

RESTORATION *Ministries*



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Dear Prayer Partners,

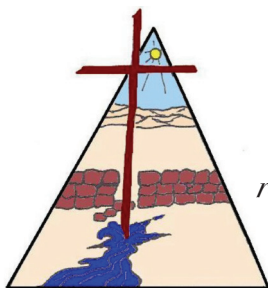
The O.T. book of Nehemiah unfolds the story of a man called by God to lead God's people in rebuilding the walls around Jerusalem after the Israelites returned from 70 years of captivity. The sin of an earlier generation had brought shame, brokenness, and the discipline of God. Word came to Nehemiah that God's people were "in great trouble and disgrace. The wall of Jerusalem is broken down, and its gates have been burned with fire" (Neh. 1:3). God's people were hurting due to the consequences of sin and oppression from their enemies. Nehemiah was burdened to do something. As he fervently prayed, God put a burden on His heart to return to Jerusalem and lead God's people in rebuilding the walls to protect their families, and city and restore the Lord's testimony.

God's hand was upon Nehemiah, and all the help and the resources for building the walls were provided. God's people worked together and Neh. 6:15-17 says, "the wall was completed ... in 52 days. When all our enemies heard about this ... they realized that this work had been done with the help of our God."

As we complete another year of caring for individuals, couples and families who have been affected by the damage that comes through living in a sinful fallen world, we are thankful for each of you who have come along side us to help accomplish the work God is doing through Restoration Ministries.

We pray that you and yours will be blessed as you celebrate God's marvelous love and grace in sending His Son to be the Savior of all who trust Him for salvation and eternal life, and may the Lord empower and give you wisdom to accomplish His Kingdom purposes in your life in 2014.

Rejoicing in The King of Kings,
Roger and Brenda Daum



Isaiah 58:11-12

Insights for Relationships

When Adam and Eve disobeyed God they immediately experienced three negative emotions that all of us experience as a result of the fall of mankind. What are these emotions that so deeply affect? What has God provided so we don't need to be controlled by these emotions?

Guilt – Adam and Eve's eyes were opened and they felt guilty. Guilt means "to be "worthy of blame". They had sinned and disobeyed God and knew it. Their eyes were opened (Gen. 3:7). True guilt is the result of what we do. We have sinned before the Lord and are "worthy of blame" belonging to us. No amount of blame shifting can remove the fact that we too are guilty in God's eyes. However, the Lord Jesus took all of our guilt to the cross and cried "It's finished" because He completely paid for our sin through His death.

Shame – Adam and Eve realized they were naked and sought to cover themselves by sewing fig leaves together (3:7b). Shame is a cousin of guilt. It often accompanies one's wrongdoing but is connected to who we are. Shame can also be the result of growing up in an environment of shame or of being shamed or as a result of emotional, verbal, physical, spiritual or sexual abuse--toxic undeserved shame is dumped on a person by someone else. The Lord Jesus also took all our shame to the cross (Heb. 12:2b) and we are given a new identity as believers in Christ (2 Cor. 5:17).

Fear – Adam and Eve hid out of fear (3:10). There are many fears we struggle with (failure, rejection, abandonment, loss, being controlled, embarrassed, discovery, ect.) along with guilt and shame that can adversely affect relationships and our responses in life. These emotions are often at the root of perfectionism, being controlling, or being driven. The Lord has provided His presence, peace, power, and promises to help us over come our fears.

As you celebrate the Lord's coming this year, I want to encourage you to rest in the Lord and what He has done for you to meet these spiritual and emotional needs in your life. Allow Him to have access to whatever is causing these emotions and bring emotional healing to your heart.

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Upcoming Conferences

Men's Retreat at Timberlake Ranch Camp near Marquette, Nebraska January 17-18, 2014.

Roger will be teaching on "Rebuilding from Failure to Be a Blameless Man".

See http://restorationministriesonline.weebly.com/uploads/1/2/3/6/12360566/mens_retreat_2014.pdf for more information.

"Essentials To Enjoying Marriage"

Friday & Saturday, January 24-25, Berean Church in Broken Bow, Nebraska

Church in Broken Bow, Nebraska

(For married couples or those preparing for marriage). Watch our website for more details.

<http://restorationministriesonline.weebly.com/conference-schedule.html>

Praise & Prayer Items

1. In 2013 about 60 households came from Nebraska, 10 other states, & Canada for counseling & relationship coaching. On average 25 hours is given to each household. We praise God for the transforming work He is doing in lives & marriages.
2. Nearly 50 people attended the "Equipping People to Help People" training for those desiring to learn how to help people resolve the emotional wounds & hindrances to discipleship & spiritual growth.
3. For God's guidance in preparation for upcoming conferences, & for new messages Roger is developing to help men understand how they can "Rebuild From Failure to be a Blameless Man." Pray that God uses these messages at the men's retreat at Timber Lake Ranch Camp.
4. For enjoyable times spent with family. We are thankful that most of our family live nearby & we can spend time with them.
5. That God will give the specific wisdom & insight needed to minister to each person who comes & that they will experience the personal ministry of the Lord Jesus in healing their hearts & freeing them to walk in fellowship with Him & one another.

Testimonies

A wife writes:

"My husband and I would like to thank you for your help and hospitality. So much is in our hearts and heads right now that it's hard to put it into words. I know God is at work and He has a great plan for us. Thank you for your labor of love in our family."

A couple writes:

"Thanks so much for all you allowed the Holy Spirit to do through you. We have really noticed a healing and growth in our marriage. Keep up the great work."

A wife writes:

"You so gently and with compassion brought us back to childhood to deal with the emotional pain that we could not face on our own. You clearly identified Satan's lies behind those emotional pains and have shown us the Biblical truths to get rid of those dangerous lies and given us practical tools to improve our communication with one another."

A mother whose son and daughter in law came writes:

I prayed for a miracle in our family but I'm not sure I really expected one! Thank you both for allowing God to use you in this powerful ministry."

A couple writes:

Thank you so much for the ministry of restoration! Our visit with you was just what we needed and we are working hard to connect and share our hearts fully and honestly with each other."

Report From The Philippines:

During our training seminars in the Philippines in 2008 we partnered with Ed & Norma Gaston. They are a Christian Filipino couple who train Christians to minister to the broken hearted & help them experience the power of Jesus Christ. They are also Biblical counselors. Since Restoration Ministries plays a small part in their ministry through prayer or occasional love gifts we want to include updates about their work. If you desire to send a tax-deductible gift to the Gaston's you may do so by designating for "Philippine Ministry". Here is a brief update from Ed and Norma:

"It is with much gratitude to God & each one of you who prayed & supported us that we look back at 2013! Indeed we could not have done anything without our faithful God & your backing us up.

COUNSELING MINISTRY-216 sessions were conducted in the center for individuals & couples needing help. Several debriefing sessions were held for victims of critical incidents in Mindanao.

SEMINARS-12 counseling, marriage & parenting seminars; 4 discipleship trainings; & 5 diversified farming seminars were conducted.

COUNSELING MENTORING CLASSES-Classes continue with 10 faithful students from 4 different churches in Davao City.

TYPHOON PABLO RELIEF & REHAB PROGRAM-The rehabilitation phase is well underway. The demo farm for diversified farming has successfully yielded the people's first harvest.

100 coconuts, 600 calamansi, guapples, mongoes and squash were planted. A second demo farm is being started. The school now has a 2000 liter water tank donated by a church. Ed preached the Gospel after a farming seminar; around 50 farmers prayed to receive Christ.

TRANSLATION PROJECT-We are now translating a 6-book series for discipleship.

For a complete ministry report for 2013 visit http://restorationministriesonline.weebly.com/uploads/1/2/3/6/12360566/minrep_2013.doc

