

GRACE LEGACY BUILDERS NEWSLETTER

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“No longer do we see this issue of fathering & masculinity as one relegated to the limited genre of ‘family literature’.

We are beginning to see this not only as an item of concern, but as one of the most important theological issues of our day.”

Albert Mohler
Wayne Grudem
John Piper

Michelle and I have first-hand experience in applying the ministry concepts. This year we read through the entire Old Testament – both a blessing and commitment! Grace Legacy Builders' principles work to keep sinners together as they grow in grace - we're proof! I continue to live out the mission to equip men to follow Jesus Christ as their Prophet, Priest, and King through Gospel centered father-led family worship. The 2020 Vision, and beyond, is to get men to spend 20 minutes a night reading the Bible to their families; 20 times a month and to take their families to church weekly.

You are part of the great call of God as together we continue to do God's will, God's way, for His glory, and the edification of others! Thank you for your support! In His Grace & My Gratitude ~ **Rev. Bruce R. Kuiper**



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P SALM 78:5

God commanded our fathers to teach our children about Him so the next generations may know God and His mighty acts.

Momentum, Ministry Multiplication, & Money!

While I was traveling extensively throughout India in February, the news of the “World-Wide Pandemic” was starting to gain momentum. I made it home with little incident, but I had to cancel my May teaching trip to Malawi, Africa, where Rev. Henry Mtema had prepared many venues for workshops, as well as men for next level training.

When the first news and shutdowns happened, I was stunned and frozen for a little while, but then I was encouraged by board member Jim Bos to make a video entitled “Don't Waste the Covid”. That 5-minute YouTube message reached 4,000 plus people and over 600 watched and learned how to start a legacy of Father-led Family Worship. Meanwhile, the leaders in Egypt, Nigeria, Malawi, and India kept the momentum going this summer and into the fall by training others in various settings. Such training equipped men from all over the world to be spiritual leaders.

Here, in downtown Grand Rapids, we decided to shut down the church for many weeks with only online worship and small group contact, but now we're gaining momentum. Steadily, we've been picking up the pace so that our ministry impact continues through regular evening worship, outreach to the local Golden Gloves, and FYI Fridays. We had our largest FYI Friday turnout of 13 men in August. It has been a refreshing time of inspiration. We also reopened our OPC Pastors lunch and prayer group that provides encouragement and fellowship. Furthermore, we ministered to over twelve men in a great Fall men's Bible study, *A Christian Manifesto*, led by Tyler Jackson, a deacon at WBF and a GLB disciple. Also, our Easter worship reached nearly 2,000 people online with 191 through plays, while our GLB website received 1,000 page hits this year.

Even though we lost 20% of our rent for various Covid-19 reasons, we also had some unexpected and unique monetary gifts come to the ministry this year. **Therefore, every penny donated went directly to ministry causes in 2020.** God is blessing us, and your money is being stewarded with great care and gratitude.

The ministry momentum continues to multiply disciples because of your **GENEROSITY!** Thank you for your prayers, financial support, encouraging words, attendance at events, and interest in our Kingdom endeavors.

We are greatly encouraged by churches who have joined in supporting the ministry with special offerings and by putting us on their missions' support registry. Let me know if you need anything from GLB! I'd love to come to your church to preach or teach on Sunday mornings, during mid-week events, or for small groups.

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3 Prayer Realities

Covid -19 has hit poorer countries we minister to even harder than here. You have helped them in the past, and we depend on your support now more than ever! Please remember to pray for them.

Nigerian Christians, like Rev. Joseph Nwibo, are increasingly being persecuted. They can't fund these workshops without your help. You are being prayed for by them with great gratitude!

While our younger population is shrinking here, the young souls being added to the world are mostly in places like India and Africa. Pray for GLB as we are racing against the life views of the world to fulfill the great commission, so that the great commandment can multiply!

Grace Legacy Builders 2020-2021

Reflecting on 2020 ~ Planning for 2021

James 4:15

"Instead, you ought to say, 'If the Lord wills, we will live and do this or that.'"
(The Latin Phrase is Deo-Volente)

- △ Pulpit supply at various churches has been curtailed this year, but our electronic presence is gaining a footprint
- △ Early morning Men's Bible Study on *A Christian Manifesto* was timely, with more to come in 2021
- △ **FYI Fridays** – 2nd Friday of each month from 12:00-1:00 continue into 2021 with, we hope, consistent attendance
- △ We are expanding our training to include a local men's ministry called WWAMM (World-Wide Area Men's Ministry)
- △ Facebook, YouTube, and our website enable us to reach and directly interact with 100-200 people each month
- △ Greater Grand Rapids India Bible Fellowship partnering with GLB and led by missionary Rev. Steven Poelman has come to a halt, but is greatly needed and anticipated to return in 2021
- △ Board members David Hop, Jim Bos, and Kirk Riddering continue to provide encouragement and direction
- △ Our neighborhood & Golden Gloves gym across the street continue to be places of one-on-one evangelism and discipleship
- △ Returning to India **February 10 - 24** – Deo Volente – (James 4:15)
- △ GLB Men's Conference March 19-20 ~ *Beyond a 20/20 Vision for Mature Manhood*
- △ Rev. Mtema trained ten laymen & ten Pastors in 2020 and is setting up workshops for me in Malawi Africa ~ *May of 2021*
- △ I trained a man in 2017 and he reported how helpful it is now that he is married and ministering in Alexandria, Egypt
- △ Joseph Nwibo held various trainings in Nigeria as well as traveled back to Grand Rapids in 2020
- △ I'm conquering *Constant Contact* to deliver the newsletter and updates electronically to better steward resources
(Make sure you request these by emailing bruce@gracelegacybuilders.org)
- △ Building maintenance realities & surprises come up, but people like Randy VanEngen & Kirk Riddering help keep us going
- △ Wilson Mathai continues to be the organizational mastermind behind now having a man in every state throughout India
- △ I am always so grateful to God for the life, generosity, & legacy of Dale Visser as well as so many others that helped build such a great ministry complex

Westside Bible Fellowship

Sunday evening services at 5:30 pm. Sermon, soup, and sandwiches! Three ways to help:

- Pray for us! Reaching this community is not easy!
- Join us as a SWAT member (Spiritually Willing and Temporary)
- Join us as a regular member

2020 Theme <i>Walking with Jesus through the Old Testament One Biography at a Time</i>	2021 Theme <i>Extraordinary Men & Women of the New Testament</i>
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Westside Bible Fellowship

GLB India – Wilson P. Mathai



GLB Nigeria – Rev. Joseph Nwibo



GLB Malawi – Rev. Henry Mtema



FYI Friday ~ Working at the Golden Gloves ~ A Reminder of Why GLB Exists



Religion:

"I messed up. My Dad is gonna kill me."

Gospel:

"I messed up. I need to call my Dad."