



Mountain Top Marriages “The Upward Trail”

Newsletter – March 2013

2012 Christmas with our family and our FIVE Grandkids!



Caleb, Gabriel, Hannah, MaKinzie, & Holly

2013.... WOW! Once the new year hit, we began an exciting and busy schedule. We drove to IL the week of Jan. 13th to be with Laureen's family while her brother was in the hospital for a few days for some surgery. He is now cancer free. PTL!

Since Jan. 20th, we have ministered seven MTM seminars (in the last 6 weeks). We have also had the privilege of doing some "personal prayer counseling" for several

couples that were struggling in their relationships. This week, March 3-10, we are in Branson, MO. We are "resting" for a couple days at our RCI condo and then from Thurs.- Sun. we will be attending the Copeland Victory Camp meetings at Keith Moore's church.

This year we have personally been aware of a more powerful anointing on our teaching and prayer times to be able to get right to the heart of issues. We truly believe that the Lord wants all of us to be walking free of demonic lies, strongholds, addictions, and things that keep us from an intimate relationship with Jesus and with our mates. This is not the time to go the way of our flesh and allow Satan to keep us blind - but a time to obey the Holy Spirit and receive freedom - like never before!

Following is a overview of ministry since January.

Jan. 20 & 21 - The Chateau Avalon overnight retreat in KC filled up FAST!

It is always a very special "romantic" evening for the 12 attending couples. We taught from 1-4pm on Sun. & Mon. and left them entirely alone from 4pm on Sun. till noon on Monday to enjoy their hot tubs, chilled cider, rose petal turn down, and theme rooms. They also got a hot breakfast delivered to their rooms. If you have not been able to attend this retreat, you are missing something great!



Mike & Dawn Wheeler helped us with doing the special music, set up, etc. We taught "The 17 Commitments of Marriage" The Holy Spirit ministered in a powerful way by healing, restoring and helping couples strive for the mountaintop times in their marriages.

Jan. 25 & 26 - NEW LIFE CHURCH Weekend Retreat in Woodland Park

We had close to 20 couples that attended the teaching sessions for this overnight retreat at the Country Lodge. Our board members, Paul and Rose Hockersmith, helped us with reservations, set up, providing snacks, and doing all the work of watching out for the people's needs. We basically go in and teach. Tim & Meg Britton, also on our ministry board, taught a session on "prayer". We are so blessed to have great board members on our team.

We had several singles attending -as well as couples from Charis Bible College, Joyland Church and New Life Church .We presented the teaching "Possessing The Land." We came home to find this beautiful deer guarding our town home while we were gone!



Colorado Springs Deer

Sat. Seminar Feb. 2nd, in Auburn, Washington - a suburb of Seattle.

We ministered to a church full of couples (over 25) on Sat. and Roger ministered on finances during the Sunday morning service. Our good friends, Dan & Adele Simmons, lined up this seminar for us and they had many good reports from the weekend. The Holy Spirit spoke into the hearts of many and change was the result. It is so exciting to be a part of what the Lord is doing in couple's lives.

Auburn Washington Church



We enjoyed several days of fellowship with Simmons after the meetings. We had originally known them from our Alaska days. On the following Wed. other good Alaska friends, Wayne & Virginia Clark, flew into Seattle from Costa Rica, and then Clarks, and we all flew to Fairbanks, AK together!

Fairbanks, Alaska



Feb. 8-10 - MTM Weekend Meetings at North Pole, Alaska. The Sunday before we arrived it had been **50 below** zero. However, the whole time we were in Alaska it was **above zero!** Jesus loves us this we KNOW! We had a great time. It was the third time that we had been invited back to this church. This year we presented "The MTM 10 Commandments of Marriage." Pastor Brent arranged the meetings at a local hotel and set everything up for a Valentine banquet. Thanks again, Pastor Brent! The new senior pastor, Philip, and his wife, Tiffonie, treated us like royalty. We always enjoy the time on Sat. night when all of the couples that attended the meetings give their personal marriage testimonies of how Jesus has touched their lives. Roger spoke in the two Sunday morning services on finances and we flew back to the "lower 48" on Monday morning.



Alaska Couples from North Pole

Feb. 14-16 - Valentine Weekend Meetings - Exceptional Love Seminar

We had the privilege of team teaching with Michael and Donna Leischner at Charis Christian Center Church in Colorado Springs. Lawson and Barbara Purdue are the senior pastors of the church and they began the weekend by teaching on marriage during the Wed. night service. Our weekend began with a Valentines evening Italian banquet where Leischners and we gave our

individual marriage testimonies. Then on Friday and Sat. Leischner's taught on "Love & Respect" and we taught on the "Importance of Security and Knowing Who We Are In Christ." The church couples all seemed to enjoy our different teaching styles and they all kept coming back for more.

We finished teaching at noon on Sat. and immediately jumped into our car to drive to KC - just in time to arrive in Weston, MO. for our next meeting.

Feb. 17 & 18 - Sunday and Monday meetings at the historic St. George Hotel and O'Malleys Restaurant.

With the KC Chateau retreat filling up so fast, there were still 10 couples that wanted something in the KC area, so Mike & Dawn found a new location in Weston, MO. We taught "The 17 Commitments of Marriage" and ended up doing quite a bit of prayer counseling that extended into the next day (Tuesday).

Our son, Mark, and his family, now live in Shawnee, KS since he took the Missions Pastor position at Cross Points Church. We are blessed that they live closer to us and that there is more opportunity now to see them when we are in the KC area.

February 23, Sat. MTM Seminar at Cross Points Church in Shawnee, KS.

This church had been our "home church" when we lived in KC and they also support us financially and with prayer support as "Cross Points Church missionaries". The new senior pastor, David Jones, invited us to come share our MTM teachings. The whole month of Feb., his sermons were on marriage and relationships - so we were blessed to be a part of the big picture! Plus, it was an honor to minister to our home church people. It was also a blessing to be

received with honor! Our son, Mark, and his wife, Lori, were in charge of setting up the meetings, serving lunch to the 80 plus people and hosting us, the "special speakers". Yes, it does seem a bit unusual for MTM to now be submitted to Pastor Mark Traver, the new missions pastor, from Cross Points. But, needless to say, we are proud of Mark and his new position!

From the Cross Points meetings, we drove back home to Colorado Springs between the ice and snow storms. It was actually a beautiful drive.

Colorado Snow



We were home long enough to do laundry, repack and drive to Glenwood Springs, CO to where our other son, Steve, and his family live. We had not seen them since Christmas. We spent some quality time with them, our grandkids, and also did some prayer counseling with some acquaintances of theirs. We were so glad that we were able to spend this time. Steve showed us his new office. He owns his own computer business and is doing well. Trea has put the "Once Upon A Child" business up for sale and she is back to singing and writing Christian music.

That brings us up to the present, March 3-10, R&R time for us in Branson, MO. We are enjoying our time "alone" for a few days. We drive home to CO on Mon. 11th.

March 14- 18 we fly to San Antonio, TX to minister at the Oasis of Light Church. We will be doing a Sat. Seminar - ending the event with a "supper" boat trip on the River Walk with 10 of the couples attending the seminar.

San Antonio River Walk



We will also both be teaching in the Sunday morning service at Oasis of Light Church and we will both be teaching in the Charis Bible College school on Monday morning and Monday night. Our good friends, the Kennedy's, were instrumental in introducing us to Pastor John Blig.

Now you understand why we have been a bit slow in getting out a newsletter to you!

The three MTM New Life Church home groups began again in Jan. - with couples other than us leading and teaching them.

We were scheduled to go to Europe again for several weeks in April, but decided to postpone the meetings until April & May of 2014. Pastor Will Graham is setting up several meetings in several different countries and also a "Pastor & Wives seminar" during our visit there next year.

Instead of Europe, we will return to Chattanooga, TN April 19-20 - for the fourth year in a row. Hamilton Life Church has a new pastor, but he has invited

us back. Praise The Lord! We also want to wish the best for Pastor Damon and Krissi Passons who have taken a position at a church just north of Dallas.

April, 26-27, we have scheduled meetings at Joyland Church in Green Mountain Falls, CO. We will be team teaching with Tim & Meg Britton. They are the Family & Marriage ministers at that church. They are also on our CO MTM board of directors and great friends! It is an honor to teach with them at their home church!

We are presently taking reservations for two different seminars in May.

May 17 & 18 - the Sanctuary Lodge in Woodland Park, CO. This is the lodge on Andrew Wommack's property that we have used the past couple of years. It has not been available during the last few months because of building projects being done for the new Bible College facilities.

We are excited to get back into the Sanctuary Lodge facility. The cost for the overnight is \$99.00 per couple and includes 3 meals and the room and ministry materials. Reservations require a \$25.00 non-refundable deposit.

May 27-31 is the annual Rocky Mountain Retreat held in Estes Park, CO.

Cost: \$558.00 for the week (Mon. night - thru Fri. noon) in the beautiful suites at Aspen Winds on Fall River Road.

Deadline for reservations is April 15th. A \$175.00 non-refundable deposit is due to hold your specific Jacuzzi suite or one bedroom unit. DO NOT PUT OFF SIGNING UP FOR THIS RETREAT. IT IS AN AMAZING WEEK AND MIRACLES ALWAYS HAPPEN!



Pastor Jeff & Darlene Lyon - they lead special music at the Rocky Retreat



Having a good marriage is like climbing a tall mountain. It takes work!

We hope to see you soon. Before we know it - it will be summertime! Do not hesitate to get your deposit in!

If you can't come yourselves, sponsor another couple! We also have scholarship money available for the Rocky Retreat.

Keep Climbing,

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