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Looking Forward in 2010

The New Year is here, the holiday season is over and everyone is getting back into the routine of everyday life. In our case, we're not sure that we have a routine or have had a routine for several years now. Some time back we expressed that we go where we are invited and do what we're asked to do. That sort of "routine" is certainly outside our comfort zone but in a sense we have grown used to this non routine, routine.



Dennis serves as part of the steering team for Mission Connexion Northwest. This event is scheduled for January 15-16th and you can learn more about it by going to www.missionconnexion.com. This is a huge mission event sponsored by local churches in the Northwest and the price is right; free!

In addition to this missions event, Dennis also serves on the "Perspectives Team" that is bringing the class "Perspectives on the World Christian Movement" to Portland and begins on January 19. Check this out at www.perspectives.org.



Together, we both serve on the steering team of the first annual member care conference in Portland which is being called "Care Connexion. This conference is focused on caring for missionaries and connecting all of the elements or communities involved in member care which are: the local church, the counseling community, educators and the mission agencies. (Continued on page 3)

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The cool thing is that we know that we are part of a larger picture in God's plan. We know there are times that trying to figure out where we fit is like putting together a puzzle. Each of us has been shaped by God to fit exactly where he has planned for us to be. Basically, we just actively wait for God's next assignment. Active waiting to us is being used while we wait for this next assignment. Here is how we are being used or will be used in 2010:



Dr. Phil Walker speaking to a group in Portland recently about African leadership and the new emphasis on Shepherd Scholarships.

As Georgia and I serve with ICM and offer our experience and resources to churches and mission agencies, we always keep in mind the main focus and purpose of International Christian Ministries: "ICM Exists to serve the church by discipling and equipping its leaders." The main geographical area of ICM's focus is on the continent of Africa. ICM is dedicated to equipping African leaders to solve African problems with African solutions. In a recent article by ICM's USA president Phil Walker, he presented a challenge to all of us to assist the emerging African leaders in receiving the ongoing training to enable them to be equipped to lead the church in solving African problems. Here is the article in its entirety. Please consider and pray about the challenge presented. If you would be interested in learning more about ICM and the work in Africa, just let us know.

The Church in Africa, counter to what you may have heard, is not in a leadership vacuum. Over the past decade, the first of the new century, Africa has been in a leadership **transition**. The old school leaders who looked to the West for solutions have been giving way to a **new breed** of African leaders. The new leadership that is emerging has greater confidence and faith in the living God. They believe that God is calling them to address the most severe problems in Africa with solutions that come from Africa. They are not waiting for someone from the West to bring money and solutions. They are addressing African problems in a uniquely African way and finding solutions that fit the African context.

The second decade of the 21st century belongs to the **New African Leader**. These men and women are committed to living their lives as faithful, committed servants of God within their communities. They are focusing on two things:

1. **Solving** the very real problems faced by the African community
2. **Raising** up multitudes of leaders who can lead the millions of believers in Africa to fulfill the Great Commission in Africa and beyond.

ICM is proclaiming the second decade of the 21st Century as: The Decade of the African Leader

Portland area Friends of ICM gather to hear Phil speak about ICM in Africa



Training and equipping this new breed of leaders is the top agenda for ICM. We are committed to training leaders who are already in the ministry. Our focus is twofold: depth of character and expansion of skills and capacity. I would like to challenge you to be part of fueling the *Decade of the Leader*. Join with us to help the new generation of leaders in Africa become equipped to solve African problems with African solutions.

A one year scholarship that keeps leaders in their churches and ministries while providing them with **quality training** is \$1,800 per year (\$150 per month). Why not start the New Year by helping cover the cost of all or part of a scholarship? You can send donations to:

ICM/Scholarship Fund, Box 9071, Bakersfield, CA 93389 or go online to make a donation.

From all of us at ICM, thank you for partnering to train and equip..."African Leaders to Solve African Problems With African Solutions."

Looking Ahead (Cont. from p. 1)

We are scheduled to do a workshop at this event which is scheduled for April 16-17, 2010. You can learn more about this event by going to www.careconnexion.org



Georgia serves on a team that plans and produces a yearly conference for women who have experienced a betrayal by their husband and who are dealing with the trauma of their spouse's sexual addiction and recovery. Georgia generally does one or two workshops at this Betrayal Redeemed conference. The conferences are held in Portland in September and in Pleasant Hill, California in October. (Cont. Next column)



Scenes From Christmas 2009



We both are involved with individuals and couples who are addicts and spouses of recovery sex addicts. This issue is becoming a bigger problem than anyone could have imagined before the creation of the internet. We serve as the "ER" team for those just beginning the road to recovery and serve as mentors or sponsors for some for extended periods of time.

We don't really know where in the world we will be called to next but we hope to be able to participate with ICM Africa in the near future. High speed internet has come to Africa and we know that pastors and leaders need to prepare for what will follow as more and more people have access to inappropriate web sites.

Until our next invitation, we will continue to serve the local church and ministries as they request our help.

Thank you so much to each of you and to our supporting churches for making this ministry possible!



Yes, I want to be a partner with Dennis & Georgia Miller serving in ICM

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- I want to keep up to date on your ministry by receiving your newsletters
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1) Option for Electronic Giving from Bank Accounts (ACH):

You may pay by electronic donation. Your gift is automatically deducted from your bank account on the 15th of each month (or the first banking day following the 15th). If you choose this option, please mail the ACH form below to ICM, along with a **voided blank check** or savings account deposit slip.

2) Two options to give via Credit Card:

- a) **Online monthly credit card donations:** You may visit our website www.icmusa.org and choose the feature "Automatic monthly charge". In the comment box, please stipulate how you would like your donation to be allocated; otherwise it will be allocated to ICM's General Fund. This automatic **ONLINE** debit to your credit card will occur just after the 10th of each month.
- b) **Monthly credit card donations:** Your monthly credit card donation will be deducted from your account just after the 10th of each month. If you choose this option, please mail or fax the completed credit card form below to ICM.

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