

# RESTORATION Ministries



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Dear Friends and Prayer Partners,

In John 15:16 the Lord Jesus told His disciples, "You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last." In the early 70's, the Lord deeply impressed this verse upon my heart. I had no idea of how He would fulfill it in our lives.

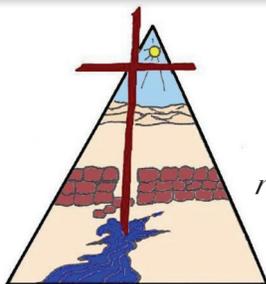
As we reflect on the past 39 years of ministry (9 years through Restoration Ministries), our hearts are humbled that He chose to include us in His salvation plan and kingdom work. We are grateful to the Lord for those who have come along side to equip, encourage, and pray with and for us.

We want to wish you a joyous Christmas season. As you reflect upon God's great love for you in sending His Son to provide salvation to all who receive Him, we want to encourage you to trust the Lord to produce lasting fruit for His glory in and through your lives in 2015.

Rejoicing in Our Redeemer,  
Roger and Brenda Daum

## 2014 Report

- 41 Couples Counseled (Most of them received 25 or more hours)
- 14 Individuals Counseled (Most of them received 15 or more hours)
- 20 Households were from within 50 miles of Cozad. In addition to Nebraska, households came from South Dakota, Kansas, Colorado, Oklahoma, Maine, Maryland, Utah and Canada.
- 8 Salvations
- 5 Conferences



Isaiah 58:11-12

## *Insights for Relationships by Pastor Roger Daum*

A great need in our churches is for Christian couples, who have a healthy marriage, to come alongside of other couples to mentor them. A "mentor" is a "wise trusted teacher or guide". This simple definition also describes a life coach or a discipler of others. Sometimes we as believers think that since we haven't completely worked through all our own personal problems in living we aren't qualified to help 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.

Moses struggled with inner feelings of inferiority and was painfully aware of his inadequacy, lack of authority, and leadership skills (Ex. 3-4). He also struggled with a problem with anger most of his life. God used Gideon to deliver Israel from Midianite oppression in spite of his fear and questioning of God (Judges 6). Jeremiah made excuses about being a prophet because he did not know how to speak and felt he was too young, inadequate, and inexperienced (Jer. 1:6). He was so depressed at one point he wished he had never been born (Jer. 20:14-18). Queen Esther was afraid to go to the King because she was fearful of death (Esther 4:11-14). Paul ministered to others publicly while struggling privately (Rom. 7:15-25).

Biblical mentors are believers in Christ who have problems but are working through them biblically to maturity and Christ likeness. They are learning how to apply God's truths in their own lives, marriages, families and are willing to lovingly come alongside of another person or couple or a small group of couples to help them learn to love and live in Christ.

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## Upcoming Conferences

### “Essentials To Enjoying Marriage”

Oxford, Nebraska

Sessions 1-4 – Sunday, Jan. 25, 2 - 8 PM,

Sessions 5 – 6 – Monday, Jan. 26, 7 – 9 PM

For information call 308-991-7074.

### “Transforming Relationships God’s Way”

Apr. 11-14 at the Zion Community Church in Wilmot SD.

## *Testimonies*

### A husband and wife write:

*What you are doing with Restoration Ministries is “a gift from above”. You are such an encouragement to so many! Especially us! We could see you every year and learn more about God, our marriage, and ourselves. You provided us with hope. Without hope everything else doesn’t matter. Divorced people lost their hope. We have been able to provide hope to other marriages.*

### Someone who trusted Jesus as Savior writes:

*There are no words that I can put together to adequately express my thanks. My heart has been freed of the hurts of 4 decades. I feel ten pounds lighter.*

### A wife writes:

*We are renewed and amazed again at the work of Jesus Christ in our lives.*

### A pastor and wife write:

*We can’t begin to express our sincere thanks for allowing God to use you to repair, restore all the years the locusts have eaten. Jesus has met us in our pain through your wise counsel, the Word of God and the power of prayer. God is using you mightily to bring restoration to His people. Thank you both and thank you Jesus!*

### A husband and wife write:

*How blessed and grateful we are for our time together this week. We would like to express our gratitude for your care, compassion, gentle yet firm leading us into truth.*

## *Praise & Prayer Items*

1. For a fruitful year of ministry. (See the 2014 ministry report and testimony sections)
2. That God would continue to raise up believers who are willing to be trained to help bring healing to the broken hearted. There are currently 4 individuals who are being equipped through an internship with us. It’s exciting to see God opening doors for them to use what they’re learning to help others.
3. Ed and Norma Gaston are co-workers in the Philippines. God is opening many doors for them to train Biblical counselors and do marriage enrichment seminars in Asia. They would like to come take 2 weeks of additional training with us next May. Pray God provides to make that possible.
4. That God will work powerfully in upcoming conferences.
5. Pray for those who are scheduled to come for counseling in 2015. Pray God prepares their hearts, and for wisdom and insight needed to minister to each person.
6. For God’s spiritual and physical protection over our family.
7. On Dec. 1, Roger had surgery to replace his right hip. Pray for a speedy recovery.

## Report From The Philippines:

In addition to what God is doing here through your involvement with Restoration Ministries, we also want to share how your partnership is also being used of God as we come along side Ed and Norma Gaston from the Philippines. We met and began working with them after our training trip to the Philippines with Dr. and Mrs. Lynch in 2008. We include updates from them to encourage you to realize you are having a part in equipping the Body of Christ in Asia to do pastoral counseling. Here are some **highlights from their 2014 report:**

**102** – The number of pastors and wives trained as Biblical counselors in the Philippines, India, and a country closed to the gospel.

**59 individuals** received counseling for personal and marriage needs.

**430 believers** attending counseling or marriage mentoring seminars to learn to help others apply God’s Word to relationships.

**82 couples** attended marriage enrichment seminars. Some of these were in areas or countries closed to the gospel.

**285 families** heard the Gospel through evangelistic messages by Ed as relief supplies were given to Typhoon victims. Many prayed to receive the Lord Jesus as their Savior.

Parenting seminars for **288 parents**.

Norma training **59 women** participants from 17 3rd world countries at the Haggai Institute.

Pray for them as they continue a similar schedule. Norma will be teaching in Hawaii in April of 2015 with the Haggai Institute. She and Ed would like to travel on to Nebraska in May to take 2 weeks of training as I work with couples in our office. This would be a substantial savings in air fares since her fare would already be covered from the Philippines to Hawaii. If you want to give a special gift to help make their training possible, send it to Restoration Ministries and designate it “Gaston’s Training”.