

Confessions of a Daughter of a Minister to Ministers

One of our crew offers her testimony this month in hopes that someone would gain enough courage by her transparency to pursue the Lord's healing touch for themselves. Her story illustrates how childhood misinterpretations of events and interactions with people can cause the planting of 'inadequacy' lies, resulting in huge emotional stress. As with many young girls, the approval of her older brother was very significant to her (unbeknownst to him)! So when he didn't respond as she desired, she made conclusions of inadequacy, fear and shame. As she grew older, these beliefs about herself grew in intensity, affecting every relationship and social situation in which she found herself. Rather than "stuffing" that pain and accepting it as "just part of life", she sought the Lord for healing and received His truth about herself to replace the lies she was living. Her story illustrates the glorious peace and liberty that is available when we allow the Lord to touch those deep places of pain.

"Maybe some of you faithful readers are wondering what it's like to be the daughter of the world famous Neil Harmsworth! Well, it's pretty exciting, I have to say! It has also been extremely rewarding! Besides the obvious perks of helping out with cooking, cleaning, guest bed-making, and generally helping with ministry and retreats, our employee benefits include free prayer ministry sessions with Dad!



Now I ask you, how is it that a 19-year-old Christian girl, having grown up in a wonderful, Christian family, with *perfect* Christian parents, could have so many hidden lies and wounds?! I have no idea, but somehow I've got 'em! (Hate to break it to you who imagined that we here at NMM are pretty much perfect!) But the cool thing is, I'm on the same journey with y'all, and I'm seeing results!

Last month we got the opportunity to go visit my cool brother, Josh, in Hawaii! Besides that it was great to see him, visit with his friends and enjoy the beautiful island, I was surprised to find a phenomenon in me that I wasn't expecting: *Peace!* *cont. on page 2*

News

- ✂ Boat pursuit continues this month with another personal appeal to the owner of MV 'No Boundaries' to gift his unused boat to the ministry and then a low offer to purchase. Both were turned down (for now).
- ✂ Neil's monthly men's fellowship group met on our little boat with prayer and discussion happening between pulling up crab pots! The guys had an inspiring and encouraging time and a delicious crab feast afterward!
- ✂ This month we hosted numerous **first time** recipients of prayer counseling and retreat ministry. It's always a delight and privilege to partner with the Lord in bringing more freedom to His kids!



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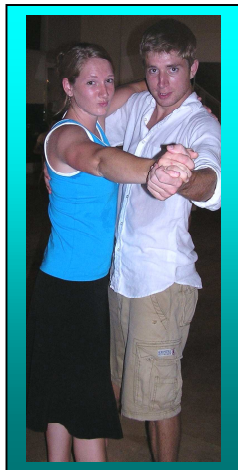
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“While spending time with Josh, hanging out with his friends, going to Ceroc dancing lessons, etc., I was exposed to certain circumstances, people, and events that I had been dreading for weeks. These places and activities had been haunting me because they represented pain. No, I take that back, they *incarnated* pain! Whatever it was, the thought of them tapped into some past hurts of mine, and the feelings of inadequacy, fear, and shame were enough to make me want to stay home! So in the months before our trip, I determined **to go after** my faulty belief system.”



The absence of peace is the evidence of a lie in operation.

“In these last few years, I have gotten quite used to doing Theophostic Prayer Ministry on my own - just Jesus and me working through my baggage - as well as getting help from Dad when I’m stuck. So as things surface, as life bumps up against my wounds, we have been chipping away at the lies.

“This lifestyle has been normal for years, but I seldom feel like it’s actually worth it, like I’m actually getting closer to havng perfect peace inside all the time, no matter what my circumstances. But when Julie and I landed in the Kona airport and our brother was there to pick us up, I began a week of great joy!

“It wasn’t a big flash of lightning or an all-of-a-sudden-you’re-perfectly-healed-and-whole sort of thing; it was the realization that years of healing had actually made it possible to be at peace in the present. Maybe that sounds dumb coming from a kid like me, who really has no idea what a painful life is. But the fact is that the people, occurrences and activities that I thought were going to make me squirm and want to run away were instead peaceful and enjoyable! Boy, life is a lot more fun when there’s peace! Now when people ask, ‘How was Hawaii?’, the most impacting thing in my

mind is not the white sand beaches and palm trees. The reason I respond with a resounding, “Amazing!” is that, for the first time—consciously—I was really **feeling** the freedom of Jesus!

After all that said, I know probably none of you out there can relate to having wounds and all, but if you have any friends that have issues, you can encourage them that there’s hope. *Betsy*

The enemy wants to convince us that it is normal to live with pain, shame and fear. **Jesus is here to convince our hearts that it is normal to live with peace – in every circumstance - and freedom in any crowd!**

Lord, what’s wrong with this picture?!

Where can pastors, missionaries and Christian leaders financially afford to go for help when they are hurting? How can ‘caregiver’ ministries – and their staff – afford to donate their services to those most deserving but least able to pay or donate?

Lord, what is wrong with this picture and how can I help?

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