

Mountain Top Marriages “The Upward Trail”

Newsletter –October 2013

Toufen & Taipei, Taiwan

We just spent 12 days in Taiwan with missionaries Gregg & Eva Dennington. We held various meetings for them all week. Roger taught a meeting on finances one night and we both ministered separately to the men's and women's meetings on another night. We preached in 3 services last Sunday. We prayed for many singles and couples after each service and had so many testimonies of God working & moving in their lives. This is the 4th time we have been in Taiwan. We have seen their church grow from a small house church to building a new church with a coffee shop - which they have now outgrown! They hold 3 services each Sunday. New converts are constantly being baptized and now the congregation ranges from seekers to mature worship leaders and a team of 5 pastors. We were excited to be back and see people we had known before. There were over 100 people attending the weekend marriage retreat in the city of Taipei last weekend. It was held at a beautiful FX hotel and one of the nicest places that we have been. We also did a lot of prayer/ counseling with the church leadership couples during the week. Our teaching on recognizing lies/strongholds and replacing them with Who I Am in Christ scripture brought great freedom and insight.

There has not been much teaching on what a Biblical marriage looks like in Taiwan. There is a lot of ancestor worship and wrong teaching. Many couples were set free from wrong beliefs and were delivered from

strongholds of anger, control, worthlessness, fear, sexual impurities, guilt & shame.



Pastor Gregg & Eva Dennington



Rachel & Pong Ho - Pastors.....



Taipei Marriage Retreat & skit (above)



Breakout session- MTM Retreat



Toufen



Taipei/ Retreat

Other Events Since Last Newsletter...

August 16 & 17 - MTM Retreat at El Tesoro in Woodland Park, CO

The Lord provided us another great location in Woodland Park for our overnight retreats. We had 8 couples join us at the new setting. The rooms were great, the view was beautiful and the couples even got to enjoy the outside Jacuzzi. Paul & Rose Hockersmith served the meals. We taught all the sessions instead of having guest speakers. There was a lot of prayer

ministry with couples receiving healing and deliverance and new commitments were made to change things from the way they had been.



El Tesoro Couples - Aug. 16 & 17

September Labor Day Weekend Retreat in Branson, MO.

The enemy tried to interfere with this one, but he did not succeed. A few days before the retreat, we had a cancellation and two of the other couples could not get there for the Friday night session. Plus, our music couple had a relative that was in the process of passing away and they were not sure they could come. But, "Greater is He that is in us than he that is in the world". We found last minute people to fill all the rooms, we had a full house for the rest of the weekend and Mike and Dawn were able to minister with us for all the sessions. God supplies our every need! It was a wonderful retreat. Three of the men in attendance testified of a real strong revelation from the Lord of the need and importance of sharing their feelings & emotions with their wives and they committed to change. Tears were flowing! As always Jesus did some awesome things in couples lives during the private prayer counseling sessions. Deeper intimacy and miracles are always the results.



Branson Retreat Couples

The Cross Points Church pastors & leaders stay at the Roger Traver "motel" during the New Life Church pastor's conference meetings in Colorado Springs.

They provided us with a motel in town and they all stayed together at our place. It was a "win-win" situation for all of us!



Cross Points Pastors & Assistants (our son Mark in white shirt... He is the missions pastor)

Nine Week Charis Christian Center Home Group at Traver's home

In September, we began a weekly Tuesday night home group. Duane and Gwen Loyd were our assistant leaders and they took over teaching while we were out of town ministering overseas. All the couples have stayed committed each week as we have studied the "17 Commitments or Choices to having a Successful Biblical Marriage"

Laureen's mom turned 95 on October 4th



We drove to Illinois for the weekend celebration which consisted of several days birthday party gatherings with immediate family & extended family. Sun. also included the church family celebration. It was a wonderful time for everyone. Mom is going strong & looking great!

Mom had written a short booklet talking about her life history. We read excerpts from it which was fascinating for all of us.

October 11th & 12th- MTM Overnight Retreat again at El Tesoro in Woodland Park, CO.

Tim & Meg Britton helped us with the teaching and Russ & June Gordon cooked and served the meals for this retreat which was held in the huge, beautiful house which had 10 bedrooms! When we could no longer get into Andrew's lodge due to the construction project for his new Bible school, we began praying and sure enough God provided "abundantly beyond all we could ask or think".



Meeting Room



Great Place!

We liked it so much that we have scheduled a MTM board Christmas party there in December and have rescheduled another weekend retreat there for the weekend of Jan. 31st- Feb. 1st.

We actually left that retreat early to begin our road trip to California. Brittons and Gordon's closed the retreat up and we made it to Grand Junction that night. We made several stops and visited friends on the way to LA. We also spent an evening in a motel on the ocean. We got a non-stop flight direct to Taipei from LAX that only took 13 hours instead of 28-30 from Denver!



California Coast Sunset

check out www.mountaintopmarriages.org

November 15 &16 - MTM seminar at Shawnee Nazarene Church, Shawnee, KS.

About a week after we arrive home from Taiwan and California, we leave again for KS. All you Kansas City couples can register by calling Mike & Dawn Wheeler. Begins Friday night – 6pm
Sat. 9am to 5pm (lunch will be provided)
Location – Shawnee Church of the Nazarene-5539 Quivira Road Shawnee, KS 66216

Cost - \$35.00/per couple

*Teachers – Roger and Laureen Traver – Mountain Top Marriages
Mike and Dawn Wheeler/Worship-special music*

Registration: To make reservations: e-mail Travers at:
thetravers@mountaintopmarriages.org
or contact Mike Wheeler, cell: 913-636-9481 or Dawn Wheeler 913-636-9010.



Nov. 17-24 we will be attending the Cross Points Church Missions conference in Shawnee, KS

Missionaries from many different countries will be there. This church is our old "home church" where we attended when we lived in KC. They have supported us with finances, prayer ministry and in many other ways over the years.

Tuesday night -Nov. 19th - MTM Kansas Board Meeting at Living Waters

**Keep Climbing, Roger & Laureen Traver
Mountain Top Marriages**