



Freedom Project

So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed (John 8:36)

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Dear Family and Friends,

“Follow me and I will make you fishers of men” Jesus told his disciples. Put another way—walk in My footsteps. To follow Jesus means believers walk in the footsteps of Jesus on the road He set forth, and one of the ways we find and stay on that road is through one-to-one discipleship. That has been our greatest passion since entering vocational ministry—making disciples who are able to make disciples. The Apostle Paul put it this way in 2 Timothy 2:2—*the things which you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses, entrust these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also.*

One man who is has taken and applied what he “has heard from me” and passed on to others is Dan Sonnenmoser. I began meeting for one-to-one discipleship with Dan in 2017 after he expressed an interest in growing spiritually. From the start, Dan’s respectful and teachable attitude allowed me to enter his world and walk alongside him in all areas of life. Over a period of time, Anna and I invested in the Sonnenmoser family; teaching, training and equipping them both spiritually and personally. Within a very short time Dan and Natasha became an integral part of our ministry in Italy as they took on more and more leadership roles. From serving as a lay leader in our church in Aviano to filling in for me at the pulpit, Dan demonstrated a love for people and a commitment to rightly divide the Word of God for the edification of the saints. As Dan’s love for God and people grew, he felt God stirring his heart for vocational ministry. Thus, he pursued and received a Master of Divinity and is now working on his PhD in Biblical Exposition. As part of his Graduate work, he served as an intern under me at Grace Bible Fellowship in Aviano. In 2020 Dan got out of the Air Force after serving ten years as an Air Traffic Controller and went on to serve for two years in the National Guard. God’s call on his heart to go into vocational ministry led him to explore serving as an Air Force active-duty Chaplain. On September 28, 2022, Dan was commissioned as a 1st lieutenant in the Air Force Chaplaincy and was sent active duty to Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst in New Jersey. Please pray for Dan and Natasha as they face many challenges in spreading the gospel in today’s military.



Ian Mavity is another faithful man who is investing in others what was invested in him. Little did I know when I began building into Ian’s life as a young teenager that he would be a spiritual reproducer who is committed to investing in others. The thing that has always struck me about Ian is his willingness to allow me to take him under my wing and show him how to walk the Christian life. Our relationship has been characterized by love, transparency and vulnerability, all of which is experienced as we invest time, energy and emotion in one another. Over the years I have been impressed by Ian’s perseverance. Through the tireless years of waiting for how God was going to use him, Ian prayed for God’s direction. As he waited, he prepared and sought opportunities for vocational ministry. He served as a youth intern, attended New Orleans Baptist Seminary, worked in various Christian organizations and

met with me for one-to-one discipleship. Today, Ian serves as a music minister in a local church in Colorado Springs. His desire to be a disciple who makes disciples spurs him to share Jesus with others and build into their lives. Please pray for the pressures Ian and his wife Amy face as they serve in ministry together.

There have been so many reproducers that have “walked in our footsteps” as we walk in Jesus’ footsteps. It brings us great joy to know that each of them walks in the footsteps of Jesus for His glory as they spread the gospel. Thank you for making it possible for us to invest in others and pass on what we have learned and been entrusted.

Serving together in Christ,

John and Anna