



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

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- **BOOKMARK MINISTRY RESOURCES**

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 Matt. 4:19



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## THE HORTON'S 2017 FALL NEWSLETTER

Dear Ministry Friends:

Last fall I pointed out that RCYM is all about JESUS, THE BIBLE, PRAYER, PASSING THE BATON and SERVING CHURCHES. One our theme verses is



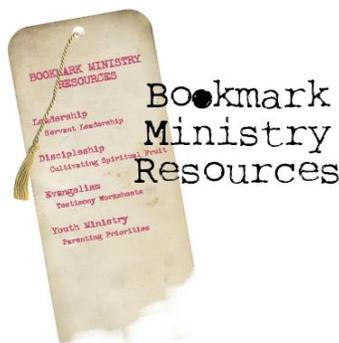
**Matt. 4:19** *“Follow Me and I will make you fishers of men.*

Pictured with me is Kent Hackl who has taken the baton of rural missions and passed it to others.



He like so many, have joined Judy and I in this mission to assist Churches in preparing Students for a Life of Service. **We hope you all know how grateful we are for your participation with us.**

**On the Rural Mission front:** It is very satisfying to know that God uses prepared students from a suburban church to serve rural communities and to reach youth with the gospel and then direct them to a local church in those communities every summer. This year **around 45 teams went to rural towns** such as Dufur, Warm Springs, Detroit Lakes, North Bend and Oakridge, Oregon and to Ione, Mansfield, Republic, Kettle Falls and Glenwood, Washington and to Troy, Thompson Falls, Hot Springs, Condon, Noxon, and Sidney, Montana and to Cascade, Fairfield, Kamiah, and Culdesac, Idaho. The list could go on but you get the idea, God has used RCYM to direct youth leaders and churches to partner with many rural churches to provide for them resources, leadership, trained student leaders and programs that they would not have otherwise. This has resulted in many young people coming to faith in Jesus in life changing ways, with volunteer leaders being encouraged and mentored for an ongoing ministry through their local rural church, and for sending churches to develop their students as leaders, hopefully preparing them better for a life of service. As you might remember, RCYM is committed to a **Ministry of Multiplication** with Rural Missions its primary focus. But RCYM has four secondary emphases as well; Storytelling workshops, Mentoring, International Ministries, and now **Bookmark Ministry Resources**.



### INTRODUCING: BOOKMARK MINISTRY RESOURCES (BMR)

We have learned over these 50 years of ministry experiences that:

- Biblical Ministry Principles are timeless.
- Past Ministry Experiences have proven these Biblical Principles to be true.
- Mentoring relationships have grown, demonstrating the value of these Timeless Biblical Ministry Principles and Past Ministry Experiences.

**BOOKMARK MINISTRY RESOURCES** is divided into three major categories and one sub category. The Three Major Categories are: 1. *Leadership*, 2. *Discipleship / Evangelism* and 3. *Youth Ministry*. The one sub category is *Scripture Themes and Bible Lessons* (More information will be soon available on our web site.)

**On the International front,** Diane Brask, (RCYM's original trainer) took our Storytelling workshop model along with Steve Grieme (from Christ's Church in Federal Way) this past August to India. Together they worked with 15 pastors to start 5 story discovery clubs (called Huns) throughout the state of Rajasthan. They developed a Storytelling Bible templet which is designed to expose rural unreached people groups to the stories of the Bible and the gospel. The potential impact for God's kingdom is enormous.

The **Poland Storytelling training workshops** have been delayed a few months for better planning and exposure. This too has developed into a much larger ministry opportunity. The plan now is to also share the Bookmark Ministry Resource materials internationally.



*Diane Brask, Interpreter, Steve Grieme*

It seems instead of slowing down, things are speeding up but as I hope you can tell there are a good number of additional leaders participating in a variety of ways with me in this ministry. **This is called Collaboration** between ministry organizations and leaders. We are trying to follow the principles of "Better Together" and "Work Smarter not Harder."



Annika Amber Kailynn Nathan Emily

**On the home front** we have some exciting news. Nathan and Amber had triplets this summer, not in the usual way, but through adoption. They adopted three little girls from the same family on July 6th. It was a great day with lots of hugs and tears and much rejoicing. Emily is 7, Annika is 6, and Kailynn is 5. They have had them in their home through the foster program since March of 2016 and the girls officially became Horton's on July 6th. So now Judy and I have 4 grandchildren. **We are so thankful.** Please pray for Nathan and Amber as this is quite the life style change for them since they have been married 18years without children before having these three sisters.

This whole experience has also given us a whole new appreciation for our spiritual adoption which we have in Jesus.

As we move into the fall season much needs to be done. Please pray for good contacts for rural mission 2018, the scheduling of new storytelling workshops, that the Poland training comes together, and that the Bookmark Ministry Resource notebooks would soon be completed and received well by Christian leaders.



*Continuing to Serve as the Lord leads,  
your ministry partners,*

*Tom & Judy*