the way to today's Army Rangers.



Claiming His promises



2. He played the bagpipes at Greg Fester's memorial service. As a Chaplain to a Military Reserve Unit in W. Michigan, Tom broke the news of Greg's death in Iraq to his wife, Julie. Greg clarified his salvation a few years ago with the help of Harold, who used Real Faith and other Biblical tools. Greg shared his faith often after that, and had part in 2 others who later received Christ with Harold. Tom is also a chaplain for the Walker Police and Fire Department.

Chaplain Tom



Ranger Tom

3. He encourages and equips several church planting pastors in Michigan. He has hosted outreach Wild Game Dinners with us, attended by over 150 people, several times. His 2 teen age sons and their buddies went through basic "Destined" type equipping with him. The boys stood before the whole church and answered tough core questions with scriptures and illustrations.

4. He is training the home group leaders of his church to use "DESTINED" (new version of Real Faith mentoring tool). 10 college students are already moving into level 2 of DESTINED. Soon they and 40 or more people will be applying real faith in a real God to real life. He is using "Destined" as the blueprint for core convictions for all leadership, counseling, follow up, youth ministry, even marriages at Westwood Community Church.

REAL HEROES

Why does Pastor Tom do all this? His real hero, Jesus Christ, commands and empowers him to "seek and save the lost", to fulfill the great commission: **"Make disciples of all nations, by going, baptizing and teaching them (how) to obey all that I have commanded you.** (Spiritual Mentoring)

Tom is one of my heroes. God works through him to stay involved with unchurched people. God empowers him to equip others with tools and training and genuine relationships. He lives out his identity in Christ, knows his weaknesses, and lives a balanced life. Tom is one of the major reasons we love serving with Lifebuilders. Our mission is to encourage, partner with and equip people like him to encourage and equip others. Just tonight his elders said, "Our people really need the help that "Destined" offers them." Tom said, "Thank you for being my biggest source of encouragement and challenge about the great commission."

THANK YOU for helping us equip people like Tom. Lives are saved and victories won, here and around the world, as God multiplies His ministry through each one. God worked powerfully in the lives of 50 men who attended the Ada Bible Men's Ministry Shooting event. He's working through many others who are giving or receiving spiritual coaching, one to one or in small groups. More about that next month, "Great Rewards".

*We appreciate you,
Kurt and Ginger*

PRAYER REQUESTS:

- Healing for Kurt, Lyme's disease. Medical leave for the next month(s) +prayer, isolation, rest, treatments are helping, still a long way to go.
- +Praise for special gifts, help, encouragement, and continued fruit.
- +God is working in many ways even though I can do so little right now.
- Pastors/leaders: Tom, Phil, Kevin, Dave, Doug, Darren, Dale, Mark...
- Men's Ministries; Ada Bible, Calvary, Bella Vista, Bailey, others are launching leadership teams, mentoring and outreach
- People starting to give or receive mentoring in groups or one to one.
- Jim's, Kelly's and Rosa's continued fruitful growth and resources.
- Kurt C's ministry, work, future, resources. Speaking at Bella Vista Nov 13. KC, living on the edge

