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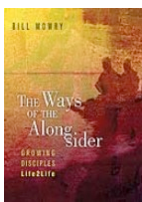
*This year has continued the growth pattern from the fall. ...more opportunities!
Here's the storyline and an opportunity to partner with me.*

A Update on Nav Church ministry in NEO

May 2013

Pastor training

I have the privilege to be walking three pastors through a discipling workbook. The Alongsider strengthens skills & helps build a broader view of discipleship.



Lay leader training

I've loved the time with three men each Monday night to sharpen their abilities in discipling. Skip, Dean and Marty push themselves to grow spiritually and gain insights from each other so they can make a greater impact!

Vision Workshop

May 2, I facilitated a workshop with Scranton Road Bible Church's leadership to rework their vision statement and begin strategic thinking for discipleship. They have a rich tradition of serving their neighborhood, and now want to build leaders

and maturity for the future. We will continue connecting to ensure they reach their dream.



Revelation study

Amjad Samuels of St. Paul's Episcopal invited me to teach a study on the book of Revelation. The group has enjoyed the passages on who Christ is, God's greatness, worship and the future hope we have only because of God's goodness!

Finishing my training

I've learned so many good ideas from my Navigator training. One of the best is coaching-- helping healthy people maximize their gifts and reach their dreams. I am rethinking how I listen and how I help direct people into their intended future.

Investing in a Pastor

Robbie Davis, a pastor I've worked with recently writes:

Dane and I met while he was on staff at The Chapel. I taught an Adult Bible Fellowship class and wrote curriculum with Dane while I was a seminary student. I learned many things from him in the time we spent together. Almost three years ago I became the solo pastor of a small church in rural Michigan. Last year I tapped Dane on the shoulder several times as I led the church through a difficult time of transition.

When I received Dane's last update, I ordered *The Alongsider* by Bill Mowry and asked Dane if he would go through it with me. We spent several weeks defining what a disciple is, how to make one and the church's role in making one. The process renewed my commitment to making disciple makers. He then walked alongside me while I



Robbie & Kerry serve North Reading Baptist Church in Michigan. Robbie and I meet via video chat on the internet. Believe it or not 5 minutes into it feels like we're across the table at a coffee shop.

worked through how a church in economically depressed, rural Michigan can equip disciples to make disciples.

I casted a vision for reaching our community through disciple making from the pulpit. I identified several mature believers in the church with a heart for reaching outsiders and provided them with

resources and support. Several have stepped into the role of disciple maker.

So far this year eleven kids have made decisions to follow Jesus, I have baptized three, eight people have joined the church, two discipleship groups have formed and two more are trying to get off the ground. Last month a lady came up to me after the service to tell me she had joined a discipleship group with one of my disciple makers. She was so excited as she told me that she has been a believer for more than fifty years and for the first time is reading her Bible on her own at home. She was also excited that for the first time ever, she had just read the passage that I preached. She told me she wishes someone would have walked alongside her in this way fifty years ago.

As believers we are all called to make disciples of Jesus. My job as a pastor is to equip the people in the church to do ministry—to make disciples. Dane's role is to come alongside of pastors and encourage and equip them to make disciple makers. Dane impacts the lives of thousands of believers each year for the Kingdom through the pastors to whom he ministers. So, on behalf of rural Michigan, thank you for the impact your support of Dane has made.

Funding Update

The Lord has provided greatly this fiscal year. He has continued to supply new financial partners and kept us in the black.

The Lord has provided greatly this fiscal year. He has continued to supply new financial partners and kept us in the black. I am so grateful for you who made this ministry to pastors and churches possible. Together we are serving and coaching a growing movement of disciple-making churches. I have found churches deeply desiring to become stronger at making disciples. My role is to cheer, pray, resource, model, coach, inform and invest in pastors and churches so they can produce fully mature followers of Christ.

At the start of our fiscal year in August, we needed to raise \$3,600 more a month. Since then I have diligently worked to raise that amount, and the Lord has moved. So far God has provided two thirds of this amount. I am so grateful and thankful for these partners' generosity!

In order to continue enriching pastors and churches, I must raise an additional \$1,351 per month. I am trusting the Lord to provide thirteen people who would give between \$75 and \$150 monthly. Would you prayerfully consider partnering with my ministry financially? The Lord has been about so many good things as I have been serving. I want to continue focusing the majority of my efforts to strengthen pastors and churches. Thank you for your consideration and prayers.

You may use the enclosed envelope and commitment card to participate, or you may give online at <http://www.navigators.org/us/staff/allphin>.

I desire to be fully funded by the end of The Navigators' current fiscal year—July 31. If God leads you to partner with us, may I hear from you before then? Thanks!

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