

We want to take a moment to express our deep gratitude for your generous financial support and prayer support for our ministry. Your contributions are making a profound impact, transforming lives, and **equipping** individuals in their spiritual journey. Thank you!

As many of you know, men's ministry has always been a significant part of what I (Billy) believe the Lord has called me to. The vision of "Lead men to lead men" has been on my heart for years, and **equipping** them has been my mission. The Lord has blessed this calling through a men's group I started, which has become a powerful tool for change. Just recently, I received several messages from men in this group, affirming how the Lord is using our ministry to change not just their lives but their families as well. One message in particular stood out: "Thank you so much for all you have done for me and for us as a family as well. You're such a huge blessing, and it's much appreciated, more than you know."

It's humbling and an honor to have this kind of impact, to help **equip** these men, see them work on themselves, and watch them grow in their desire to lead their families. Witnessing lives transformed and marriages healed does something incredible in our hearts. This transformation is a direct result of your partnership. Thank you for investing in the lives of these men!



Joe Lane

I just wanted to thank everyone for their vulnerability yesterday. I went home with a HEAVY heart because I realized a lot of sin in my life and marriage. I was able to do some repenting to the Lord and my wife which led her to do the same. I heard her say things I had been waiting years to hear but never did before because I was focused on her sin and not my own previously. It'll always be a battle on this side of eternity but this group is waging war in a biblical sense and I can't thank you all enough for being a part of that.

Equipping doesn't just happen—it requires intentionality. As 2 Timothy 2:2 says, "And the things that you have heard from me among many witnesses, commit these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also." I've taken this to heart, especially in men's ministry. Discipleship is **equipping**, and it's essential to our spiritual growth. My friend Windsor often quotes Matthew 28:19, "Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit." He always emphasizes, "And 'all' means ALL!" We should all receive it and give it."

Discipleship is vital. We should be actively seeking to be discipled and to disciple others. I encourage you to look for people in your life that you lead, those you follow, and those with whom you sharpen each other. Who in your life falls into these categories?



We launched our first arrow!

I (Rebecca) wanted to share this exciting news. The Word says, "Children born to a young man are like arrows in a warrior's hands." (Psalms 127:4). In August, we had the opportunity to launch our first arrow! Aliya (19) started college this year at Harding University in Searcy, AR. She is a month into school and is thriving! Aliya is doing well in her studies, is finding her community, loves Jesus, and desires to be a light for Him. Even so, one of the big questions for us is, "Did we do a good job?" Or, in other words, "Did we **equip** her?"



As parents, we can question whether we have done enough and whether our kids will be okay as they head out into the world. Will they choose Jesus? Will they choose to live out the truths we've worked so hard to instill in them over the years? Of course, we can't make these decisions for them—even if we wish we could! Once they are launched, our role changes to more of a support role: to pray for them, maintain a heart connection with them, and entrust them to the Lord. Parenting is one of

the most challenging yet rewarding investments of our lives. This is why Billy and I have such a heart to help strengthen families and **equip** parents to "train up" their children as Proverbs 22:6 instructs. May we all raise children to be people of character and integrity and, most importantly of all, who have a personal relationship with Jesus!

Equipping through Discipleship and Missions

Our 16 year-old son, Josiah, had an amazing opportunity to serve in Honduras for a month this summer. We are so grateful to our dear friends and fellow missionaries, Reed and Donna Dillahunty, for pouring into our son and his good friend, Caleb, discipling and **equipping** them this summer. It's incredibly important to have fellow believers come alongside of us on our journeys in parenting, marriage, and just in life in general!

Josiah shared, "I've grown spiritually...I've learned about the importance of being flexible, understanding different cultures, and the value of community support in ministry. I'm grateful for how this experience has prepared me to serve the Lord more effectively. The things I've learned and my experiences have given me new insights and a stronger passion for ministry."

We need each other! Let us know how we can come alongside you!



PRAISES & PRAYER REQUESTS:

- We praise the Lord for the many opportunities we have had over the past months to disciple and minister to numerous families, couples, men, and women. We appreciate prayers for wisdom as we seek to offer help and hope to many who are struggling with significant marriage, family, and personal issues.
- Please pray for us as we prepare for our second annual Father/Son retreat November 22-24. It will be a time of growth, encouragement, and equipping for these boys and dads. We are excited to see the lives of these fathers and sons impacted for the Kingdom of God in a powerful way!

As always, please keep in touch. Call, text, or email and let us know how we can pray for and serve you!

Blessings,

**Thank you again for your faithful support.
Together, we are making a difference!**

Rebecca

"Their responsibility is to **equip** God's people to do his work and build up the church, the body of Christ...He makes the whole body fit together perfectly. As each part does its own special work, it helps the other parts grow, so that the whole body is healthy and growing and full of love."

Ephesians 4:12, 16 NLT

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