

The 2:10 Effect

IGNITING KINGDOM IMPACT

*For we are what he has made us,
created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God
prepared beforehand to be our way of life.*

Ephesians 2:10

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THE RIPPLE EFFECT OF GOD'S CALLING IN OUR LIVES

It had been two years of living in suburban Indianapolis, after nine years of missionary work in Ecuador, and Jen Friesen recalls, "I had no idea who I was or what I should be doing." Jen was missing deep friendships and felt lost, but wanted to find her place in the world. So in 2010 when her church launched *The Journey*, Jen jumped at the invitation to be in a group because it seemed to address these deepest needs of her heart.



James and Jen Friesen

Somewhere halfway through that year, Jen's husband James left a note on their mirror for her that said "Maybe your biggest ministry is the fire you are lighting in me by getting to watch you grow closer to God." God was truly doing a deep work in her life. James signed up to take *The Journey* the next fall. They both discovered rich community through their VP3 groups, deep friendships were formed that continue to this day.

"OUR FRIENDS PRAYED WITH US AND WAITED WITH US AND GREW WITH US AS WE WAITED FOR GOD'S LEADING IN OUR LIVES."

In the ensuing years they continued along the VP3 Pathway of processes, facilitating groups and growing into a sense of calling that they had felt in their years in Ecuador – they wanted to walk alongside others intentionally, helping others see what God was up to in their lives.

So when Jen and James attended a VP3 Gathering in Banff in 2014 and met Scott Shaum, a friend of VP3 who serves with Barnabas International—an organization committed to shepherding the hearts of global workers—next steps started to become clear. Just after the VP3 Gathering, Jen and James received a note from Randy Reese which included these words – "I dream of one day sitting with you guys in a room with a white board and contextualizing *The Journey* to use with global workers."



In the summer of 2015, the Friesens joined Barnabas International full time. And just this past February, they sat in their living room with Scott Shaum and Randy, and created a plan to begin using the VP3 Pathway of processes, under the umbrella of Barnabas International, to meet

a need for spiritual vibrancy, resiliency, and community amongst global workers.



James and Jen Friesen travel to minister to missionaries world wide.

This past September, just a few weeks after Randy's passing, Jen and James launched a *Journey* group with 11 members in five different states meeting weekly online. Jen remarks, "With our current *Journey* group of Barnabas colleagues, we have been struck once again how even as mature believers we are continually challenged to engage the fundamental questions of Who is God? Who am I? And what does God desire to do through me? This is not a one-time thing." *May the Lord bless the work of their hands...*



LET THE RIPPLE
CONTINUE...

VP3 Staff and Friends Remember

On August 19th a large gathering of Randy's family and friends converged in Sioux Falls for a Celebration of Life service. During the afternoon, a group of VP3 folks gathered to remember, tell stories, and pray together. Themes of sadness and impact and friendship surfaced throughout the afternoon. All of us who gathered at the VP3 offices live, to some degree, in the wake and blessing of Randy's faithful life.

The BBQ and Celebration of life service in the evening proved further to be a rich time of fellowship, remembrance, and worship. All the songs, reflections, and prayers centered on God's faithfulness, the defining thread of Randy's life.

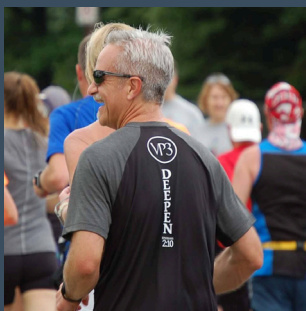
During the benediction to the service, Randy's wife Susan offered this challenge, **"The most honoring thing we can do for Randy is *let the ripple continue...* let the name of Jesus live out ... let the Spirit of the living God do what the Spirit of the living God wants to do in our lives..."**

We extend this challenge of Randy's life to the larger VP3 community. May we all come to discover God's faithfulness as the defining thread of our whole lives—our heads and hearts and hands and feet. May we let Jesus' name live out.

For our part as an organization, we remain alert to the Lord and on mission—helping men and women in North America and beyond discover more deeply who God is, who they are, and what God wants to do through them. ***Let the ripple continue...***



Susan Reese



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