

June 2010



Hope for Marriages!

God is “on the move” in ways I've never experienced before! What I'm referring to is the issue of failing marriages. The norm in our culture has been that when a married couple is struggling, especially if they are separated, the likelihood of the marriage surviving is near zero.

Recently we were contacted by a couple whose marriage was in critical trouble. They both loved the Lord and seemed committed to keeping things together, but habitual patterns of mistrust and anger had driven a deep wedge between them until finally it seemed absolutely hopeless!

On May 24th ‘Mary’ wrote: *“After 32 years of struggling with many issues, my marriage hit the biggest grand finale crisis of all and it seemed really over for good this time. The devastation and rejection I felt were simply unbearable.”*

They scheduled an intensive retreat with us but the night before they were to arrive, ‘Joe’, the husband, changed his mind and didn't come. Extremely disappointed, Mary came alone, and the Lord met her in a powerful way. She writes, *“During that weekend, the Holy Spirit brought so much healing to places in my heart where I had been carrying wounds my whole life. I left free from so much baggage! I came home able to deal with my marriage crisis from a whole new place of peace and emotional health. Instead of reacting out of fear and pain, I could see the situation so much more clearly and make decisions from a place of faith and peace.”*

Joe, seeing the change in Mary, decided to give it a try a few weeks later. It was equally as powerful for him. The Lord showed him that the roots of his anger stemmed from horrible early childhood abuse. Through encounters with the Lord, Joe experienced dramatic breakthroughs of freedom in his soul. The following email, sent by Mary, came several days after Joe had returned home.

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News & Praises

-God's goodness and power displayed this month in two marriages with happy turn-arounds.

-Scholarship funds were available to help the couple (‘Joe’ & ‘Mary’) mentioned at left, as well as another single woman who was unable to pay.

-Neil participated in a weekend Speed Learning course - trying to catch up to his daughters!

-Josh finished up another feature film shoot in Washington D.C. Next stop: home, for a little bit until the next assignment.

-Betsy has been raising funds for “Living H2O Project” (http://firstgiving.com/clean_water) by baking and selling fresh bread. She reports: *The response has been AMAZING! Since last Sunday, I've baked 52 loaves of bread and we have raised \$553!!! Living H2O only needs \$100 more to reach the \$5,000 goal to build a fresh water well in a third world country!*

Here are some of the bread specs:

52 loaves of homemade bread, 26 eggs, 30 tablespoons of yeast, and approx. 200 cups of freshly-ground flour.

Thank you everyone for your support, gifts and encouragement! This has been a week to remember! ~Betsy



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WOW!!! Who is this person? I hardly recognize the man who came home!! I am still stunned speechless and weeping with joy. God did something so over the top miraculous I can hardly believe it. [Joe] has talked to me more in the last 3 days than in the last 20 years. He is utterly transparent, honest, humble and loving. He has asked forgiveness for EVERYTHING - not in general but for specific things that he has never been able to even acknowledge in the past. He has talked to [daughter] and taken responsibility for what happened and told her that if she is angry at anyone, it should be him not me. He took [other daughter] out to dinner last night to talk to her and ask forgiveness. She now says she is ready to return. Before, she would not speak to him and refused to be in the same house. We are moving home today!

There was much shouting and “whooping” in the Harmsworth house that day!

The very next day, we received a call from the husband of another couple **inviting us to their marriage recommitment ceremony!** This is a couple who had been stuck in a seemingly hopeless marriage and separated for two years! It was an awesome time of celebration!



John and Sarah, renewing their vows.

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A new season of breakthrough has arrived! In this new season, the slightest gesture of humility and openness offered to God is an irresistible invitation for Him to come pouring in with transforming LIFE! He is bringing sudden encounters with Himself that renew the minds of these deeply wounded, seemingly irreconcilable partners. If there is a desire to be changed and a willingness to receive it, God is more than capable to handle it!

Prayer Requests

-Gardeners needed! Garden days scheduled for June 29, July 6, July 10 and July 14.

-More scholarship funds needed! We have used up all the scholarship funds and need more to not only help individuals and couples come for Private Healing Retreats but to help small groups with training events to prepare more prayer counselors.

-More of God's favor, wisdom and revelation.

Blessings to you from Capt. Neil and Crew~

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