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Now In Our 17th Year

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OUR 20TH YEAR OF SERVING GOD'S SERVANTS

JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2016

PAL WORKSHOP

Saturday, April 23, 2016

9:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m.



Maybe this time I'll get the date right. We received word that the first two weeks in April work best for our team to assist the Frerichs in Peru. That required changing the date for our Pastors & Leaders Workshop. It was then I realized I printed the wrong date in our last newsletter.

We are still working on other speakers, but the main emphasis of this one day workshop will be on developing a more effective ministry team. As part of this we will be looking at learning styles and how God desires to use the different gifts and insights of those on leadership teams to bring balance to our ministries. The focus will be to understand how God has "hard-wired" us to see things from a unique perspective and to recognize how important it is for ministry health that we value the perspective of other godly leaders. The heart of a healthy New Testament church is a healthy ministry TEAM.

I have been privileged to share this material for over twenty years at Moody Bible Institute Spokane and at other conferences and churches. God can use this insight to bring new focus and encouragement to your ministry. Pastors and church leaders, if you plan to attend, please email me @ ghippe@integrity.com with a list of attendees or phone me at 509.995.6777. Lunch will also be provided at no charge. There is a money-back guarantee if you are not completely satisfied. 😊

COST: YOUR TIME / NO \$

Location: Valley Bible Church, Spokane Valley, WA * Sullivan Road & 32nd Avenue
From I-90, take the Sullivan Road exit south to 32nd Avenue



CELEBRATE WITH US IN OCTOBER

20 YEARS OF SERVING GOD'S SERVANTS



MARK YOUR CALENDAR & ADD THE DATE TO YOUR CELL PHONE

You are cordially invited to attend a celebration of God allowing us to serve through Eagle Summit Ministry for the past twenty years. This is one small way to say "THANK YOU" for your prayer, financial support and encouragement over the past two decades. Our informal time of fellowship will include refreshments, a PowerPoint presentation and a ministry update with a little fun from Arnold (maybe others). We will also share our plans for the future. Even if you can only attend for a few minutes, we would love to have you stop in grab some refreshments and say, "HI."

DATE: Saturday, October 8, 2016 **TIME:** 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. **LOCATION:** New Hope Bible Church

IT WOULD BE GREAT TO HAVE YOU CELEBRATE WITH US.

PREPARATIONS CONTINUE FOR OUR March 31-April 14

PERU MISSION TRIP

Our team has met twice. Beginning the second week of January, we plan to meet most Thursdays nights through March for training and prayer, as we prepare to serve once again with Steve and Kelley Frerichs in Lima, Peru and surrounding areas. I will be leading the "Peru Crew II (or 2.0)." One of the topics we will focus in on is a study of Roman Catholicism and how it differs from Scripture. Peru is predominantly Roman Catholic, at least nominally. Different aspects of native religions have been adapted into their belief system as well.

The two puppets you helped us purchase for our last trip will be traveling with us once again. I'm still debating about traveling with Arnold. I could put his head in a carry-on (since that part of him is irreplaceable), but I'm wondering with all the strings and pulleys and mechanisms inside of him, there might be some TSA



issues. We are still considering purchasing the remote control ventriloquist face mask mentioned in the last newsletter and taking that with us as well. We have about 1/3rd of the funds needed to have this custom made. Pictured is a mask similar to the one we are considering. This makes anyone an instant "dummy" and I AM IN CONTROL. 🤖 If you are able and God impresses you to assist financially, simply mark your gift **"VENT MASK."** **"THANK YOU"** to those who have already given.

During our two weeks in Peru, we plan is to assist with children, teen and adult outreach in Lima and surrounding areas, to help as needed with building projects, to assist as the Lord opens doors to present the Gospel in the Highlands where Steve and Kelley are considering a new ministry and as always to remain FLEXIBLE. You will make this possible through your faithful and prayer and financial support. You are our PARTNERS in ministry and for that, we THANK YUOU.

Prayer & Praise

- ✓ Pray for our friends in ministry, Dick & Lil Shanks, as they face the challenge of Dick's recovery from a recent stroke.
- ✓ Please pray for Mark & Teresa Hillborn, part of our family at New Hope Bible Church, as they deal with the challenge of Mark's diagnosis of stage four brain cancer.
- ✓ Please continue to remember LaRae Damschen in prayer. Our latest information is that she continues with difficulties from surgery, but is doing well. She still has housing decisions to make as well.
- ✓ Pray with us that our ESM ministry will be effective and meaningful for eternity as we look forward to the opportunities of 2016.
- ✓ Praise - All 2015 financial ESM Ministry needs have been met.
- ✓ Pray for our Peru Crew II team as we prepare to serve with missionaries, Steve and Kelley Frerichs in April. Pray for effective preparation.
- ✓ Continue to pray for Diane's health and strength. She is still determined to finish the school year driving bus, but is realizing a decrease in strength. PRAISE: No recent ER or hospital visits.
- ✓ UPDATE: Our son, G2, is doing well. He continues with weight loss, but does constantly battle pain from the blood clotting issue in his leg.



THANK YOU FOR HOLDING OUR ARMS UP IN MINISTRY THROUGH PRAYER.

📌 Thoughts from Diane . . . "I DO IT MYSELF!"

Every now and then I think about the times my children were young and memories that weren't necessarily positive but made a lasting impression. My oldest son, George II, was a special challenge to raise. He had a stubborn will that at times completely frustrated me. One such time was when I was out with my Mother and toddler son, George II. We needed to cross the street. Naturally, I reached down to take his hand. I was able to get a hold of him and then he pulled his hand out of mine and said, "I do it myself!" I'm not exactly sure what happened then, but I can tell you that he didn't get his own way. As I've looked back on that day, and I've done it many times over the years, that moment was a gateway into the life that was such a challenge to us as parents.

Starting into the New Year, I'm reading through the Bible once again. I spent time doing some study into the life of Cain. God gave Cain some amazing gifts. He had the gift of being first born to the first parents, born into a beautiful new world. He was a gardener and good at what he did. I can only speculate as to what kind of a child he was. I do know that his mother, Eve, realized that, with the help of God, she gave birth to a boy. Adam and Eve must have been filled with wonder and love. Then along came his brother, Abel. Abel was given the work of tending the flocks. Years passed in between their births and the next part of the story. It showed the progression of sin in Cain's life and how tragedy can happen when we allow our sinful nature to control us.

Cain worked the soil and as offering to God, he gave some of the fruit of that labor. It was almost an afterthought. From his best, Abel gave a generous offering. We see a different attitude between brothers. God dealt with those attitudes. God looked "with favor on Abel and his offering," yet on Cain's offering "He did not look with favor." God then addressed Cain's sin when He said "Why are you angry? Why is your face downcast? If you do what is right, will you not be accepted? But if you do not do what is right, sin is crouching at your door, it desires to have you, but you must master it." That verse really struck my own heart. What proceeded to follow was a chosen path to destruction. There was deceit toward his brother and then he murdered him. Next, God asked him a direct question. Cain answered with a lie. Then God addressed the situation and told him of the consequences of his choices. The story goes on, but I sit here and wonder about the grief that Adam and Eve must have endured, not only the loss of Abel but of knowing their son killed his brother. What questions they may have asked themselves. One might have been, "What did we do wrong?" Then there are the "if only I" or also "What did we fail to . . ." I've been there with my own children.

What struck me the most while reading this was to see myself in the sin of Cain's anger, jealousy, lies, arrogance and even more. God has been so gracious to me. First, He led me to His grace. He sent Jesus to die for my sin and accepted me into His family. He has shown me mercy over the years that I cannot even recount if I tried. He continues to reveal Himself to me through His Word and through prayer. He has the same gift of grace that He's given to me,

waiting for you. We will all stand alone before our Creator. We will all give an account. Like Cain, we become arrogant and can say in our hearts, "Not me, I won't be accountable to God." What if you're wrong. John 3:16 "For God so loved the world that He gave . . ." God gave Cain opportunity to repent of his sin. Cain's choice was to ignore God's warning. Please don't make that same mistake. Eternity is a reality. Heaven is a reality. God made it possible through Christ for us to enter His Heaven. We cannot do it on our own.

II Corinthians 15:58 Standing firm! Diane



How Can We Pray for YOU?



We so appreciate the notes and family updates you send. We look forward to hearing about your life's adventures. Your notes help us know how we can pray for YOU. We enjoy your family updates and encouragement. Remember, every day brings us one day closer to HEAVEN.

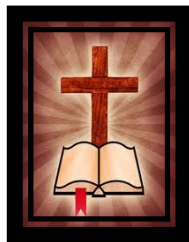
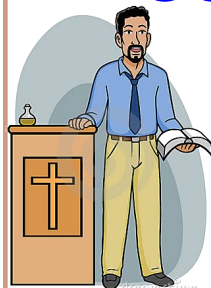
WITH A NEW YEAR, WE EACH FACE NEW CHALLENGES & OPPORTUNITIES.

WE LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU.



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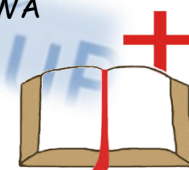


JUST A THOUGHT AS VALENTINE'S DAY APPROACHES . . .
IS IT ENOUGH TO MERELY SAY, "I LOVE YOU?"
GOD NOT ONLY SAID, "I LOVE YOU,"
HE DEMONSTRATED HIS LOVE BY SACRIFICING HIS SON TO
PAY THE FULL DEBT OF OUR SIN, ONCE FOR ALL.



Where We've Been, What We've Been Up to & Where We're Headed Next . . .

November 14—ESM Board Meeting
December 28/January 18—Mending Fences Fellowship, Spokane, WA, Leadership Meeting
January-March/Thursdays—Peru Team Training, New Hope Bible Church, Spokane Valley, WA
February 27—ESM Board Meeting
March 31-April 7—Mission Trip to Peru
April 23—PAL Workshop, Valley Bible Church, Spokane Valley, WA



EACH NEW DAY BRINGS US ONE DAY CLOSER TO ETERNITY. ARE YOU PREPARED?

We Are Available for Pulpit Supply, Even on Short Notice.

Do you need a speaker for a creative outreach program, AWANA or Kid's Club, Sunday School, teen or kid's camps or other special events? Contact us. We are here to serve.

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