



## Veritas reflects back on their Kingdom Assignments

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4) Involve other Christians if you like, 5) Be prepared to repost back in 10 weeks.

We had 14 college/career people participate and two weeks ago we had our report back session. Here are some of the things that God accomplished through just this small investment financially:

Parts were purchased to repair a broken down car and the gospel was shared.

Action and Care packs were gathered through a scavenger hunt. Then sent to persecuted Christians in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Gift packs were given to expecting unsaved young moms and the gospel was shared.

An unsaved couple's house was painted and the gospel shared.

Christian books bought and given to inspire a cross country team.

QH High Christian club shirts were bought to promote Christ on campus. Strangers were taken out to dinner.

Starbucks gift cards were given out and Jesus was shared.

Kevin said, "I learned that God has given us the potential for things we can hardly imagine." Paul shared on that Friday night, "I gained a greater appreciation for the fact that I really don't own anything. I'm simply a steward of everything God has entrusted to me."

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One of the girls learned that same lesson and while in line at McDonald's. The cashier said, "Oh, I love that necklace!" "Would you like to have it?" was her immediate reply as she unclasped it from around her neck. The cashier was so shocked that the encounter led to an opportunity to share the gospel.

As you know, we all have a Kingdom Assignment from the Lord and one day we will all be given the opportunity to share how we did. Will we hear Him say, "Well, done, good and faithful servant?"

At Quest Ministries we provide one-on-one training and group seminars for individual Believers, Bible Study Groups, Churches and Christian Organizations



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Dave has been in full time vocational ministry for 30 years. For 12 of those years he was the Adult Education Director at a local church focusing his attention on church renewal, leadership training and discipleship. Since then he has presided over multiple church plants, and as Founder and Director of Quest Ministries David has emphasized equipping believers in relational evangelism, one-on-one discipleship and apologetics. He conducts regular outreach discussion groups called Open Forums. Since the beginning of Quest, literally thousands of believers have been challenged to give their attention to reaching their friends and family with the gospel of Jesus Christ, through nurturing redemptive relationships.

Lifestyle Evangelism | One-on-one Discipleship | Apologetic Training | Servant Leadership

## Ministry Update

### Praise & Prayer Requests

Praise God for using Linda's life to impact so many.  
Praise God for allowing such comfort to come to me and the kids.  
Praise God for providing Chris Perry to partner with me in the ministry.  
Pray fervently that our gracious God will provide financially for the ministry.  
Pray for boldness & clarity as we attempt to regularly share Christ.  
Pray for Dave as he attempts to write on the topic of "The Priesthood of Believers"

### Financial Update

We want to thank you for your gracious support and partnership with the ministry. We are truly blessed by each one of you.

#### January Giving: \$3,901

As many of you know our monthly operating budget is \$8,800. Due to the short fall Dave has not been able to receive his salary for the past two months and Chris has not received his salary for last month (January). Despite this situation, we feel truly privileged to have been freed up to minister in 2010. Please join with us in fervently praying for God to provide in 2011 as only He can.

**Car Donations** A donation of your used vehicle will bring a tremendous blessing to the ministry. As long as your car, van or truck is presently registered and running, we'll pick it up for free, fix it up and then give you a tax deductible receipt for the selling price.



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Equipping believers for a lifestyle of ministry

# Making Friends

I tell you, use worldly wealth to gain friends for yourselves, so that when it is gone, you will be welcomed into eternal dwellings. *Luke 16:9*

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**Greetings from Quest Ministries!**

Our quarterly newsletter is designed to let you know what God is doing in and through us.

## Celebrating Linda's Life

**"The memorial service was an amazing testament of a life committed to impacting people for the kingdom of God"**

Just over a month ago 700 friends and family members gathered to celebrate Linda's life here in Lancaster. If you were one of those who attended the memorial service I want to personally thank you. I'm so grateful and was so encouraged that you took the time to honor Linda's life. It was a joy to see so many reflecting on all that God had accomplished in and through her.

"God is good and His mercy endures forever"—these words were spoken by Linda on that "Miracle Wednesday" when she was so alert and conversive. God's goodness came to us through our brother Dean Matteson who did a wonderful job of bringing glory to God glory and also encouragement to the immediate family at the morning grave side service. Later that afternoon Chris Johnson led the memorial service where many shared how Linda's life had impacted them.

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## Fourteen Stories. One Kingdom Assignment.

Last fall we initiated a project we called "The Kingdom Assignment". The goal was to use resources provided as if they came directly from God. The rules were simple: 1) Pray regularly about how you'll use the \$100, 2) Find 2 prayer partners, 3) Focus on investing in people,

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## Linda's Memorial



So many helped to make that day a special day of encouragement...and we want you to know that we appreciate it more than words can say. On many occasions I would mention to Linda that she was at her best when she was suffering under the symptoms of her cancer. Watching her shine for God's glory while confined to her hospital bed was an amazing experience for me and the kids. She would grab almost every opportunity to love the hospital staff and share the good news with them. On one occasion just a few weeks before she met the Lord a charge nurse, named Melinda approached me and communicated how much she appreciated Linda's witness there in the hospital. She said, "Since

I'm in charge it is difficult to bring up spiritual things with those I oversee. Linda keeps bringing it up with the staff and because of that I've had a number of conversations about the Lord. Be sure and thank her for me."

Sarah, Daniel, Justin and I certainly miss Linda, but we are also very grateful for all the lives she touched and how God used her to bless us. I know that she is greatly missed by so many and I wish I could change that. However, God is sovereign and I'm confident that His timing is good. The ministry will also be affected because she was truly my helpmate. Her boldness and determination to share the gospel, illustrated to so many that evangelism and discipleship are not just something that "ministers" are supposed to do, rather they are commands given by Jesus to all of us, both male and female. **Thank you Lord for giving us such a wonderful example and packaging it in a person we loved and called mom, partner, and friend.**



# Ministry Highlights

At Quest our heart for discipleship and evangelism stems from our core belief that Jesus empowered each individual Believer to action. It is our hope to equip and inspire the Body of Christ to build into their everyday lives a willingness to invest and impact people for the glory of God.

## Looking Back

What a privilege the Lord gave us to share the Gospel through the Nova contacts and witness for him during Linda's hospital stays. After Linda's home going we were a little concerned about how our Christmas celebration would be without her, but God was faithful and our hearts were filled with joy. The Wednesday night adult Berean group continues to grow while we wrap up our OT survey series in Nehemiah. Christopher Perry continues to be an amazing partner in the ministry...helping me to survive the past four to five months.

## Looking Forward **Upcoming Events**

We're planning to start a 5 week video series on "Heaven" in our neighborhood. And starting next week beginning to work on a writing project focusing on "The Priesthood of Every Believer." I'm also continuing to meet one-on-one with 9 guys on a semi-regular basis. We are also in the beginning stages of putting together a Quest Associate Member program - we will continue to fill you in with the details. We have an Apologetic training workshop coming up in May.

## Veritas college/career bible study

A number of weeks ago we all anonymously wrote out our questions regarding what the Bible says about money. Since then we've had a great time discovering the surprising teachings of Jesus and His Apostles. A sampling of the questions are 1) Should we help those who are unwilling to work? 2) Is capitalism biblical? 3) Is having a 401K "storing up treasures on earth?" How do we know we shouldn't be eating Top Ramen for every meal in order to send the money to starving children around the world?

On another note...a few couples are officially heading towards marriage and the group is starting to grow again. Thanks for praying for these young adults.

bible study | focused forum | open forum | outreach



*When we mourn  
when we weep...*

## Drawing Closer to God through our Grief

In John 11:35 it says, "Jesus wept." He appears to be weeping in response to the loss of his long time friend Lazarus. But the passage doesn't clearly say why. However, most of us would agree that, to mourn with those that mourn is a very good and emotionally healing thing to do.

The best, most healing experience I have had since Linda's death occurred just four days later. I had stopped by my office and a good brother knocked on the door and poked his head in. He looked at me and saw the sadness in my eyes and said, "Don't say anything Dave." We just embraced. At that moment a calm came over me and I experientially realized that no one has to say anything. My friend fulfilled the command, "To weep with those that weep."

Since that day I have had happy and sad days. The sad days come unexpectedly and with less and less intensity. I've been told this is normal, but we all know "normal" is different for each person. Pain, whether physical or emotional, is a very powerful tool in God's tool box. There is no doubt that He loves to use it to get our attention and draw us closer to Himself. Though we all know this intellectually we often forget that our loving heavenly Father is trying to get our attention. C.S. Lewis' famous quote comes to mind..."God whispers to us in our

pleasures..., but shouts in our pains. It is His megaphone to rouse a deaf world."

Victoria Larsen shared at Linda's memorial service about pain and I'd like to quote her here. She entitled it:

**"Without Suffering There Would be No Compassion".** *She continued...*

"I am so grateful that God gave me the privilege of knowing Linda Ludwig. We shared a lot of memories together full of laughter, fun and tears. Over the past couple years Linda became my mentor and closest friend. Through Linda's life God taught me the beauty of what pain and suffering produce. The trials Linda faced were mere tools used to keep her close to Jesus Christ. She would tell me constantly that her trials were a blessing; opportunities to show the faithfulness of God."

**So when we mourn... so when we weep... let it be for a purpose, an eternal purpose of drawing ever so close to our personal Creator and loving Heavenly Father.**

Let's not waste our tears that one day will be turned to joy.