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Ministry News

The most common question we get when we see some friends we've not seen for a while is "What are you planning to do next?" We really have to say that we don't know what is in our future, only God has the answer to that question!

That doesn't mean we just sit around waiting for someone to ask us to speak or teach or be part of a conference or whatever might come along.

We constantly are involved in counseling or mentoring men and women one on one on a regular basis but we

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don't always have a "Big Event" to participate in.

We are sure God has plans for "Big Events" in our future, we just don't know what they might be at this point.

What have we been doing?

Georgia serves on a team that presents a yearly conference for women titled "Betrayal Redeemed" that was held this past October in Lake Oswego.



Is Frosty on his way?

Georgia served as the "Emcee" this year as well as presenting two workshops. Dennis was privileged to

serve as the Parking Lot Attendant and "Security Patrol" for the event. In any case he was told that it was a privilege while being told to volunteer for the opportunity.

In November, Georgia was the Saturday Morning opening presenter at the Oregon City Evangelical Church's annual Women's Retreat. Her presentation was well received. She also was asked to provide 200 of her bookmarks as part of the gift bag that all of the ladies were given. She is SO creative!

Dennis was invited to speak at the Men's Ministry breakfast at the Mt. Scott Church of God in Portland in October. He also spoke at the Men's Breakfast at Hillside Christian Fellowship in November.

We both continue to prepare for whatever might come along in the future so if you are aware of any men's or women's groups that you think we may be a resource for, please gives a call.



Merry Christmas Friends!

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Couples' Groups Judged a Great Success!

We completed our second Couples Recovery Group in early November. Georgia and I developed a workbook to use to help couples "kick start" or "boost" their recovery process as a couple.

We titled the workbook "Under Construction" and through the two groups we have led we have discovered that the workbook itself is "Under Construction" on an ongoing basis as we learn more about what is needed.

We're learning from each other what is important and what isn't as a couple goes through recovery from the trauma of sexual addiction and betrayal together. You can read a few quotes from the groups on page 2.

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What “They” Are Saying

They, in this case, are the couples that have participated in our two “Under Construction” recovery groups for couples that we coordinated this past spring and fall.

At the last night of our group we ask the couples to complete an evaluation of our time together and here are some excerpts from the evaluations:

“We are communicating much better. We have moved past denial into working out our individual issues.”

“Thanks for giving us an opportunity to work on our recovery together, a place where couples could openly share.”

“We are not unique in the problems we deal with in our marriage. Marriage takes two people working together.”



Couples Working Together to Avoid a Fall!

“It has provided us a weekly time and place to talk honestly and specifically about things that we have avoided or ignored but which have kept us stuck. It helped me to feel validated as I related to other women.”

“I have seen my shortcomings and confessed my sins.”

It has been so good to meet and help these couples as they move toward health in their marriages!

How Do We Do It?

How do we continue to be involved so personally in peoples’ lives? The easy answer is that God has used our own experiences and what we have learned in our own recovery to help others.

The other part of the answer though is because we are supported financially through friends, family, and churches by their

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support through ICM, we are then available when needed. We do have scheduled times where we meet weekly with men and women one on one for counseling and mentoring as they journey along their road to recovery.

However, the flexibility in our days allows us to be there for that “Emergency Room” call from someone that has just disclosed their addiction or discov-

ered their spouse’s betrayal and those times aren’t scheduled!

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When we get those phone calls or have those meetings and provide counsel of our own or connect them to other resources, we get to see people begin to heal. We can only do this because friends and churches have supported us over the past six years and we are grateful!

How Can You Help?

We began “doing” missions many years ago as we were both members of our church’s mission committee or team as it was called. I moved into some leadership positions over the years eventually become that church’s “Missions Pastor”.

We have met and been part of or have made friends with many missions agencies and missionaries in the past and have had a lot of opportunities to say “Yes” or “No” when asked to support a

particular person or ministry. We understand how, especially during the past few years, it can be difficult to support a cause and still have enough to provide for yourself and your family.

We’ve been on both sides of that fence for sure so when we talk about our own needs for support we know that some may respond and some won’t but



Happy New Year!

that’s ok. We appreciate all of you.

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