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The Compelling Dream of Eagle Summit

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Around the fall of 1994, I was asked, "If you could do anything in ministry you wanted to, what would you do?" That question set me to dreaming. For nearly twenty-five years, I'd been so involved in doing the things that God had placed before me as an assistant pastor that I had never allowed myself the luxury of dreaming. It was then I began to allow myself to envision my ideal ministry setting.

At the same time I was reminded through another pastor friend of the struggles pastors often silently endure. He shared with me the fact that he knew four pastors, one a relative and another, a mutual friend, who had taken their own lives. The pressures of life and ministry had reached a crescendo that led to the permanent solution of a temporary problem. I was also reminded of another pastor who told me that you cannot be in ministry and have a close friend. I said to him, "I refuse to live that way."

I came to know Christ as my personal Savior along with our immediate family through the ministry of a small church in central Illinois and know well the influence a healthy small church can have on a community. In larger churches, there is always the potential for sharing needs and experiences with other staff. For the pastor of a small or rural church, there is often no one else with whom a pastor can share his heart.

Added to the challenge of vocational ministry, there is the addition of the unique stress that is placed on the pastor's family. Often in the smaller church, the pastor has to work another job as well. When he needs someone to preach, to whom does he turn? When he needs someone to help his leadership team or to train teachers and children's workers as well as youth leaders, how does he find the time even if he has the background? If the pastor has a personal struggle, where does he turn for encouragement and prayer support? If he has simply stagnated in ministry and needs fresh ideas, where does he go? Who can he talk to when he just feels like quitting? How does the pastor of the small or rural church maintain balance between his personal walk with God, his family, his ministry and often outside employment? With all its unique blessings, the task can be overwhelming.

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I began to see more clearly that there is a great need for what Eagle Summit provides. Over the past ten years, God has allowed us to refine our ministry and focus more clearly on His call on our lives.

"Serving God's Servants" is not merely a catch phrase, but our passion. With the help and encouragement of my faithful wife, Diane, and the support of our board of directors, and many of you who have faithfully partnered with us through prayer and finances, we are entering our tenth year of fulfilling the dream God placed in our hearts. The ripple effect of encouraging God's servants can have one of the greatest impacts possible for the Kingdom. Would you consider partnering with this unique ministry and help continue this dream?



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YOU MAY NEED



Join Us

Spring Children's and Youth Worker's Seminar

"The Teacher's Toolbox"

Encouraging & Equipping Workers with New Ideas & Resources

Saturday April 29, 2006

9:00 a.m. — 2:00 p.m.

Cost: \$15 (Seminar Materials & Lunch Provided)

Hosted at: New Hope Bible Church

1445 N. Argonne Road, Spokane Valley, WA 99212

Contact: 509.487.1017 or 800.380.1017



2006 Ministry Desires & Dreams . . .

"Attempt things so impossible that unless God is in them, they are doomed to failure."

Here is a list of current needs so you can pray with us and give as God impresses you. As you can see, several of the items on our list have already been met. Tires for our ESM van have been purchased and installed. We were also able to get special pricing on a new laptop, saving over \$1,000 from the retail cost.

Here are ways you can help us:

- ~~Special tire purchase \$150 (four like-new tires for ESM van, balanced and mounted)~~
- Retire current credit card debt — \$2,500
- Updated ESM Brochure / Printing Cost: 5,000 copies \$930 (plus tax)
- Ministry information packet items — \$250
- DVD reproduction — \$500
- "That the World May Know" DVD series from Focus on the Family (series 3 & 4) \$140
- ~~New Laptop Computer — \$2,500~~
- ~~Resurrection display items — \$300~~
- Office software (retail \$600) — Special price / \$60
- Printing cost for response cards — \$156.24



PTL!! DVD COMPLETED!! Now, We Need YOUR HELP . . .

One of our dreams is to see at least 15 new churches assist us as encouragers. If we have \$50-\$100 increased monthly support from churches, we would have our monthly budgeted goal met and our prayer base dramatically increased.

As we have mentioned previously, our 2006 budget is the same as 2005. It would be great to see this fully met. We have our updated brochure completed. This is part of our informational package we now have available. Would your church, home group or other organization be interested in viewing this DVD? Please contact us and we will get an informational packet to you.



Camp Integrity A Great Week End for Men

Learn to Communicate More Effectively

May 5-7, 2006

Pend Oreille Bible Camp near Newport, WA

Cost: \$75.00

Register through: New Hope Bible Church
Phone: 509.487.1017 / 800.380.1017

Easter / Resurrection Display Developing



We have had a number of items on display at churches that are vivid reminders of what Jesus went through at His arrest, trial and crucifixion. We have also frequently used these in preaching and teaching settings.

The display has included a crown of thorns from Israel, a replica of the sign above Christ as He hung on the cross, burial items, replicas of crucifixion nails, hammer and other items including appropriate scripture. With the help of a kind donor, we are adding to this display a Roman sword, a Roman pilum (spear) and a functional historically accurate Roman flagrum or "cat-of-nine-tails."

These will be on display April 9-23 at New Hope Bible Church in the Spokane Valley. We plan to have pictures of the display in future newsletters.

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**This article will be completed
in our next newsletter.**



Thoughts from Diane . . . "If I never"

There's a beautiful song that causes one to ponder God's eternal love. The first few lines are hard for me to listen to. They are these: "If I never get to see another rainbow, if I never run barefoot in the ocean and if I never get to kiss my child goodnight again, God is good. He has been good to me." As I listen,

my throat catches in a sob; I am reminded once again of the absolute truth of these lyrics. How I love my Savior. How much I want to share His love and security with my family, my faithful friends and with anyone God wants me to share His good news. I know where I've come from and where I'm going. I don't know how long the trip will be for me. I also know God has work for me to accomplish here. God may have another rainbow to gaze upon, He may have an ocean for me to visit again and I am so thankful that I have been given the gift of family to kiss goodnight. I am owed nothing and yet I've been given the greatest gift God could have given to me. That gift, God gave to all, His life, sacrificed for sin as evidenced by His resurrection and His soon return! Oh, the wonder of it, the magnificence of his love declared. God is good to me. Do you see His truth? Then praise His name!



Standing Firm, Diane 1 Corinthians 15:58

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To Summi⁺ Up[↑]

In the past, this segment of our newsletter has listed future churches and ministries we are scheduled to serve. With the nature of ESM, it is often difficult to know two months in advance where we will be. We will begin listing where we have been the past two months and known scheduled future events. In addition to these events, we have several summer camps scheduled as well.

- Jan 1 & 8 — Elk Community Church, Elk, WA
- Jan 15 — First Baptist Church, Electric City, WA
- Jan 22—Dalkena Community Church, Dalkena, WA
- Jan 29 — Elk Community Church
- Feb 5 — Elk Community Church
- Feb 12 — Dalkena Community Church
- Feb 19 — Cedonia Community Church
- Feb 26 — Grace EV Free, Osburn, ID
- March — ESM Board meeting, New Hope Bible Church
- March 12 — First Baptist Church, Electric City, WA
- March 19 & 26 — Elk Community Church
- March 24-25 — Grace EV Free, Osburn, ID / assist with Children’s Ministry
- April 16 — New Hope Bible Church, Spokane Valley, WA / Children’s Ministry
- May 3-7 — Camp Integrity (Men’s Retreat), Pend Oreille Bible Camp, Newport, WA
- May 12-14 — Community Outreach, First Baptist Church, Electric City, WA

We are also beginning to schedule “open house” forums to explain more clearly in church settings the heart of our ministry. Our purpose is to build a larger team support base.