

JUST THE FACTS

Children living without their father in the home are **47%** more likely to live in poverty.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Health & Human Services (2012). Information on poverty and income statistics: A summary of 2012 current population survey data. Retrieved from: <http://aspe.hhs.gov/hsp/12/PovertyAndIncomeEst/ib.cfm>

National Fatherhood Initiative
www.fatherhood.org

Statistics tell us:

- 1 out of every 2 marriages end in divorce
- Only 1 out of every 42 marriages end in divorce if a couple regularly attends church together
- Only 1 out of 1,015 marriages end in divorce when a couple regularly reads the Bible and prays together

Consider what happens among married couples who raise their commitment to pray together from “sometimes” to “a lot”:

- People who say, “My spouse is romantic” goes up 21%
- People who say, “My spouse delights in me” rose 30%
- The “quantity and quality of lovemaking” is 20% higher
- 21% more say they are “trying to make their marriages better!”
- People who say, “My spouse is my best friend” goes up 17%
- The fear of divorce among couples who pray together “a lot” is 0%

Statistics from CouplesWhoPray.com

The goal of Grace Legacy Builders is to prescribe God's cure for spiritual poverty in the church and the home. I seek to equip men to follow Jesus Christ as their Prophet, Priest, and King through Gospel centered father-led family worship. The 2020 Vision 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! Thanks for your support! In His Grace & My Gratitude – Rev. Bruce R. Kuiper



Grace Legacy Builders

EQUIPPING MEN AS SPIRITUAL LEADERS

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PSALM 78:5

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

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Grace Legacy Builders

- God's Gospel of Grace
- Building up Men of Grace
- By the Spirit's Means of Grace
- Built upon Jesus the Man of Grace

Vision

To build grace shaped men & women through the legacy of Father-Led Family Worship

Mission

To evangelize, equip, & encourage men as spiritual leaders through following Jesus, the Christ, as our:

- Prophet
- Priest
- King

Motto

Delighting in Gender Equality & Distinctives (Mark 10:6)

Because Children Come with Eternal Souls
Acts 16:31

The Momentum is Building Locally & Globally

Once again Grace Legacy Builders is growing in ministry effectiveness. The momentum is building as we follow God's call by responding to the opportunities He provides. We can respond because of your GENEROSITY!

Thanks for your prayers, financial support, encouraging words, attendance at events, and interest in our kingdom endeavors.

It's been helpful that more churches have joined in supporting the ministry with special offerings and putting us on their missions' support registry. I've enjoyed speaking to Cadet leaders, groups coming here for visits, yet my calendar always has openings.

Reflecting on 2019

- △ Pulpit Supply at various churches
- △ Early morning Men's Bible Study
- △ FYI Fridays – the second Friday of each month at noon
- △ The National Fatherhood Initiative conference in Austin, TX
- △ Rebecca Vandenberg Web Services enhancing online efforts
- △ Greater Grand Rapids India Bible Fellowship hosted by GLB and led by missionary Rev. Steven Poelman
- △ Sanctuary air conditioning from a kind donation and groups renting the church
- △ Board members David Hop, Jim Bos, and Kirk Riddering continue to provide encouragement and direction
- △ The boxing gym across the street and neighborhood continue to be places of one-on-one evangelism and discipleship
- △ Speaking at local men's conference
- △ **Westside Bible Fellowship Sunday Evening Services ~ Join us!**

Looking Forward to 2020

- △ Returning to India **February 6 - 26**
- △ GLB Men's Conference March 20 -21 **A 20/20 Vision for Mature Manhood**
- △ NEW ministry opportunity! Traveling to Malawi Africa **May 11 – 22**
- △ Building on the momentum of 2019 into 2020 and beyond

Grace Legacy Builders 2019

Global Impact – From Duplication to Multiplication

India

Ministry is exploding exponentially on the international front – particularly in India. After four trips there already, I've spoken to over 1,000 key ministry leaders and about 5,000 families throughout the country. In the last two years I've intensively trained thirty leaders to *Train the Trainers* - the *T3 Training*. I taught ten of these men how to *Influence and Inspire Influencers of Influencers* - the *I-4* class. These men are now conducting seminars throughout India. We have a man strategically located in almost every state of the country. (The desire is to duplicate this model in Nigeria, Malawi, and we're praying for a South American country.) These men make contact with other pastors one-on-one, travel throughout their areas regularly to conduct four-hour pastors' workshops and give the two-hour lay family seminar. There are now over one hundred men influencing other men from more than 1,000 churches throughout India. Some men have trained pastors without taking the higher-level training, simply because they felt compelled to teach others!

Because of your prayers and support we are training pastors and equipping families with the tools needed to incorporate family worship in homes where it was previously unheard of. Wilson Mathai is doing an outstanding job coordinating these efforts. We have three weeks of travel plans to teach and equip more leaders in India this February. Pray for safety and effectiveness!

Nigeria

Rev. Joseph Nwibeo lived at the ministry complex for one full year while I trained him. He finished his work at Puritan Seminary to preach the Gospel and teach Nigerian families to conduct regular father-led family worship. I took 150 to 250 church leaders through a three-day training in Nigeria two years ago. These efforts continued through video training this year.

Malawi

Henry Bizwick Mtema and other nationals met with me several times throughout the last three years. Henry and his family are now back in Malawi. He has ten fellow pastors he is preparing to take the *T3 Train the Trainers* multiday event. I am planning to travel there May 11-21, Lord willing.

I also have two men from Kenya and Egypt who have begun training at Grace Legacy Builders so they can return to their countries to disciple other men.

FYI Fridays at Grace Legacy Builders

FYI Fridays were started in 2019 to engage and equip men to recognize trends in the culture and help them defend their biblical world and life view. We enjoy food and fellowship while discussing various topics that revolve around GRACE-SHAPED MANHOOD. These expanded into a morning Bible study for more depth. (See insert)

Second Friday of the month 12:00 - 1:00 pm (Lunch provided)

Send RSVP text to 616-706-2198

Please Join Us & Bring a Friend

A Tribute to Dale Visser



Dale Visser passed away this year. As most of you know, our property is called the Dale Visser Men's Ministry Complex. GLB is about men becoming mentors and Godly men like Dale Visser was.

Dale was generous to me and this ministry. More than that, he lived what I preach and teach at GLB. His favorite question was, "Do they have Jesus in their heart?"

I had the privilege to grow up in my Christian home, but I was also at the Visser's a lot. Even before I could drive, plus the last thirty-one years since my dad died, I went to Dale for fatherly wisdom. He took an interest in me, my life, and my ministry. He was fun to be around and became a friend. Calling him "Dale" and not "Mr. Visser" was hard, because I held him in such high esteem.

What an honor it was to have a front row seat and be an eyewitness into his life during each decade of mine. He lived consistently through his work ethic, church attendance, and choir participation. He served God in his local church as a teacher, Elder, and was also a community leader. He treated his wife with dignity and grace. He raised his boys to become Godly men and leaders in their fields and raised his daughter to be a Godly woman as well.

His funeral was a tribute by the succeeding generations of his integrity, dignity, and tangible kindness to all. Each generation gave testimony to Dale's focus and life calling, that people would have Jesus in their hearts and homes.

I grieve and rejoice because:

- Besides my Dad, he was the first in line of the important men in my life. I trusted his word because it matched his life. I had a front row seat in his house, his work, and his church.
- He worked hard, smart, and enjoyed his toil...
"Behold, what I have seen to be good and fitting is to eat and drink and find enjoyment in all the toil with which one toils under the sun the few days of his life that God has given him, for this is his lot." (Ecclesiastes. 5:18)
- He loved his family and was loyal to them, his lifelong friends, and employees. He was concerned about others.
- He never missed church, morning or night. He served on Consistory faithfully and gladly.
- He was more than kind and generous to me. He gave God all the credit of his riches...
"Whoever brings blessing will be enriched, and one who waters will himself be watered." (Proverbs 11:25)

I respected and admired him because:

- "Jesus in the Heart" was the central focus to all being and behavior when we talked about others.
- He believed in me and motivated me with words of grace and affirmation. He directed and corrected me whether I was a kid or adult.
- He finished well. He was in the arena until age 80 when his eyes and health failed him.
- He never grumbled. He was thankful even while going blind.

I am grateful to God for the life, generosity, and legacy of Dale Visser!

Westside Bible Fellowship

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

- Pray for us! We are excited to now meet upstairs in the sanctuary
- Join us as a SWAT member (Spiritually Willing and Temporary)
- Join us as a regular member

Reaching this community is not easy. Pray about helping us!



Westside Bible Fellowship