



MEN

MINUTE WITH MIKE

Near and Far

Here's a sampling of questions we received just this month...

A father in Illinois reached out to me asking for recommendations about resources to use in discipling young men.

A husband in Central VA reached out asking where he and his wife might connect with mentors who would walk with them through addiction recovery.

A young father reached out because he's frustrated with how men are generally represented in our culture. He wants to be a godly man and model Biblical manhood to his 5 (yes, five) sons.

Ultimately, we want to encourage these men not only to grow themselves but also to round up some battle buddies in their church and community to engage the enemy together. Your prayers and partnership are equipping men for battle and encouraging them to multiply what God's doing in their local churches.

Join us in praying for Jesus to work mightily in the lives of these men and for the work to be multiplied as they connect with other men!

# A Point Man Legacy

Stacy and I were DINKS (Double Income No Kids) when we traveled to Michigan to visit Gordon and Joan Ramsay. Gordon and Joan were friends with Stacy through Virginia Tech Baptist Student Union. They married a few years before us and already had a child. We learned much from watching them do 'family' on our visit. **But the most important part was when Gordon told me how reading the book, *Point Man* by Steve Farrar, had given him perspective, guidance and direction in leading his family and raising his young son as a godly man.**

This word of advice from a dad who was just a few steps further down the road made a huge impact on me. AND his investment has been multiplied many times over as I have shared *Point Man* with others. My original copy has been gone for years. I loaned it out several times and eventually it didn't find its way back. That was long before Noble Warriors was even conceived.

**Gordon Ramsay planted a seed in my life. It began to sprout and now, the fruit from that initial investment continues to reproduce in the lives of many others because of your support for the ongoing ministry of Noble Warriors.**

We have given away many copies of *Point Man* and consistently recommended it to ministry leaders for small groups and one-on-one discipleship. As a matter of fact, I'm now walking through *Point Man* with a young father at our church and just recommended it to another young dad who has 5 sons.

▶ Would you take time to pray that these investments will continue to produce fruit? If you've never read *Point Man*, buy a few copies and read it with another man or a small group of men. Blessings will be multiplied as you discover and share God's plan for men, marriage and family!

Let's pray for and seek to be men like Andrew. When he learned of Jesus, he went to tell his brother... **"first found his own brother Simon and said to him, "we have found the Messiah" (which means Christ). He brought him to Jesus.** John 1:41-42a. ESV





# THE MANGER BUILD EXPERIENCE

We're celebrating Christmas in August! We're encouraging church leaders to make plans now to host The Manger Build this Christmas. In a recent blog post about church trends, Thom Rainer of LifeWay said that Christmas is replacing Easter as the church's strongest outreach opportunity. We're praying that 500 churches will host The Manger Build this year as a way to help families truly experience Christ at Christmas!

▶ Join us in praying that pastors and men's ministry leaders will be moved to leverage The Manger Build experience to build men in their church and community!



# YOUNG ADVENTURES

**Tim** is finishing up a 4-week internship in Maryland and is headed back to West Point for his last year later this month.

**Zach** is enjoying his last few weeks at home. He's had a great summer working construction with his grandfather but he'll be headed off to join the Corps of Cadets at Virginia Tech on the 19th.

**Ben** traveled to Charleston SC with our church for M-Fuge. He has been busy with a variety of landscaping jobs.

**Hannah** had a great time with her cousin at Camp Winshape in GA and is currently helping with VBS at our church. The 2-3 year-olds are wearing her out each day!

**Stacy and I** were able to get away for a few days at Douthat State Park. We enjoyed rocking chairs on the cabin porch in the evening after some long hikes! We made the most of a few days together while the kids were all in different states! Stacy has enjoyed playing softball again, for the first time in 12 years!

