

## Eagle Summit Ministry

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small and rural churches  
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"Serving God's Servants"

Now In Our 16th Year

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## Beginning our 17th Year of Ministry Through ESM



### We Are Asking God for At Least 25

On July 27th, 1958, I accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as my personal Savior. That decision set me on a course that would define my life's purpose. In the summer of 1960, at Spring Valley Bible Camp in Muscatoon, Iowa, I dedicated my life to serve the Lord wherever He directed. Over the next few years, entering high school, I prepared to go to Peru as a missionary. To meet that goal, I took two years of Spanish, read all I could about Peru and made friends with Fernando Chatter, an exchange student at our high school, whose home was Lima, Peru.

Missions was one of my minors in Bible College preparation. Through my college years, the more I sought God's clear direction, the more I was impressed with the fact that the greatest mission field in the world is right here. How do we get people to listen to the Gospel, who have heard, but never really listened? Through the end of my college study and then three years of seminary, I served in a church in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Over the next thirty years, Diane faithfully served with me in churches in Redondo Beach, CA, Johnson City, TN, Rockford, IL, San Francisco, CA and here in Spokane Valley, WA. Each of these ministries ultimately prepared us to serve through Eagle Summit.

In 1994, someone asked me what would be my dream ministry. I began to seriously consider that. If I had the freedom to help Pastors, particularly of rural churches, that would be incredibly fulfilling. Over the next two year period, I learned of four Pastors, one with whom I attended Bible College, who took their own lives. God impressed me with the fact that Pastors need faithful assistants, faithful friends. For the past sixteen years, we have attempted to meet that need and to help strengthen small and rural churches. A healthy church challenges and prepares young men and women to reach the unreached with the Gospel message. A strong church is the foundation for a strong world missions outreach. Jerusalem, Judea & Samaria all make up God's mission's plan. Your prayer and financial encouragement continues to help us fulfill the passion God has given us. **THANK YOU FOR SERVING WITH US.**

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## WE KNEW IT WAS GOING TO HAPPEN AND IT HAS . . .



This past year has been one of many changes for our ministry. We knew that we were eventually going to have to move from our office when the building sold. The building sold and we thought we'd have a thirty day notice. We were notified on September 5th that we needed to be out by the 15th. That left only Saturday the 8th to move. With such a short notice, recruiting assistance was difficult. Todd and Cindy

Lathan and their three daughters and Joyce Beber were able to help. **THANK YOU SO MUCH!**

Our ESM office has been at the Pines address for the past sixteen years. Ray Eberle made that possible for \$50/month. Everything is currently in storage. I am working out of our home, but it would be great to find a new office. If you are aware of an economical space in the Valley to house a desk, file cabinets and several bookcases, let me know.

## Partnering With Us In Prayer

- ✓ Diane has been battling yet another round of a lung infection. She is just completing a series of antibiotics and inflammation reducer.
- ✓ Our son would appreciate your continued prayer to regain his health.
- ✓ Pray with our board as we seek ways to be more effective in meeting the needs of those we serve.
- ✓ Pray that we can meet our 2012 budget and see our goal to payoff our ESM van.

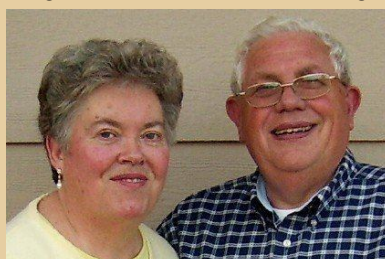


## TWO NEW ESM BOARD MEMBERS

We are pleased to announce the addition of two new ESM board Members— Dr. Craig Hinnenkamp and Pastor Jim Plunkitt. Craig started teaching at Whitworth University in 1998 as an adjunct professor and became a full time faculty member in the spring of 2004. Prior to entering the academic community, Craig had over 25 years of management related experience in both the public and private sector.

Jim brings with him over forty years of ministry experience and a great love for people and Pastors. He will challenge us to find more ways to serve God's servants. These men bring a wealth of ministry experience to our TEAM along with a heart for the Lord, great ideas and encouragement.

Also at our October meeting, Todd Lathan was approved as our new ESM board president. We appreciate Todd's energy, servant's heart and friendship.



Pastor Jim Plunkitt & Carole



Dr. Craig Hinnenkamp & Denise



## Thoughts from Diane . . .



## "ANGER"



Just over a week ago I experienced a scenario that has played out many times over all the years I've driven school bus. A high school boy decided to deliberately ignore one of many safety rules in order to impress a girlfriend. I had to wait until the next day to speak to him about it. "Oh, I forgot," was his reply. I challenged that answer and gave him a warning. A couple of days later he was being loud, obnoxious and doing his best to once again challenge my authority. I called him on it and asked him to move to the front. He refused. I pulled the bus off the road and walked back and told him again to move to the front. He raised his voice with a very loud "WHY?" and waited. I quietly replied "move forward now." He then moved. The next day I told him to take the assigned seat given to him the day before. He proceeded to yell profanity at the top of his lungs, throw his backpack into the seat screaming and demanding answers to his questions. I called ahead to a driver at the high school, asking them to witness the conversation I needed to have with him. It was interesting how he changed his tune with two adults and no other students near. In short, I explained to him that it was the way he responded to me with an abrasive, bullying attitude that got him in hot water not the rules he broke. He tried to argue the merits of his case but I told him I wasn't interested in his arguments and that until he changed his attitude he was getting an assigned seat. He weighed his options and complied the next day.

There was a time I had and at times still do have, a hard time controlling my sinful temper. I've made all sorts of excuses as to why I'm angry. "It's just a reaction to the way I've been treated," or "I didn't get a good night's sleep." Then there's also the anger that manifests itself when I have unexpected changes in my schedule or one more thing added to my never ending to do list. I could go on but the article wouldn't fit in the space allotted.



Proverbs 15:18 says, "A hot-tempered man stirs up strife . . ." I've spent many years gaining a better knowledge of what God's Word says about anger. God has been very patient with me and helped me to understand that He doesn't change His Word to suit me. My "hot temper" isn't a Godly reaction. In past instances such as this angry young man exhibited, I would answer back the same way in which I was spoken. My anger has always made things worse. I've had a hard time gaining the knowledge in the last part of this verse which says ". . . but he who is slow to anger quiets contention." The driver who stood with me made a short comment which made me stop and think, "You handled that well." I would love to say I've completely conquered my sinful temper but that would be foolish. I still struggle. However, the more I stay in God's Word and apply those principles to my life the more I give light to who God is. He is perfect and His Word is perfect. Perhaps this time I've been able to show one young person that there is truth in this sinful world, a truth that outshines who I am and points to a Creator and Savior who can give them hope. I am pretty sure I'm not the only one struggling with anger. Stay in God's Word and let Him make changes in your life that may help a sinner find saving grace in Jesus.

**II Corinthians 15:58 Standing firm! Diane**

WE'RE ALMOST THERE!



## ESM Van Balance Just under \$2,000



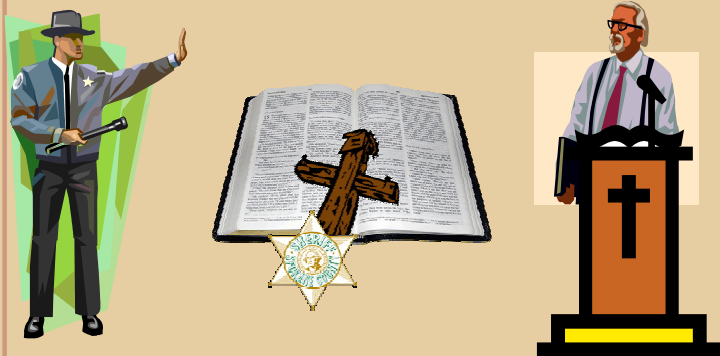
Our Pay-off Date is May 2015. We are most thankful that because of your generosity, we are well ahead of schedule to see this debt retired. Please continue to pray with us that this goal can be reached by the New Year. Thank you for your partnership & encouragement through your financial gifts and faithful prayer. You continue to help us "Serve God's Servants."





**Our Continuing Mission Focuses On:**

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Filled With Opportunities to Serve the Lord.**

**NEW  
YEAR  
2013**

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

**TO SUMMIT UP**

October 13—ESM board meeting

November 4—Valley Fourth Memorial Church, Spokane Valley, WA / Mission's Conference

November 4—Valley Bible Church, Kooskai, ID

November 21—North Idaho Christian School, Hayden, ID

December 17—Mending Fences, Spokane Valley, WA / Leadership Meeting

January 20—Valley Bible Church, Spokane Valley, WA / Mission's Conference

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♦ KID'S CLUBS

♦ CHURCH HEALTH ANALYSIS

♦ SPECIAL OUTREACH

♦ LEADERSHIP TRAINING

♦ LEARNING STYLE CLASS



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