

JANUARY MONTHLY PARTNER LETTER

We love hearing stories and seeing photos of *The Manger Build* and *Dad's Tools for Spiritual Leadership*, as men build mangers to keep Christ in front of Christmas for their families.

Join us in praying that these men will continue to lead their families well throughout the year!



MINUTE WITH MIKE He is a Faithful Promise Keeper...

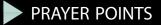
Not one word of all the good promises that the LORD had made to the house of Israel had failed; all came to pass. Joshua 21:45 ESV

It's both exciting and frustrating at times when I consider how long it takes to develop relationships that actually result in fruitful ministry. But here are two stories (churches that I have visited and prayed for over the years) that stoke my passion for what God has given us to do...

A lay leader is now leading the charge to see his church actively disciple men. They're launching Authentic Manhood 33: Vol 1 this week with much excitement. Pastors and elders are asking about Noble Warriors; expressing interest in learning more about our commitment to help them disciple men.

I recently met with a staff pastor of a large local church that many have been helping make connections and God is moving. They now seem poised to allocate time, energy and focus to discipling men. Two staff pastors and two lay leaders plan to attend Leading Noble Men and then work to develop a strategy to disciple every man in their church.

Your prayers and partnership are fueling this work! Join me in praying for these churches, their leaders and the men, marriages, children and others who will be impacted as men learn to walk faithfully with Christ and lead well!





A pile of Young Kids! It was great to have Tim home for almost 2 weeks! Stacy and I delight in having the whole crew together.



FAMILY UPDATE

Spiritual Cifts for Christmas in the Manger One of our family traditions is for everyone to open a gift on Christmas Eve. Stacy and I delight in giving a special gift to encourage spiritual growth for our kids. These gifts hang out in our manger until Christmas Eve.

Tim: We Are Not Infidels by Mindy Belz

Zach: *The ESV Reader's Bible* (No chapter or verse markings, just straight text.)

Ben: *The Bible Answer Book* by Hank Handegraff

Hannah: A Teen Girls Devotional Book

Stacy: A new compact Bible to carry in her ourse

Mike: Foxe's Book of Martyrs



Homemade blankets for Big Brothers! By unanimous consent, the best gifts came from Hannah. She made homemade fleece blankets for her brothers and me. The boys were excited to finally have a blanket that covers their head AND their feet!

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