

Mountain Top Marriages "The Upward Trail"

Newsletter –May, 2014

We just arrived back home from a month of ministry in Europe!

Feb. 28- March 1 - MTM El Tesoro Retreat Overnight in Woodland Park, CO
Awesome weekend at a beautiful retreat location! We had 10 couples. So many good reports came out of this retreat! Our ministry team did a lot of prayer counseling and many prayers were answered almost instantly! One man needed a job and he secured one the very next day! Emotional healing, deliverance, and restoration happened for several couples. Also, people received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit.



March 23- 30 - San Antonio, TX meetings - Sun - Tuesday 23-25 - Romantic Retreat in hill country & Charis Bible College meeting at Oasis of Light Church on Sat., March 29 & the church service on Sun. 30th. The retreat at Wimberly, TX was held at a beautiful place called Creek Haven. The retreat began Sun. afternoon. Everyone had a beautiful

"goodie basket" in their room, as well as fresh flowers, and chocolate covered strawberries! Thank you Ken and Jeanie Kennedy!!!

Pastor John Blig and his wife ministered in music and we taught on the topic "Change My Heart" We were able to teach inside as well as outdoors. The last morning everyone shared how the Holy Spirit had personally ministered to them. We ended the retreat with a very meaningful communion and foot washing service.



We taught several different classes on Tues. night, Wed. and again Saturday at the Charis Bible College that meets at Oasis of Light Church. We taught on communications at two of the classes and actually did another marriage seminar for CBC couples on Saturday.

We also preached the Sunday morning service at Oasis of Light Church and flew home that evening.

Thursday was our day off. Roger celebrated his birthday one of the days we taught, so as a special treat, we got a hotel room on the River Walk and ate ribs at Tony Romas. That was our "date night"! Great fun.

April 9 till May 5 - We held 4 weeks of meetings in Europe (UK - Italy & Hungary)

We began our Europe tour in Rugeley, UK with Pastor Will and Barb Graham. We held a marriage seminar for Victory Church pastors and their wives on Fri. and Sat.



Then we held a service for couples from his Victory Church. Sunday morning we preached and then we got a tour of the UK canal system. Monday we flew to Rome.



We took a bus tour of Rome on our one free day in between our ministry in the UK and our ministry in Potenza, Italy. Rome is a remarkable city with amazing history and beauty.



Coliseum



Fountain

From Rome we took a bus to Potenza, Italy and held an open air meeting, a weekend retreat at a church there and we also preached the Easter Sunday sermon. Pastor Valerio and Rosemarie were a lovely couple with two great children. They had us at their place several times.



But, we slept in our own special house.



Pastors & our hosts



Our host home

They did not speak English, but we had a great time with them and their older children who did speak English. We used our I Phone Translator and we were all able to communicate. Several people from the area had us into their homes for meals and took us on tours of the town. We love the Italian people. They are all so happy! We held several different meetings and were in

Potenza for 5 days. Then Pastor and his family drove us to Napoli where we caught a ferry to the Island of Capri where we got a B & B with a delightful Christian lady that owned the place. She fed us well and lined us up with a Taxi tour of the Island - which included the amazing blue water cave and fascinating history going back to Kings in the Bible.



In a rowboat

in the blue cave... beautiful
We ferried back to Napoli and flew from there to Budapest where we were met by our good Catholic friend Tamas Haver. He had lined up several meetings, one with Protestant and Catholic couples and another with just Catholic couples from his group.



Tamas then drove us to the town of Gyor where we stayed with Zsolt and Antija Katona. He is translating materials for Andrew Wommack from English into Hungarian. He arranged an evening meeting in town on the subject of finances and then he and his family took us to another town about 5 hours away for another weekend seminar. At that location (Miskolc), we were housed with 4 other Hungarian singles that also attended the seminar. There were two couples that were pastor/leaders in that group and they arranged

meetings and led praise & worship and provided housing for Zsolt and Antija. Zsolt was our translator.



Musicians



Zsolt

(couldn't turn picture! Sorry!)

During the 4 weeks of ministry, people made decisions for Christ, received the Holy Spirit, and strengthened their marriages. It was a wonderful, fruitful trip. We made many new friends and received a bunch of invitations to come back some day.

We arrived back home on May 6th and since then have been in KS, IL, and Glenwood Springs, CO visiting our sons, grandkids, and Lauren's mother (for Mother's Day).

Rocky Mountain Retreat - May 26-30th in Estes Park, CO.

We are now preparing for our annual week long retreat in Estes Park. After that retreat we are flying to California for some much needed R & R and then on to Yellowstone with some board member couples.

Thanks to everyone that prays for us! Also, thanks to those that partner with us financially. We could not do what we do without your support!

**Keep Climbing,
Roger & Lauren Traver
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