



# THE HORTON'S SPRING

## 2026 NEWSLETTER

**Assisting Youth Leaders in Developing Life-Changing Youth Ministries**  
Preparing Students for a life of Service

- Training Volunteers
- Partnerships
- **RURAL MISSION TRIPS**
- Mentoring
- **STORYTELLING WORKSHOPS**
- Consulting
- Networking
- **TIMELESS MINISTRY PRINCIPLES & RESOURCES**
- Developing Student Leadership
- **The ABC's of THE CHRISTIAN LIFE**

*"And Jesus said to them, Follow Me and I will make you fishers of men."*  
Matt. 4:19

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Dear Family & Friends:

Two Great Resurrection verses to meditate on:

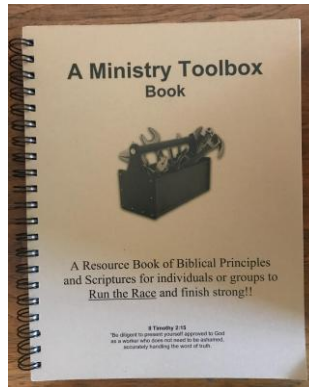
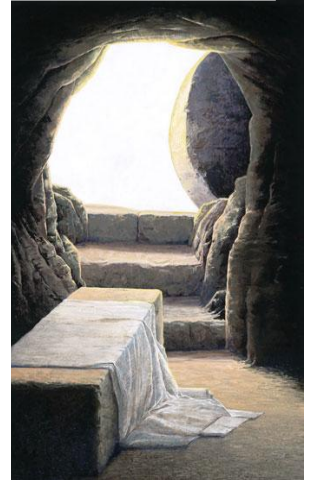
**1 Peter 1:3**

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His great mercy has caused us to be born again **to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ...**

**Romans 8:11**

But **if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ Jesus from the dead** will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.

**Christ has risen – He has risen indeed!!** OH, WHAT A GLORIOUS DAY EASTER IS!!



It's exciting for me to see over 150 "Ministry Toolbox" books having been given out since finally being printed last September.

Joining me in the picture below are Daniel Nally of "Gospel Encounters" out of Mt Vernon, Illinois and Dr. Brad Butcher of "Passion 4 People" based in Hillsboro, Oregon and Dr. Dan Jester (pictured on back) of Apprentice Ministries from Sedro Woolley, Washington. These three men along side me have been giving Volume 1 to a host of Christian leaders and the response has been very favorable. While we continue to meet leaders and give away copies of volume. 1, I have also been working on volume 2.

Here is a snapshot of Volume 2:

Volume 2 is in two sections

**Section #1** is a continuation of Vol. 1

**Chapter 1** Topical Word Studies

(Scriptures used are from the New American Standard Bible 1995)

**Chapter 2** Topical Word Studies (Scriptures used are from the Legacy Standard Bible)

**Chapter 3** Through the Bible (Scriptures used are from the New American Standard Bible 1995)

**Chapter 4** Study through the book of James

**Chapter 5** Study through Psalms 119



**Section #2** is primarily for Youth Leaders

**Chapter 6** Classic Youth Ministry (Scriptures used are from the New International Version)

**Chapter 7** ABC's of Youth Ministry (Scriptures used are from the New International Version)

**Chapter 8** Variety of Bible Lessons Pt. 1 (Scriptures used are from the New American Standard Bible 1995)

**Chapter 9** Variety of Bible Lessons Pt 2 (Scriptures used are from the New American Standard Bible 1995)

**Chapter 10** Variety of Bible Lessons Pt 3 (Scriptures used are from the New King James Version)

**Dr. Dan Jester led a  
Story Telling Training  
Workshop on Jan. 24th**



50 people attended from 4 churches in the Sedro Woolley area.



Even though I haven't gotten a request to do a Story Telling training workshop for some time now, it is very exciting to have Dan Jester leading the way for those workshops. Dan also often uses the Story Telling format in his sermons series and especially now as he is preaching through the book of Mark. I also know that Dan and Brad have trained many Christian leaders in India and Nepal over the past several years. Brad has trained Dainiel Nally recently and it will be interesting to see what he does with it in his intern program and with his rural mission trips that he does in the mid-west.

**Please Pray for:**

- Our health, safety and spiritual vitality
- The planning and success for evangelism with this summer's rural mission teams
- Mentoring Relationships, that the Lord would lead me through each one
- Dan & Gretchen Jester, Brad Butcher, Daniel Nally, Rob Trenckmann and Rob Hildebrand as we partner together for Rural Mission opportunities this summer and beyond
- The distribution of the "Ministry Toolbox" book volume 1 and progress with the Toolbox book vol. 2.
- The new developments brewing with younger ministry leaders.

Several weeks ago my little three-year-old grandson Jason gave me my newest skipper cap, then he went and put my old one on. I couldn't resist getting a picture of the two of us. What do you think? Is he trying to tell us something?



*We hope you have a **Blessed Easter** celebrating the Resurrection,  
Your Ministry Partners,*

*Tom & Judy*