

Eagle Summit Ministry

CHALLENGING & ENCOURAGING

small and rural churches
and their pastors.

FRESH ideas

prayer PARTNERING

Family get-aways

preaching, teaching & training



Volume 21 Number 1

STRIVING TO SERVE GOD'S SERVANTS

JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2017

NEW YEAR, NEW CHALLENGES, NEW OPPORTUNITIES

PERU CREW 3.0 - JUNE 2017

You can once again partner with us through prayer and financial support.



We are making preparations and planning training meetings to serve in Peru the last two weeks of June this coming summer. I will be leading our team, working once again with Steve and Kelley Frerichs and national pastors and their families. The preliminary plans include serving with some of the pastors we have served in previous visits presenting the Gospel, doing cleaning, construction, craft projects and other opportunities the Lord gives us.

This trip, we plan to present the Gospel in a new area, in mountain highland villages a few hours east of Lima. From Steve's report, There are new believers in this area. Steve has is very excited about being able to help reach out to villagers with the goal of planting a healthy New Testament church. This is both an exciting and challenging opportunity.

We also face a tight window to have all our travel plans come together. I will be finishing school bus driving on the 16th and we will probably leave on the 17th. In addition, The Frerichs will be traveling back to the states a few days after we leave.

"Sirviendo Siervos de Dios"

It appears that since we will have to travel on weekends, the ticket cost will be more than in the past when we were able to book our flights mid-week. We are estimating that each team member will have to raise about \$2,000 in support. We have several hundred dollars already set aside for this trip.

WE NEED YOUR PARTNERSHIP. YOU MAY NOT BE ABLE TO TRAVEL WITH US, BUT YOU CERTAINLY CAN BE A REAL PART OF THIS SERVICE OPPORTUNITY THROUGH YOUR PRAYER AND FINANCIAL SUPPORT. IF YOU ARE IMPRESSED AND ENABLED, MARK YOUR GIFT "PERU." PLEASE PRAY FOR HEALTH AND EFFECTIVENESS.



HONEY, WE'RE MOVING AGAIN . . .



I grew up in a small town in Central Illinois, Chillicothe, and lived in the same house for eighteen years, we never moved. We have lived in Spokane nearly thirty years. Before moving here in December of 1987, Diane and I had moved twenty-two times in the previous twenty years of marriage. Some of our moves were across town, while others involved cross-country moves. It has been said, "Join the Navy and see the world." It can also be said, "Go into ministry and see the world."

When Diane and I were married in 1969, we moved from our first apartment in Owatonna, MN to a cottage on a state school campus and then after graduation from college we moved to Minneapolis where I attended seminary and served at Plymouth Baptist Church. We thought God would have us serve there for rest of our lives - little did we know. We moved several times while in Minneapolis, from one apartment complex to another where we worked as caretakers while I was in seminary, working a second job and serving at Plymouth Baptist. God redirected, we put our things in storage and then moved to Illinois where we stayed with my parents for a few months, in a mobile home, until God opened the door for us to serve at First Baptist Church in Redondo Beach, CA. The first few weeks, we lived in a motel room until a house opened for us to rent.

Two and a half years later, we moved to Rockford, IL and served there at Windsor Baptist Church. A few years later, we moved to Johnson City, TN and spent a few weeks that summer in dorm rooms on the campus of East Tennessee State University until a temporary house became available. From there we moved to San Francisco, CA where we served at Calvary Baptist Church (we moved three times there) and then here to Spokane, WA (we moved another three times here), serving at Valley 4th Church until God directed us to serve through Eagle Summit in 1996. God gave us the house we are in now and have been here twenty-five years. I look at our first twenty years of ministry as preparation for ministry through Eagle Summit.

I have often considered Abraham and Sarah's adventure when God told Abraham to pack and move. Abraham then relayed God's message to his wife. I'm certain Sarah must have asked, "Where are we going?" I've always been curious as to Sarah's immediate response when Abraham said, "I don't know." Still Sarah faithfully followed her husband's direction as from God. From a human perspective, she could've said, "You're on your own buddy." Who really was the greater example of faith? How many wives would organize a move to a destination unknown?



During all of our adventures in ministry, Diane has faithfully partnered with me, not merely "following." At God's direction, we have taken STEPS of faith and LEAPS of faith, together. I am so grateful for a devoted and loyal wife who has supported and faithfully partnered with me in ministry. She has been willing to take these leaps of faith alongside me and has been my greatest human encourager. If it was not for my Diane, this eagle would have crash landed long ago. You too have been an essential part of this adventure and fulfillment of a passion God placed in my heart. For that, we thank you. Your prayer, encouragement and financial support have given wings to this dream. May this New Year find you in the center of God's will, flying to heights never thought possible, moving closer to the heart of the Creator who gives life (Isaiah 40:31).

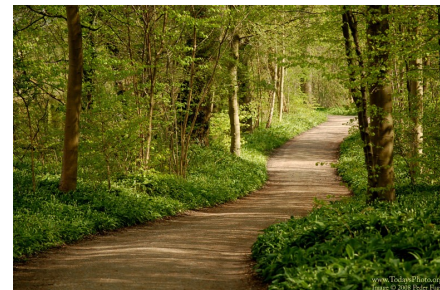


P.S. WE ARE PLANNING OUR NEXT MOVE TO BE OUR LAST . . . HEAVEN.



Thoughts from Diane . . . PATHWAYS

I went to Bible College for a year and a half. Not all of it was pleasant. I really didn't have the skill to be a good student. I found one class or two easy, but I struggled through the rest. Even though it was hard, I made the choice to go back a second year. In August of 1968 I officially met George. He was in a class that we both took the first year and actually sat right behind me. I don't recall ever speaking to him. It wouldn't have mattered because he was dating someone else and at the time and I didn't have a desire to speak to him anyway. Interestingly enough, I was a friend of his sister. Even though George and Linda were from Illinois, Linda was living in Minneapolis and attended my youth group. I have memories of him riding a church bus to camp and he even provided a ride home for me in his car after a youth activity. I noticed him those times. I even thought about how handsome he was, but I was extremely shy and would never have pursued even a friendship.



Our first date was a blind date. My roommate was dating someone else and wanted me to go along with the promise of going with someone named George Hippe. So off I went on a date to go bowling. He taught me how to keep score. I had an amazing time and I was smitten. It was summer, so we were able to see each other without the school rules. There was a small bump along the way but we continued to see each other. During school, however, dating required rules. Although a Christian, I was naïve.

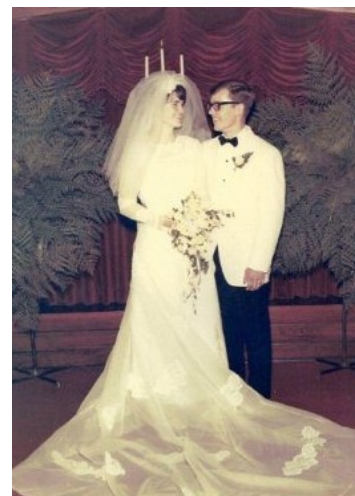
The school rules helped for a great start to our relationship. There was absolutely no touching. We spent time in the dating parlor but had to sit "six inches" apart.



We got to know each other those next four months in a way that would have been difficult under other circumstances. God was so gracious to us during that time. It was the best way to begin our love relationship.

There is a song that speaks perfectly to this beginning, here are a few of the words. "Oh rejoice the Lord, He makes no mistakes, He Knows the end of each path that I take . . ." Job 23:10 ". . . He knows where I am going and when He tests me, I will come out as pure as gold."

Your path may look very different than mine. However, life with God is His plan, not ours. If your Christian walk is close enough to recognize that, the result will be the same. Over a lifetime we can say as Job did, "I will come out as gold."



II Corinthians 15:58 Standing firm in HOPE, Diane

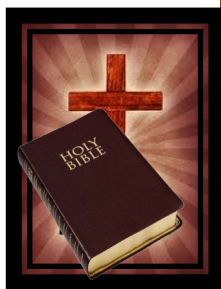
PRAYER . . . THE WORLD'S MOST POWERFUL & RELIABLE WIRELESS CONNECTION

- ✓ Praise—at last report, Pastor Ed Dashiell's health is much improved and is back in his pulpit.
- ✓ Continue to pray for Jerry Sponseller and LaRae Damschen whose spouses are now in Heaven.
- ✓ Pray for Marge Stafford. Her husband, Rich Sr., went home to be with the Lord just a few weeks ago.
- ✓ Pray for Theresa Hillborn and family. Her husband, Mark also just passed away after a battle with brain cancer. Mark had considered going on our first mission trip to Peru. God had other plans.
- ✓ Pray that plans and finances fall into place as we prepare for a third mission trip to Peru in June.
- ✓ Diane's Health Update: At the writing of this newsletter, Diane is doing well. **THANK YOU, LORD.**



Our Continuing Mission Focuses On . . .

“Serving God’s Servants”



Eagle Summit Ministry
10817 E. 16th Avenue
Spokane Valley, WA 99206

NON-PROFIT ORG
U.S. POSTAGE PAID
SPOKANE, WA
PERMIT #28

WWW

VISIT OUR WEB SITE: www.eaglesummitministry.org

Eagle Summit Ministry 4

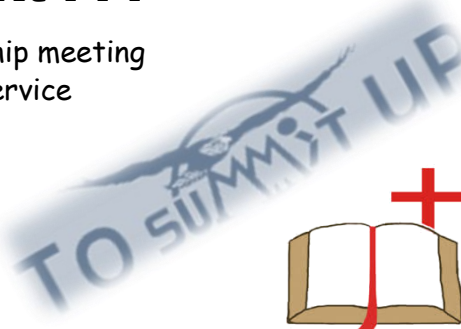


“We are all faced with a series of great opportunities,
cleverly disguised as impossible situations.” - Chuck Swindoll

2017

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

November 1, 21—Mending Fences Fellowship, Spokane, WA / Leadership meeting
November 13—Mending Fences Fellowship, Spokane, WA / Morning Service
November 19—ESM Board Meeting
November 20—Lake Roosevelt Bible Church, 7 Bays, WA
November 27—Country Bible Church, Dusty, WA
December 4—Happy Home Church, Deer Park, WA
January 16—Mending Fences Leadership Meeting, Spokane, WA
February 25— ESM Board Meeting
Spring—AWANA CLUB, Cedonia Community Church, Cedonia, WA
June 17-30—Peru Crew 3.0 (Our next mission trip to Peru serving with the Frerichs)



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

**Need a speaker for a creative outreach program, AWANA or Kid’s Clubs, Sunday School,
Family Camp, Teen or Kid’s camps or other special events? Contact us. We are here to serve.**

Executive Director: Rev. George Hippe

10817 E. 16TH AVENUE, SPOKANE VALLEY, WA 99206

Office/Cell: 509.995.6777 * Home: 509.927.1305 * E-ddress: ghippe@integrity.com / www.eaglesummitministry.org