

A Retirement Program that Will Change the World!

My friend Ernie, having served with a nationwide ministry for close to a decade, in two different cities, moved back to his home stomping ground to join together with his wife, their son, and daughter-in-law, for a life-changing ministry in a place that will never be called the "Bible Belt" – New England. Tough going, lots of rocks, and cool to the gospel. But over almost a week of ministering with Ernie, I saw something that would be the envy of most every church and ministry of which I am aware; twenty people who said, in two different meetings, that they prayed to receive Christ when the gospel was presented and many others encouraged to invest their lives in the discipleship process that will change the world. Some of those who indicated that they prayed may have been Christians already, and others weren't sure what they were really praying about, but what an enormous amount of fruit in a difficult mission field.

The key, I believe, to this kind of fruit, is the heart of the people involved, the prayers for those who do not yet know Him, and the faithfulness of our Lord in His desire that "none be lost". Ernie and his wife Joy, taking their third city assignment for CBMC, could have easily down-sized, moved to two beach chairs in Florida, comfortably handing out tracts as they headed for the beach, tennis courts, and bridge game. Nothing wrong with Florida, nothing wrong with tracts, nothing wrong with bridge games, if that is where God has called you to minister. But I am always challenged when I see the older generation choose not what is comfortable, but choose that which God has called them to – returning to home ground, with low temperatures, and a high need for faithful people sharing the gospel. When I asked Ernie about this, he said, "In this new area of New England, where there has never been a staff man, we are under funded. [We make withdrawals from](#) our 401(k) retirement plan [to make up](#) the difference between what comes in, and what's needed to operate [a growing ministry in a six state area.](#)"

It has also been a great joy in their lives to co-labor with Lee and Lisa, their son and daughter-in-law, as all four of them now model to the next generation [including](#) Lee and Lisa's six children, [and](#) men and couples throughout New England. [We need more couples whose lives are](#) sold out to changing the world through evangelism and discipleship. What about you and me? Should we consider:

- 1) Have we answered God's call for our life, or just comfort?
- 2) Are we willing to stay, or go, to the very place we have worked to escape from, because too many people there do not know Jesus Christ, and God has given us a special insight, and inroad to their hearts?
- 3) Are we remembering what my spiritual great-grandfather Joe said, "The last third, or twenty percent of our lives should be the most effective, and after all, we are going to have time to rest in Heaven."
- 4) Can you think of some way to involve your children or grandchildren in ministry with you, whether they are in elementary school, teenagers, or adults with children of their own?

[WE ARE PRAISING THE LORD FOR DNA MINISTRY IN JANUARY:](#)

January 4-5: Greenville, South Carolina, Southside Fellowship Church, [Eternal Impact Weekend](#).

1. From Fear to Freedom – From Hell to Eternity Through Discipleship.
2. Joy and Oneness in Marriage Through Discipleship.
3. Leaving a Legacy by Discipling Your Children.
4. Changing the World Through Discipleship

Charlie Boyd, Senior Pastor commented: "A powerful, powerful speaker and message! God used Phil in all of our lives. Phil had stories, biblically based, that tied to key points in life-changing messages. He was forthright, transparent, motivating, vulnerable and encouraging to our men to follow God in all aspects of our lives. I recommend Phil without qualification for church and retreat settings."

January 7: Chattanooga, Tennessee, **Arney Men's Group**, "The Challenges Facing Men."

January 11: Minneapolis, Minnesota, **Homeschool Group**.

1. Raising Godly Children.
2. Giving Your Children Godly Discipline.
3. The Father's Role.

January 13: Minneapolis, Minnesota, **Crystal Evangelical Free Church**

1. Home Builders Class – "Building Relationships With Your Children - Growing Disciples."
2. Adult Class, "Disciple Children and Grandchildren Through Relationships that Work."

January 14: Signal Mountain, Tennessee, Monday Morning **Men's Prayer and Bible Study Breakfast**.

January 14: Signal Mountain, Tennessee, Couples Bible Study, **A Father's Reward**

January 16: Syracuse, New York, Believer's Chapel, "**Living Beyond the Grave**."

January 18: Barrington, Rhode Island, Barrington Baptist, **Father's Reward Seminar**.

1. Testimony, "John Wayne Lied."
2. Building Character Through Godly Discipline.
3. Relationships With Peers and Parents.
4. Teaching Your Children How To Work.
5. Solving Conflict Through Truth and Love.
6. Making Disciples – A Call to Commitment.

January 19 (Morning): Hudson, Massachusetts, Grace Baptist Chapel, **Father's Reward Seminar**.

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January 19 (Evening): Concord, New Hampshire, First Baptist Church, **Father's Reward Seminar**.

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January 20: Concord, New Hampshire, **First Baptist Church**,

1. "Great American Dream – Fact or Fiction?" (9:30 PM)
2. "Becoming and Making Disciples." (11:00 PM)

January 21: Hubbardston, Massachusetts, **CBMC Leadership Team Seminar**. "Godly Leadership."

January 22: Wakefield, **Rhode Island**, **CBMC Outreach Luncheon**, "Great American Dream – Fact or Fiction?"

January 23: Wellesley, Massachusetts, **CBMC Outreach Luncheon**, "John Wayne Lied."

January 24-26: Boston, Massachusetts, [Vision New England Congress](#), Ministry Resource Booth.

January 28: Signal Mountain, Tennessee, Monday Morning [Men's Prayer and Bible Study](#) Breakfast.

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Because He lives,

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