

2018 & 2019

BRIDGE family Victories & Vision

VIDEO: *Chester (my partner on mission in 2018)*

Intro: Welcome FAMILY.... Tonight, as we invest our time together celebrating God's glory, God's gifted victories, & His gracious vision, *I pray you see & sense how blessed we are!*

2018 ...the year of **REVERENCE!**

A. Faith

- a. Acts 1:8
- b. John 20:21 & Matthew 28:18-20
- c. BRIDGE **Manifesto**



One FAITH. One FAMILY. One FOCUS.

"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and you will BE My witnesses (locally, regionally, and globally)." – Acts 1:8

One Question: **WHAT DO YOU WANT?**

One Offer: **COME AND SEE.**

One Promise: **TRUTH IN LOVE!**

Our Truth-in-Love Distinctives: We are...

1. Responding to grace & repenting of sin...
2. Trusting the Bible & obeying God's Word...
3. Growing in-Christ & living Spirit-led...
4. Praying for guidance & following by faith...
5. Dying to self & carrying our cross...
6. BE-ing the Church & loving one another... (*truly loving* one another)
7. Equipping the saints & exemplifying supernatural unity...
8. Ministering as ambassadors & discerning matters shrewdly...
9. Worshipping God vertically & experiencing Him horizontally...
10. Proclaiming the Gospel (*no matter what*) & fishing for men...
11. Making disciplined-warriors & winning spiritual-warfare...
12. Loving our King & serving His kingdom!

- d. Built up thru **Leviticus**
- e. Life-changing blessings from **Hebrews**

B. Finances

a. Missional faith budget

- i. Prayed through as always
- ii. Approx. 35K “deficit budget”

b. Results = Miraculous & missional graces of God!

- i. 91% of budget met - less than \$3,400 off
- ii. Invested in India... = \$14,800+
- iii. Invested in Uganda = \$6,200+
- iv. Gave to A.A. + N.A.M.B. = \$3,159 + \$1,150
- v. Gave to L.M. + I.M.B. = \$3,058 + \$2,290
- vi. Gave to B.C.M.D. = \$1,150
- vii. Gave to N.E.B.C. = \$1,800
- viii. VBX & Bibles = >\$1,000
- ix. Mission trip support = >\$850
- x. Baltimore church plant = \$600

c. Amazing Grace

- i. God is witnessing to our witness for Him!
- ii. Our holy health is truly miraculous grace
- iii. We are BE-ing biblically blessed of God...

C. **Family** (let's work outward in concentric circles)

a. **Maryland** (no longer just K.I. or Eastern Shore)

i. **Spiritual growth AND spiritual warfare...**

ii. **Family growth:** Mark & Sondra; Doug & Kim

1. Coming into our BRIDGE family...

2. **Baptisms:**

a. Sondra (actually IN Vermont)

b. Doug **VIDEO of Baptism**

iii. **Missional growth**

1. **Tiffany...** HISbridgeRADIO launced

2. **VBX**

a. Back into Stepping Stones...

b. Received first "family mission trip"

c. **VIDEO: Maryland Trip 2018**

3. **Elder's** growth & blessing...

4. **Video testimonies...** examples...

a. Jeff N. = Witzit Center & more...

b. Lorraine @ "Choices" (not alone!)

c. **VIDEO: Daniel Knox**

5. **MAJOR ANNOUNCEMENT:**

a. Your Elder team recommends...

b. Daniel Knox nominated for Elder

c. Pray & ask: Jan 27th annual meeting

b. **North Carolina:**

i. **Discipleship LIFE Group**

1. Born out of our Vermont Mission Trips
2. Year 3 of the relationship...
3. Now meeting weekly (1X at 9:30pm!)

ii. **\$1,500 support** via association partnership

c. **Vermont** (not just St.J but all of the N.E.K.)

i. **Spiritual growth AND spiritual warfare!**

VIDEO: *Tonya*

ii. **Family** growth:

1. Shirley & Laurie & John...
2. **Baptism:** John (...and Sondra)

iii. **Missional** growth:

1. Ellen & "the 9th hour"
2. Ellen/Doranne/Tonya/Shirley "travels"
 - a. Bible study/prayer @ rehab center
 - b. Search parties for NEK P.o.P.
3. **Prison** ministry began in fall of 2018...
4. First family mission trip to Maryland!
5. Blessed 2018 mission to VT... **VIDEO**

d. **India** (not just local but national & global!)

i. **1 trip:**

1. **Local** teaching/equipping of students
2. **Regional** teaching/preaching of Titus
3. **National** teaching/preaching on works

VIDEO: *India Trip (8 min)*

ii. 2nd trip **denied**:

1. See the reality of **spiritual warfare**
2. Be stirred by the eternal **ramifications...**
3. See God's **witness** on us **via** the **warfare**

iii. **God-sized witness** to our worship & work:

1. We are **BE-ing used to equip the world!**
2. In a year budgeted a 35K (20%) deficit:
 - a. We were **asked to help** in 2 areas:

i. Devastating **flood** relief...

ii. **Seminary** funding crisis...

b. Prayerful, **miraculous response**:

i. **\$5,500+** disaster/flood relief

1. That is **GOD** in & thru us!

2. That was **16% of deficit**

a. See the mission!!!

b. See selflessness!!!

c. See God at work!!!

ii. **Response re: the seminary...**

1. "I know the church can't"

2. "But I know God can..."

3. "Let me obey... & ask..."

4. God sent me... & I asked"

5. A prayerful response...

6. **100% seminary funding**

a. **\$1,000 per month**

b. **3 year commitment**

c. **\$9,300 sent in 2018**

7. Funding covers travel...

8. **See God at work!!!**

- e. **Uganda** (beyond ANYTHING anyone expected)
 - i. **Spiritual growth AND Spiritual warfare**
 - 1. Incredible start to 2018
 - a. Pastor Jeff's spring visit is amazing
 - i. Servant leaders are in place
 - 1. Moses – serve/support
 - 2. Edward – teach/preach
 - ii. Edward to begin preaching...
 - iii. Structured services begin...
 - b. Edward trained & equipped
 - i. Discipleship increased
 - ii. Fundamentals no in Luganda
 - c. HISbridge Uganda time to blossom
 - 2. Incredible shock in 2018
 - a. Edward leaves to start own church
 - b. Some budding believers go w/ him
 - c. No explanation/willingness to talk
 - 3. Pastor Jeff's second visit in the fall:
 - a. Edward refused to meet or talk...
 - b. Damage assessment was key
 - c. Staying on offense was critical
 - d. In-depth study of Titus took place
 - e. God was amazingly gracious...
 - ii. **Family growth:**
 - 1. Our family grew through the adversity!
 - a. Like "mountain top lumber"
 - b. David asked AND assured me...
 - c. "I've come to show you how to get up from a sucker punch..."

VIDEO: *Uganda 2nd trip*

2. Baptisms:

- a. Winnie (*casualty of spiritual warfare*)
 - b. Jareah (*victory on the mission field*)
 - c. Teopista (*joins in on Sat. & Sun.*)
 - d. Francis....
- i. Francis IS *spiritual growth...*
 - ii. Francis IS *family growth...*
 - iii. Francis IS *missional growth...*

VIDEO: *Boda-Boda Gospel*

iii. **Missional growth**

- 1. The gospel is going out in word & life
- 2. 2nd annual "Living Thanksgiving"
- 3. What the enemy intended for evil...
- 4. Our Uganda BRIDGE family is stronger
 - a. Moses as a servant leader
 - b. Strong women disciples/disciplers
- i. Nabuto
- ii. Barbara
- iii. Sara
- iv. Yudiah
- v. Vicky (still away but on fire...)
- vi. Jareah (away but shining...)
 - c. Men of faith are stepping up:
 - i. David... post stroke
 - ii. Isma... embracing leadership
- iii. ***Francis... our gospel-planter!***
 - 1. **\$2,500 allocated**

- a. 1 new Boda-Boda
 - b. All assoc. costs...
 - c. Also... 1 apartment
 - i. Safe for living
 - ii. Safe for Boda
 - iii. 3 mo. Deposit
2. Moses to lead & guide...
- a. Blessed to BE beside
 - b. Boda-Boda buying...
 - c. Budget
 - d. Building new life
 - e. Building new lives!

T/S: Future...

2019: ...the year of **FAITH**

VIDEO: *"You Will Make A Way"*

A. Faith

- a. We will continue to walk by faith... **period!**
- b. Sermon series: ***"Gospel Gardening"***
(Roots, Fruits & Boots)
 - i. *Roots* = Jesus in the Old Testament
 - ii. *Fruits* = the Holy Spirit in Christians
 - iii. *Boots* = God's workers in His fields!

B. Finances

- a. Very similar to last year...
- b. Faith-based budget
- c. I want to encourage & exhort here...

C. Family

a. Maryland

i. **Spiritual growth:**

1. Word saturated
2. Prayer intensified
3. *Ekklesia in Koinonia & Homothoomadon*

ii. **Family growth:** thru personal evangelism

1. FIND more sheep
2. GROW more sheep-dogs & shepherds!
3. Elders preaching more...

iii. **Missional growth:**

1. Local prayer walking
2. Local “fishing trips”
3. Stepping Stones VBX
4. Vermont mission trip
5. Potential Uganda trip

b. Vermont

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3. Pastor Jeff to spend more time in VT

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c. Louisville - 2X graduations in May

d. UAE - continue to grow with Justus

e. India

- i. Launch 3-tier curriculum
- ii. Meet weekly with students/staff
- iii. Seek a summer/fall visit again...
- iv. Prepare for “Gospel-Planter ADOPTIONS!”

f. Uganda

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3. Potential 2-way mission trips

CLOSE:

I have long since exhorted each and every member of our BRIDGE family to take to heart the Bible's call for Christians to surrender & submit ALL of their Time, Talent, & Treasure unto the Lord....

While those "3 T's" of missional faith continue to serve as bedrock reflections of a person's deepest passions, I want to close our time together tonight by highlighting a NEW "T" in the mission's equation.... TECHNOLOGY.

God has given us a 5 T mission & message:
Time... Talent... Treasure... Travel... & *Technology*

Online Ministry

- Live streaming
 - Sermons
 - Training
 - Gatherings

- Visual conferencing/discipleship:
 - LIFE Groups & Discipleship:
 - MD – VT – Uganda
 - VT – Uganda & VT - India
 - MD – NC & VT to GA & AZ

- Global access: AIT training videos:
 - 25 A.I.T.'s**
 - Approx. 75,000 total hits

- **Global access:** Sermon series:
37 series
 Approx. 6,000 hits each
 Approx. 225,000 hits total

- **Global access: HISbridgeRADIO**
 Full access & connectivity... on Sunday!
 Another *fishing pole* out there
 Country(s) touched:
 - Nearly ALL 50 U.S. states...
 - *Canada, Brazil, Peru, UAE, IRAN, Germany, Denmark, Uganda, France, & England...*

- **App development**
 App AND website options
ComeAndSeeChristianity
123ABC Discipleship
 Everything you need...
 BRIDGE teachings
 Outside links too...
 Video conf. included...
 Your own office!
 No sign-up needed!

- **Global access: HISbridge.com** (only)
 Over 5,000 visitors per month
 Over 9,300 "sessions"
 Approx. 25% visit via mobile
 Location of visitors (***Dec only***)

- U.S. now @ 50%
- China #2 @ 24%
- OVER **51 countries**
- 6 of 7 continents!
- Sermons/A.I.T. **300,000+**

- **Global Access:** ...in December (only)
 - LifeWithoutChrist** = 958 hits
 - Pray4StJ** = 204 hits
 - GoodNewsKampa** = 113 hits
 - GoodNewsSteve** = 95 hits
 - GoodNews (all)** ~ 5,000 hits

- **Global Access:** ...**YouTube page:**
 - iv. PastorJeffPearson “page”
 - v. 1,600+ discipleship videos...
 - vi. Approx. 10,000 minutes/mo.
 - vii. Over 2,200 view per month
 - viii. No end in sight...

T/S: I leave you with this...

- I pray you **see Acts 1:8 & God’s glory** here...
- *From the ends of the earth to right here at home*
 - **Let’s pray!** (*dismissed after the 2nd video*)
 - Please watch... **last 2 videos that say it all...**
 - Then **go BE... by faith!**

VIDEO: *David* & **VIDEO:** *“Make A Way”*

Amen & AMEN!