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WBS student in Malawi wants to teach others August 2019

A brother in Christ, Pete Shaw, sent me a picture of this WBS response card.

Not only does the student ask for someone to come to baptize him, he also checks the box that says, "I want to use these courses to teach others."

During my ministry in Michigan, I studied with a young man who struggled with his decision to be baptized. But, every time we studied a lesson, he went and shared that lesson with his grandmother. Result? He taught his grandmother and his grandmother was baptized before he was baptized. (After he was baptized, he attended a Bible Institute and became a preacher!)

In the New Testament, Andrew went and told Peter. Those whom Jesus healed spread the news everywhere. The gospel multiplied incredibly because those who became Christians told others the good news! In Michigan, Katherine shared the gospel with her friend, Alice. Alice shared the gospel with Eva and with Annie. Annie shared the gospel with her son. Her son shared the gospel with his wife. When people ask me why God blessed the church with 250 baptisms during 10 years, these are the stories I tell!

Lessons for the church today. We struggle with loving our neighbors because we struggle with loving God. #1 is love for God. The treasure hunt comes before the rescue mission. The church struggles with the rescue mission because we haven't found and cherished the treasure! Some preachers suggest that the treasure is loving one another rather than loving God! Listen to Jesus! Get it right! #1 must be #1. When we love God, treasure him, and pursue him passionately, much of the rest of the Christian life falls into place – including the burning desire to share the good news!

