

Meet your Missionaries

Ron And Mary Bennett

Serving with The Navigators in Grain Valley, MO



Birth Places:

Ron: Des Moines, IA

Mary: Kalamazoo, MI

Birthdays

Ron: September 23

Mary: March 7

Hobbies/interests

Ron: Golf, woodworking, reading

Mary: Horses, reading, crafts, gardening

Children

Bryan (died 2/2010)

Robin/Jeff Larsen: Nathan

Rachele/Brad Jones

Jeremy/Rebecca Bennett

Favorite Verses

Ron: Isaiah 58:10-11, Matt. 28:19-20, Matt.

4:19 Mary: Col 1:28-29

Salvation age

Ron: Age 10

Mary: Age 16

Education

Ron: BS degree in Aerospace Engineering from Iowa State University

Mary: BS degree in Home Economics from Western Michigan University

Testimonies

We both were raised in Christian homes and Bible teaching churches. Ron came to personal faith at the age of 10 through the influence of his parents. Mary came to faith at the age of 16 after a serious horse riding accident. Both Ron and Mary were discipled and mentored while attending their universities. It was during these years they both caught the vision for disciple making, believing that everyone is called to be and make disciples. Mary graduated and taught high school in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Upon graduation Ron went to work for Boeing Aircraft in Seattle, WA and then spent 3 year in the US Army as a Military Intelligence officer. In 1970, after a tour in Viet Nam, Ron sensed God's call to join The Navigators staff to work with college students. Mary left teaching to join The Navigator staff at Ball State University in 1971. They were married in 1972 and continued on staff with The Navigators as a couple.

History of Navigator Ministry

Ron joined the staff of The Navigators in 1970

1970 -1973	St Cloud University, St Cloud, MN
1973- 1975	Illinois State University, Normal, IL
1975-1979	Iowa State University, Ames, IA
1979-1983	Regional Collegiate Director for IA, KS, MO, NE
1983-1989	Regional Director for MO/KS
1989-2005	Became part of the Church Discipleship Ministry of The Navigators Heartland Regional CDM Director and CDM National Leadership Team Director of the CDM Strategic Resource Group
2005-present	Heartland Regional CDM Director

Ron authored the book *Intentional Disciplemaking* by NavPress and co-authored the books *Opening the Door*, and *The Adventure of Discipling Others*. He and Mary have co-authored a Bible study series for new believers called *Beginning the Walk* also published by NavPress.

Most recently, they, and their Navigator staff team have developed gender specific discipleship series called

HighQuest. The men's version is called *HighQuest: men on a mission*. The women's version is called *HighQuest: women of distinction*. Their material is available at www.highquest.info.

Current Ministry Vehicle

Ron is currently the Heartland Regional Director for The Navigators Church Discipleship Ministry where he and his staff team are coaching church leaders in developing intentional discipling communities. Ron speaks at leadership and men's conferences both in the US and overseas.

The development of the HighQuest Discipleship Series has given them a broad influence around the country and overseas. The HighQuest series is being used by individuals and churches in 45 states, Mexico, Australia, Asia, and Africa.

Ron and Mary coach leaders of men's and women's ministries in how to develop a discipling culture. Ron also works with pastors and church leaders in how to create a discipling environment in the church. The CDM Heartland team is currently serving over 60 churches and ministries in the Midwest and around the country.

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