

RESTORATION Ministries



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Dear Prayer Partners,

As we celebrated our 40th wedding anniversary June 1st, our hearts were filled with praise that God has allowed us to be a part of what He's doing to bring healing to wounded hearts and transformation in the lives of people, marriages, families, and local churches. In Ps. 146:5-7, we read "Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD his God, ... the LORD, who remains faithful forever.....The LORD sets prisoners free."

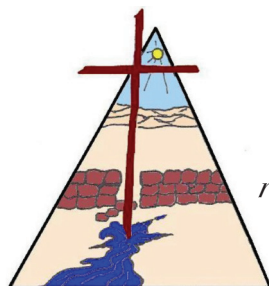
As you browse through this update please note the faithfulness of God. Stop to consider how He's your help, your hope and how He is faithful to you. Thanks so much for having a part in partnering with us through your prayers and faithful support.

Rejoicing in The King of Kings,

Roger and Brenda Daum



Recently Restoration Ministries alumni came together to pray and brainstorm about what's needed to equip couples to come alongside other couples as marriage mentors.



Isaiah 58:11-12

Insights for Relationships by Pastor Roger Daum

I get weekly calls from couples whose marriages are in trouble and are seeking help. What can local churches do to help couples like this? How can we help couples, who get help, continue to make progress in their marriages?

There are many excellent resources and ministries designed to strengthen marriages and families. However, I would like to take the next few segments in our ministry updates to share with you how each of you who are growing in your marriage can be a blessing to other couples by being willing to mentor a married couple.

The dictionary defines a "mentor" as "a wise trusted teacher or guide". This simple definition also describes a life coach or a discipler of others. There are **two mental road blocks** that prevent people from being a mentor that provides encouragement and spiritual care or counsel to others.

- * "Who am I to mentor others because I have so many problems myself?"
- * The second obstacle is, "I don't know what to say."

You may believe that since you haven't completely worked through all your own personal problems in living you are not qualified to help others. This is like stating that a medical doctor must always be well and never get sick in order to medically treat others. **The good news is that having a problem and working on it is the first quality God is looking for in a Biblical mentor.** We see this illustrated in the lives of men and women of faith in the Bible. They were in a **process** of growing and God used them and worked through them in spite of their struggles.

In our next newsletter, we'll explore some Biblical characters and how God worked through them.

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Praise & Prayer Items

1. Several individuals trusted the Lord as their Savior in recent months.
2. Excellent responses to the men's and couple's conferences in January.
3. For wisdom in developing materials to equip couples with strong marriages to come along side of other couples to mentor them.
4. The counseling schedule is nearly full for 2014. Pray that God prepares the hearts of those who are coming. And for wisdom and insight needed to minister to each person who comes. For couples to experience the personal ministry of the Lord Jesus in healing their hearts and freeing them to walk in fellowship with Him and one another.
5. For God's spiritual and physical protection over our family. God miraculously protected Brenda this spring when she lost control of a vehicle on ice and missed a large tree by 2 feet.
6. The tremendous opportunity of expanding the impact of Restoration Ministries into Asia through our co-laborers in the Philippines. Be sure to read the Philippine update below.

Upcoming Conferences

September 12 -13 – **“Equipping People To Help People”** - Presbyterian Church in Kearney, NE.

September 21 -23 – **“Equipping the Church To Help People”** Missions Conference at Callaway Community Church in Callaway, NE.

Testimonies

A wife writes:

“Thank you again for everything you did for us... We cannot begin to explain the miracle that took place to transform both of us.”

A husband writes:

“Thanks again for the time you spent with us. I am emotional thinking of how beneficial it was. I was able to give a testimony of how free my heart felt at the church services the day after we returned. I have found myself being able to love others more than ever before. Of course that includes my wife. We are able to share at a deeper level than ever. We are quick to think about each other's heart. Our kids noticed a difference right away. We are praying for you and your valuable ministry. Thanks for your obedience to God's call.”

A husband who trusted the Lord as His Savior during counseling writes:

“I let all my brothers and sisters know we went through a week of marriage counseling and Christ Jesus came into my heart and we are staying together and building a stronger relationship with God and each other.”

A couple who were near divorce write:

“Words cannot explain the miracle that took place this week. Only the power from above!”

Report From The Philippines:

We have had the privilege of partnering with the Gastons since 2008, helping to equip them with materials, resources, prayer and encouragement. God recently provided a computer for them through Restoration Ministries.

Here are highlights from a recent report from them:

- ◆ Teaching basic counseling skills classes in Burma
- ◆ Conducting a marriage enrichment seminar among tribal pastors and workers in northeast India.
- ◆ Working on translating the 6-book series of “Equip to Serve” discipleship materials.
- ◆ The lay counselors' mentoring class resumed with 12 in training.
- ◆ Helping a continuous flow of counselees.
- ◆ Holding a marriage enrichment retreat with 20 couples. Most talked about issues in their marriage for the first time.
- ◆ Speaking at a young professionals retreat with the theme “Breaking Through the Barriers in Pursuing Holiness.”
- ◆ May 26-June 9 - Traveling to two Asian countries for a counseling summit, training more tribal pastors and workers in marriage counseling.

The Gastons also ask for prayer and wisdom on whether to extend their ministry to having a radio program with the theme “Counseling School On the Air”. Many want to be trained but are limited because of time and finances. The offer came when they are swamped with invitations from different churches for counseling training. If this is God's will, the local radio station wants to start in July. There is also the possibility of presenting such a program to many in Asia through The Far East Broadcasting Company.