

Our Continuing Mission Focuses On . . .

“Serving God’s Servants”



VISIT OUR WEB SITE: www.eaglesummitministry.org

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

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

Eagle Summit Ministry

CHALLENGING & ENCOURAGING
small and rural churches
and their pastors.
FRESH ideas
prayer PARTNERING
Family get-aways
preaching, teaching & training



Our 23rd Year of Serving

Volume 23 Number 1

STRIVING TO SERVE GOD’S SERVANTS

JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2019

Why We Serve through Eagle Summit

In a recent conversation with a ministry partner, I was challenged to remember the motivation of my call to serve through Eagle Summit. I was also challenged to rethink why anyone should consider partnering with us through prayer and financial support. In 1994, I was encouraged to consider what would be my “dream ministry.” In the previous nearly twenty-five years of ministry, I had never taken time to “dream.” There was always too much to do, too many to serve and not enough hours in a week. I allowed myself to “dream.”

Over the next two years, God made it clear that the previous years of ministry were but preparation for what was to come. During that time, I learned of four pastors who took their own lives. I attended Bible college with one of those pastors. The question God impressed on my heart and mind was, “Who do pastors talk to?” I began to consider what a privilege it would be to have the freedom to serve pastors of small and rural churches. To serve as a roving assistant pastor would be fantastic.

That dream blossomed into reality and in the fall of 1996, Eagle Summit Ministry was born. As ESM grew, I realized that pastors, especially in rural settings, face unique challenges. These include but are not limited to being required to be a “jack of all trades,” on call 24/7, often in debt because of low income, living in a fish bowl with his wife and children criticized, not enough time to study and prepare and no one with whom to share burdens or concerns. The pastor is just supposed to talk to the Lord. The challenges can seem overwhelming with no way out. Pastors need friends, accountability and prayer partners. Our heart is to help meet this need through ESM.

I was also challenged to consider why our ministry is part-time, why after over twenty years, we are not at this full time. I have had several encourage me to get involved with sales opportunities that would provide total support for ESM. I have refused that direction. If God’s people are not prompted to support this ministry, then it is not to be. I am in no way equating myself with the apostle Paul, but he too always had a second job as a tentmaker so as not to be a burden to others. Along with gifts from God’s people, he worked hard. God has always opened doors for part-time employment that allowed me time for ministry as well. In addition, many of the pastors we serve are bi-vocational, so I can understand some of their unique challenges from that perspective. Diane has also worked to help provide for our home and make ministry possible. She drove school bus here in Spokane Valley for twenty-seven years. Without her faithful partnership, encouragement and love for the Lord, Eagle Summit would never have flown.

I was reminded of the worldwide Gospel impact of small and rural churches. One mission organization surveyed missionaries on the field and learned that nearly 75% of them came from churches having an attendance of 100 or less. One church we serve informed me that over the years, fourteen young people came to know the Lord through our ministry. Some of them may be reaching the unreached with the Gospel in the future. As long as God gives health and strength, we will continue to serve. Your partnership through prayer and financial support are our encouragement. For that, we are most grateful.



2019
Happy New Year

MAY YOUR NEW YEAR BE FILLED NEW OPPORTUNITIES
TO DEEPEN YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD.
MAY KNOWING GOD BECOME AN INCREASING OBSESSION OF
YOUR THOUGHTS AND THE PASSION OF YOUR HEART.

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

Nov 18— Sprague Community Church, Sprague, WA
December 12— Foothills Community Church, AWANA Club, Spokane, WA
December 17— Mending Fences Fellowship, Leadership Team, Spokane, WA
December 30— New Creation Fellowship, Blanchard, ID
January— New Hope Bible Church, AWANA Club, Spokane Valley, WA
March 2— ESM Board Meeting, New Hope Bible Church, Spokane Valley



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

Eagle Summit Ministry 4

WE GOOFED . . .

Last month, our ESM volunteer bookkeeper contacted me with great concern and informed me that our early November deposit was lost. He is certain that the expense form, with checks clipped to it, was mixed up with junk mail lying on a table. Not knowing, a family member put the stack of mail in the trash. By the time he realized it, their household trash had been picked up with no way to retrieve the checks. Trash here is incinerated, so the checks were destroyed. Our bookkeeper feels terrible about this and offered to write a letter and pay any potential expense for donors.

Since the checks were not yet recorded, we have no way of knowing exactly what donations were involved. If your check from late October through mid-November has not yet cleared your account, it is one of the missing. Our personal check to ESM was one of the missing donations also. The checks were already stamped on the back **"FOR DEPOSIT ONLY"** to Eagle Summit, so even if they were not incinerated, they could not be cashed. There would be no need to put a "STOP PAYMENT" on your check.

We phoned or wrote to everyone we thought had given at that time, but we certainly could have missed you. If you gave during that time and your check has not cleared, it will not clear. We are very sorry for this inconvenience and have a system in place so that this will not happen again. If your check has cleared from that time period, everything is fine.



Thank you so much for your understanding and continued prayer and financial encouragement. We have done our best to be good stewards of your gifts and are extremely embarrassed that this has happened. Be assured, you are an important part of our ESM team and do not want to lose your confidence as we continue to **"Serve God's Servants."** We pray your New Year will be filled with blessing and encouragement beyond measure. **Your ESM TEAM**



SEEKING GOD'S DIRECTION

I was asked by our ESM board to relay to you our ESM financial status. In planning our 2019 budget, it has become clear that our donor base is aging. Some previous donors are in Heaven, others are now on fixed incomes and no longer able to give. We also just learned that our largest church donor has refocused their budget and will be phasing out giving to ESM over the next few months. We need your prayer for wisdom and that we will be sensitive to what God is showing us. Maybe you could share our ministry with friends and leaders of your church. I am reminded that we are to:

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



PRAISE & PRAYER

- ✓ Thank you for your continued prayer for Diane. PRAISE — Diane has been able to attend church two consecutive Sundays. That is a first since last spring.
- ✓ Continue to pray for our son, George II (G2), with ongoing health challenges. He also had his mobile home lot rental payment stolen. The thief has been identified by law enforcement, but it appears that there is no way to recover this loss. Pray for the thief.
- ✓ Pray with us for new churches to consider partnering with ESM.
- ✓ Pray with us regarding ESM financial growth and God's direction for a "Timothy."
- ✓ Pray for safety as we travel and effectiveness in service.
- ✓ Continue to pray with us for God to direct us to new board members

Prayer Request

Thoughts from Diane . . . Erroneous Thinking and Belief



We had our air ducts cleaned just over a year ago. George decided the time was right because I was attempting to clean one of the vents and had a debilitating asthma attack. I really didn't give it much thought in advance of that although George did and as things go in our homes, it got placed on a back burner. At one point the owner of the company came by. He knew about my health and asked me if I'd ever considered seeing a hypnotist. He told me he had one he'd seen and by being hypnotized he'd overcome depression. I shared my faith in Jesus first and then told him in all my reading of God's Word, I'd never seen anything that would indicate I needed a hypnotist to heal me. I was kind but firm about my complete faith in Christ.

My pet's go to a groomer that has become a good friend over time. She told me her husband had kidney disease and he had been seeing a Shaman and had great success in getting victory over the disease. She said the Shaman would be in town to see her husband soon and she knew he would be more than happy to see me. My groomer is a wonderful person and very kind. I listened to everything she said and had to tell her that my faith is in Jesus. Our conversation wasn't long but over time I have had opportunity to share my faith with her more.

I have a very sweet friend who talks about her faith. Unfortunately her faith is based on experience and not much on God's Word. Her oldest son died just over a year ago. She's been online with long dissertations about her devastation and rage. In one breath she says she trusts God in another she using vile language with anger against people she's said were responsible for her son's death. In another post she'll talk about dreams/visions of seeing her son and she begs him to come back. She had a large moth that hung in her garage for three days and she truly believed that moth was her son reminding her he was alright and was watching out for her. I've spoken to her before about her experiences and that they were not in line with God's Word. However, she continues in her delusion. I speak the truth to her in love. I'm acquainted with her devastation.

The Apostles spent years teaching the body of Christ the truth about who Jesus is and what He wants us to know. Reading this beloved book called the Bible is the most valuable way to spend your time. I'm speaking of the Old and New Testament. You might say "I have a really hard time reading," or "I don't understand what it means." Being in a Bible Believing church is a part of that, but it's not enough. I hope in these times that you care more about what God has to say to you as opposed to a windy politician! God's Word is bread to our hungry hearts. Our prayers are sweet incense back to Jesus. I need to fill my whole being to the brim with His Words. There have been instances I've been able to discern false teaching even though I can't pinpoint the particular place in God's Word at the time. That's the work of the Holy Spirit inside of us since our salvation. I'm so thankful that even though I'm not a professor or pastor or a teacher I have the ability to learn with much repetition. It also helps to have a pastor in the house or a computer that can help us find things!

Isaiah 40:28-31 "Do you not know? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He will not grow tired or weary, and his understanding no one can fathom. He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak. Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; but those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint."

It gives me goose bumps when I read this. It fills my entire being.

Philippians 4:1 Standing Firm, Diane

