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FUNDING STILL NEEDED FOR RUSSIA TRIP

The total cost for the trip is about \$5000. We have been blessed to have received over \$3500 so far from churches and individuals to help us get this far.

We appreciate all of you that have given to support us in this ministry opportunity.

If others would like to contribute to this ministry trip see page 3. Thank You!

(Indicate on your donation that it is for Miller trip to Russia)

Some Changes in our Russia Plans

We continue to make plans for our ministry trip to Russia in October. The most recent change is that the other team members from the church in Indiana have had to pull out of the trip due to scheduling conflicts

What this means is that now Georgia and I are doing the entire ministry at the marriage retreat by our selves.

Georgia seems to come up with really good presentations fairly easily while Dennis struggles. Georgia feels Dennis's main struggle is procrastination which could be the bottom line issue!

We will do the original teaching about the Biblical basis of marriage but we will add several sessions on marriage related topics such as sexual purity in marriage, the dangers of pornography and other issues.

Our missionary hosts, Dwayne & Kara Goldman said they would like us to "open as many cans of worms as possible". How would you like that assignment?

Dwayne Goldman spent a few days with us in August as he spoke at the Oregon Camp meeting and at a local church here in Portland.

We always enjoy showing our

guests the beauty of Oregon and the great Pacific Northwest. Here is a picture of us with Dwayne at Mt. Hood where we enjoyed a great lunch at Timberline Lodge.



Georgia Speaks at Conference

Georgia recently presented workshops at a women's conference in Pleasant Hill, California.

Georgia is pictured here with Bill Mathews, Senior Pastor of Oak Park Christian Center where the conference was held. For her story see page 3.



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IT'S BACK TO SCHOOL TIME!



Just when we thought because we were empty nesters we wouldn't ever be bothered by this time of year. Our kids are all grown and gone and on their own and they are the ones having to face "back to school" with their children.

However, God does work in mysterious ways or so we have heard. So, what about the back to school season is affecting us? Quite simply, Dennis is going back to school!

Dennis applied for admission to and was accepted at Rockbridge Seminary and classes began in September. Dennis is studying for his Master's Degree in Ministry Leadership with a Concentration on Recovery Ministry.

It has been 10 years since he graduated from Warner Pacific College and we thought for a long time that a Mas-

ter's degree was just out of the question, due to both geographic and financial concerns.

However, Rockbridge offers a totally on line learning experience and because they are a total on line institution the tuition is about half of the most inexpensive seminaries we have looked into.

In addition, he can study and do the



Rockbridge Seminary

access to the internet. We've already arranged that when we are in Russia we will have internet access. The course requires that you log on and participate 5 days out of every week or you will be dropped from the course.

Another helpful aspect of this Seminary is

coursework from anywhere in the world where we have

that you can pay tuition monthly and if there is a need to skip a term or two you can pick up again where you left off with no penalty or need to re-register.

One more item, if any of you find that you may want to enroll, refer to my name and I'll receive a \$250 tuition reduction! So...enter and sign in please!

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go to www.icmusa.org and click on the donation page where you can designate your gift to "Millers" or use the form on page 3 of this newsletter. We appreciate all of you who have faithfully supported us in the past and we look forward to continued partnership. If you are giving a gift specifically for the Russia trip please indicate that on the form.

Towards Hope: by Georgia

"Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves have received from God." II Cor.1:3-4

For the last 2 years, I've been privileged to be on the leadership team for an annual women's conference in the Portland area called "Betrayal Redeemed". After the first conference, a woman from California talked with the director and asked if the conference could be held in California so for the last two years, they have been working and

planning for the event that was held this past weekend. I was invited, along with the director and her husband, to come and speak to the women who would be gathered there. These are women who have experienced the betrayal and brokenness caused by marital infidelity or the sexual addiction of their husbands. The conference was held at Oak Park Christian Center in Pleasant Hill, California, a suburb of Oakland where we received a very warm welcome from Pastor Bill Mathews and his staff. This was a first for them and I'm sure it won't be the last conference of this type. They saw first hand the need for women to be encouraged and given

hope through workshops and the sharing of resources and information.

Some women who were there had been living with their husband's addiction for years while others were brand new to the knowledge and in a state of absolute shell-shock. We wanted them all to hear the message that they are not alone and that whatever choices their husband's made were not their fault in any way. The pain of being betrayed in this way has the ability to isolate a woman causing her to separate herself from the very people who could be her support group. The other side of that, sadly, is that not everyone (Christians included) is a "safe" person for her. She needs love, support, encour-

agement, and hope, not more shame, guilt, blame, or questions about her part in his addiction.

I had wondered why we were going a full day ahead of the conference but as we were picked up from the airport we discovered that we each had two women to counsel with before the conference even started. God has a plan and we don't always get to know what it is beforehand. It is a privilege to be used by God to bring hope for the possibility of healing to hurting women. God can and will use the worst things in our lives for His glory if we will allow it. Genesis 50:20 says, "You (the enemy) intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives." God wins.....the enemy loses.



Serious and not so serious moments presenting one of my two workshops at the "Betrayal Redeemed" conference in the Bay Area.



Georgia and Dr. Sandy Wilson at their book table

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