A young man with red hair is water skiing on a lake. He is wearing a blue life vest, a black harness, and striped shorts. He is holding onto a black handle connected to a rope. The water is splashing around him. In the background, there is a dense forest of green trees and a small boat on the water.

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# Two Families



# Cousins-brothers



Josh, Greg

Adam, Chris, Anthony

# Chris and Anthony



# Best friends



# Chris and Melanie Preiss, Anthony



# Vietti Family



# Christian Camp Ministry

- TCBC for four years
  - Crew, CIT (Counselor in training), Counselor
- Island Lake for five years
  - Assistant Program Director, Counselor





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# Luke and Anthony



- We specialize in extreme adventure activities like moto-x dirtbike riding, high ropes and paintball. Island Lake offers the full [summer camp](#) experience, complete with a fun theme, Bible study, and extreme adventure activities.

# GMIT Program



# Facts

- Mount Hood is the 2<sup>nd</sup> most climbed mountain in the world behind Mt. Fuji
- 4<sup>th</sup> tallest mountain in the Cascades- 11,235 ft.
- 11 glaciers- including Reid Glacier
- Named after Lord Samuel Hood, British Admiral
- Dormant stratovolcano- last erupted in 1907
- 25-50 Rescues every year
- Over 130 deaths

- [http://www.trails.com/list\\_1021\\_mount-hood-facts.html](http://www.trails.com/list_1021_mount-hood-facts.html)

# Video

- YouTube video created by rescue worker



# Luke Gullberg, 26

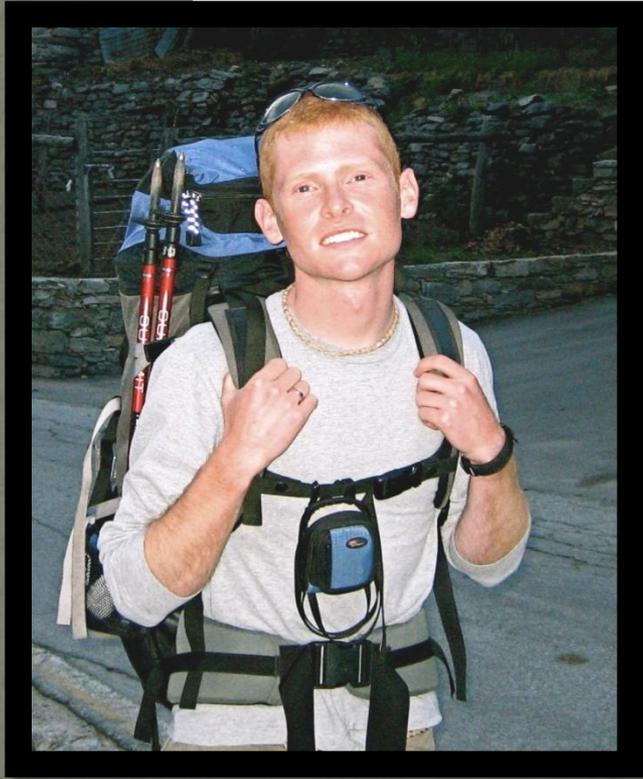




Katie Nolan, 29

# Anthony and Katie





Anthony Vietti, 25

A man with a light beard, wearing a white t-shirt, a dark cap with a green band, and large sunglasses, is smiling. He has a black backpack with blue straps. The background features a rugged mountain peak with snow patches, evergreen trees, and a clear blue sky.

- Memorial Video

# Steven Vietti (brother)

- Dear Anth,

As my eyes fill with tears, I want you to know that they are both tears of joy and sadness. I miss you so much Anth. I rejoice that you're home, I rejoice in your life and who you were, I rejoice in our Father and the assurance we have in Him. But I grieve too... I miss you. That's all there is to say, I miss you Anth!



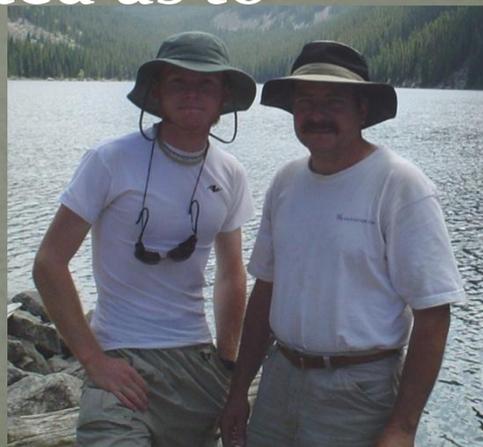
# Ladonna Vietti (Mom)

- I just realized that when people say "walking with the Lord" has now taken on new meaning! Anthony REALLY IS walking with, as in next to, hand in hand, with the Lord! If only my heart would quit hurting and my mind be at peace for where he is and not in turmoil at where he isn't. Ladonna Vietti- Facebook



# Jon Vietti (Dad)

- If I didn't have the assurance that I could see Anthony again, it would be tough. The pain is so intense at times- as a parent you can identify if something happened to Caleb- it is a temporary loss but unbelievably tough.
- I focus on the fact that heaven isn't some concept- it is a real place. God created us to live with Him for eternity. This earth is not all that there is. We can look forward to a new heaven and a new earth.



THE HAVEN



# Romans 5

- **Peace and Joy**
- <sup>1</sup>Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>2</sup>through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we rejoice in the hope of the glory of God. <sup>3</sup>Not only so, but we also rejoice in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; <sup>4</sup>perseverance, character; and character, hope.

# Romans 5

- **Peace and Joy**
- <sup>5</sup>And hope does not disappoint us, because God has poured out his love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, whom he has given us. <sup>6</sup>You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. <sup>7</sup>Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous man, though for a good man someone might possibly dare to die. <sup>8</sup>But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.



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# Search and Rescue Family

- Luke's sacrifice
- Portland Mountain Rescue- Steve Rollins
  - Heart of the Rescue Climbers-volunteer, sacrifice
- Chaplain Dennis Simmons- Brotherhood
  - Work, faith, reaction of families



# Thank you again

- 304<sup>th</sup> Rescue Squad
- Coast Guard
- Timberline Ski Patrol
- Civil Air Patrol
- Oregon Air National Guard
- Hood River Crag Rats
- Corvallis Mountain Rescue
- Mountain Wave
- Pacific NW SAR
- NOAA



# Jon Vietti and Dave Nolan

- Video- <http://www.kgw.com/thesquare/Fathers-find-strength-in-faith-79467122.html> 3:43



# Clackamas Sheriff's Department- Sheriff Craig Roberts

- More than anything else I personally witnessed during the mission, I was affected by the patience, the gratitude and the enduring faith of the missing climbers' families. From the start, they were worried about the safety of the searchers on the mountain, and their concerns only grew as conditions got worse...



# Clackamas Sheriff's Department- Sheriff Craig Roberts

- By the time I stepped up to the microphones to announce that the rescue phase of the search had ended, I felt like part of their family, and so did everyone else. That takes a personal toll on all of us. Over the course of a career, these experiences have lasting emotional impacts.



# More of God's love

- Strangers- “I was amazed at people that we didn't know or how they were following the story closely, an evidence of God's love- if it wasn't for His love it would just be another tragedy. He is reaching out and touching hearts.”
- GMT parent
- I didn't know...



# God reveals His love to us

- Compassion letter
- High School ring-



- **Heaven**

- **Life Verse- John 13:34 (NIV)**

"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another.

- Physician's assistant- medical missionary
- College- A's



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# Blessings

- Bridge Church
  - Covered rooms
- Timberline Lodge
  - Donated conference room, food, beverages, space
- Megumi Chalet- Government Camp
  - Donated food and lodging for over twenty people
- Olive Garden-
  - Covered family meal



# Vietti family

- Uncle Tom and family



Just mindboggling to us that God can do so many wonderful things!. I have deeper love for my own flesh and blood brothers and sisters. Jon Vietti

# Jon and Ladonna



# Changes

- Uncle Jon
  - Pastor heart change
- Josh
  - Do not fear
  - 1 John 4:18 God's perfect love casts out fear.
  - Dick Shroeder shared how amazing God's love is for us. Why should I fear when being in God's hands is the safest place to be in the whole world?
  - Give up the right to yourself
  - "We should walk in the newness of life"- Romans 6:4 Get rid of the past for Jesus has taken it away- prepare for the new.

# Reevaluate

- Am I on track with God- I have a future in Heaven
- Redirect your priorities- what I purchase and pursue
  - Eternal perspective- can I convert it into something that has an eternal perspective?
- Reevaluate your time and energy.
  - What are your priorities? Are they on track?
- Are you sharing with others all God has given you?
- Have you reconciled all relationships in your life?

# Future- the next greatest generation

- Generational disconnect
  - Satan's plan? We will not let it happen...
- I call to fathers and grandfathers
  - Reach out
- I call to mothers and grandmothers
  - Reach out
- Purposefully raise a Godly generation to change the world we live in

GMIT



# New GMIT and GWIT

- Several years ago Anthony shared a vision with us for a ministry that would encourage teenage young men to develop integrity and a close personal relationship with Jesus, to develop a good hard work ethic, to develop outdoor skills, and a love for outdoor adventure. His God-inspired dream became a reality at Island Lake Camp in the form of G-MIT, God's Men in Training.
- God commissioned Anthony and a few others, including Luke Gullberg, to do the G-MIT "Beta testing" and it was a great success. Now we believe God has called us to pick up the torch and carry it and expand the G-MIT program to become available to churches and Christian camps in the Northwest, the nation, perhaps even internationally.
- LaDonna and I will begin the process of forming a non-profit organization and linking up with those who share the vision for this ministry program and want to be a part of it.

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# Luke, Katie, and Anthony

- Keep climbing. We'll see you at the top. Wish you were here!

