

mount up  
with wings as eagles.

## Eagle Summit Ministry

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



Volume 20 Number 5

STRIVING TO SERVE GOD'S SERVANTS

SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2016



# ESM 20th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

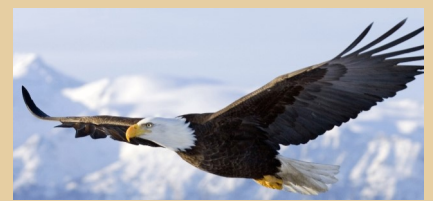
## OCTOBER 8TH 2016



Join us if you can at New Hope Bible Church located at Mission and Argonne Road in the Spokane Valley from 1:00 - 3:00 in the afternoon on Saturday, October 8th. We will be have a time of fellowship with refreshments and a short program including a slide presentation that Arnold and Fernando are planning. We never know what they will be up to. We will also be sharing plans for the future and how you can continue to pray for us and partner with us. This will also be a time for us to say, "THANK YOU" as well.

Even if you cannot attend for the entire time, join us for refreshments and leave as your schedule demands. In addition, this will be an opportunity to meet our ESM board members and others who have been such an encouragement to us over the years and made this ministry possible. This will also be a time to fellowship with friends you may not have seen in awhile. If you cannot attend, an email, or snail mail note of encouragement would be great. For all interested, we are also considering meeting at the Timber Creek Buffet following our time at New Hope for an evening meal. You who have faithfully prayed and given financially have made this ministry possible. We are eternally grateful for your partnership with Eagle Summit.

Our passion continues to be to serve those who serve the Lord. We are asking the Lord to allow us to keep on serving as long as He directs.



### THE DREAM OF EAGLE SUMMIT

In the fall of 1994, I was asked what my "dream ministry" would be. I knew God had called me to serve through local churches, but in the previous twenty plus years of ministry, I had never thought about a "dream ministry." I always knew that where were serving at the time was exactly where God wanted us. I began thinking and praying specifically about that challenging question over the next two years.

During that time period, I learned of four pastors who had taken their own lives and one pastor's wife who attempted suicide. God impressed me with the fact that often, pastors have no one with whom they can share their hearts, or they are too concerned about what others might think if they are painfully honest. It was during this time that God placed in our hearts the passion to serve the pastors and families of the small and rural church who are working in difficult and often lonely settings. From that question, Eagle Summit was born. Our focus is clearer than ever, that we are doing exactly what God has called us to do. Once again, THANK YOU for helping us fulfill God's call.



## HERE IS A LIST OF SPECIAL PROJECTS INVOLVING ESM COMPUTER/PRINTER NEEDS FOR WHICH YOU MAY LIKE TO HELP.

I have learned the hard way to keep up on changes with new software. It took the better part of six months and hours of help from friends to get our database back up to speed after waiting ten years to update. I like to think of it as being frugal, but sometimes it is just being cheap and not trusting the Lord to meet needs. We make these needs known so you can assist with this if God so enables and directs. One need has already been met. THANK YOU.

- |                                 |                                    |
|---------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| PRINT CARTRIDGES                | - \$200                            |
| VIRUS PROTECTION (2 YEARS)      | - \$150                            |
| <del>LETTERHEAD/ENVELOPES</del> | <del>- \$100</del>                 |
| UPGRADE 2010 MICROSOFT OFFICE   | - \$300 or \$100/year subscription |



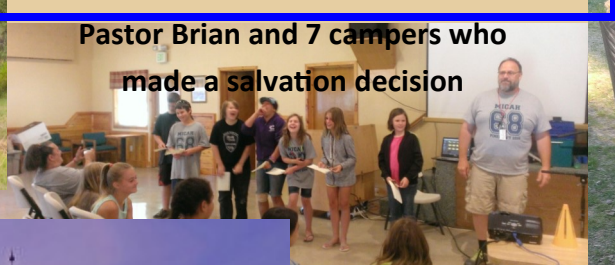
### Pastor's Retreat Potential

I spoke at a camp this summer, near New Port, WA, and met Mike & Kelly Keogh. They live nearby the camp and are planning to open their home and cabin to pastors and wives as a retreat center. The only thing they will ask is financial help with food supplies. Mike is on the camp board and Kelly serves as the camp cook. We will be keeping in touch with them. ESM can provide financial help through our Barnabas Fund as needed. Here are some photos of the beautiful property and setting.



#### CAMP PINECROFT JR. HIGH WEEK

Pastor Brian and 7 campers who made a salvation decision





## Thoughts from Diane . . . Again and Again

Our family moved to a lake when I was nine years old. It was just a cabin that our family of eight made into our new family home. It was never meant to be any more than a cabin and it was very small! There was only one bedroom for my mom and dad. The boys and I all slept in a small alcove. We loved the lake though, so a tiny house didn't matter.

I became friends with Janice while I was still in elementary school. Her house wasn't near me. I had to walk just about a mile to visit and it meant walking down a two lane highway, then crossing over to her house. My mother told me again and again to come home before dark. I really pushed the envelope and many times it was dusk when I left and dark when I got home. That happened often until the day my Mother's warnings became a living, dark and evil thing. It was dusk. I was almost to the top of the highway where I turned on to the dirt road to our house. I still remember the car. It was a station wagon with a huge dog cage in the back. A man stopped and told me, "Get into the car." I froze for a moment and started to continue my walk up the hill. He pulled ahead of me and on to the side of the road, then threw open the door. Somehow I knew to turn around and run faster than I had ever run before. I went to the nearest house and started banging on the door. A wonderful woman came out. I was terrified. She wrapped her arm around me, came out and walked me home. I told my Mom what happened and that she never had to tell me again to come home before dark.

I'm coming to the end of the Old Testament. It's my third time through reading chronologically. I've heard so often from Christians that they skip reading the Old Testament because "it's too hard" or there are too many "begats" and that "history is boring." I'm realizing more and more how important the Old Testament is to our lives as Christians today. God chose the Israelites to be His people. He set in place laws that were to be obeyed. They would begin walking very close to God. Then, little by little they wandered away from a place of obedience into horrible, wicked behavior. They didn't listen to warnings that came again and again. They didn't change their behavior. When I read the kinds of things that they turned to, I was astonished. They even threw children into fire for sacrifice. Then I thought of the wickedness of all mankind and of which our nation and we as individuals have been guilty. Sacrificing children on the altar of inconvenience is still a decision to murder a child. It makes me physically sick to think of the great numbers of children gone and even sold for body parts. Our nation has made it possible by law for its citizens to be numb to the guilt of this and many other kinds of sin. How much longer will God tolerate this nation's wickedness, and Christian's passivity to evil?

2 Chronicles 36:15 (The fall of Jerusalem to Babylon) "The LORD, the God of their fathers, sent word to them through his messengers again and again, because He had pity on His people..." The Israelites mocked God's messengers, despised God's Word, scoffed at His prophets until God's anger was aroused. It sounds a lot like today. There have been many messengers with warnings about our disobedience. Yet God in His mercy sent His only Son to die for our sinfulness. He offers the gift of salvation to all mankind. Our nation is not heeding the warnings. People refuse to listen and they turn away. They mock, even despise His Word. We sit on a precipice. Will we be listen to God's warnings? I'm so thankful God showed me mercy as a child. I didn't listen to my Mom, but God protected me and called me to Himself. God also says, He disciplines those He loves. He is a God of mercy, but never forget, He's also a God of justice.

**II Corinthians 15:58 Standing firm with HOPE, Diane**



## PRAYER . . . STILL THE WORLD'S MOST POWERFUL AND DEPENDABLE WIRELESS CONNECTION

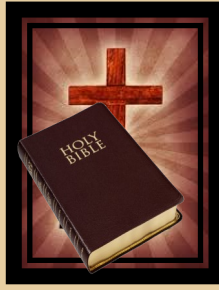
- ✓ Continue to pray for Jerry Sponseller as he faces major life changes, health challenges and loneliness. Pray that God's peace will fill Jerry's life.
- ✓ Pray for LaRae Damschen. Her house sold and she is now in an apartment in Spokane. Her health remains stable. Her greatest challenge remains life without Warren.
- ✓ Diane's Health Update: For the first time this summer, Diane has been able to regain some strength and is feeling better. She met with the pulmonologist recently to see what he suggests for fighting off infections. She is just completing a three week regiment of antibiotics which seems to be helping. The doctor's latest report included the discovery of a nodule in one lung that he will check in a year. The doctor casually stated that if it was a problem, they could cut out the lower third of her lung. Don't you just love it. 😊





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



VISIT OUR WEB SITE: [www.eaglesummitministry.org](http://www.eaglesummitministry.org)

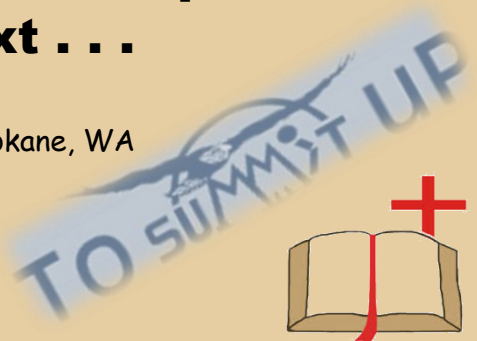
Eagle Summit Ministry 4

## Recent Encouraging Notes from Those We Serve

- “Just a short and sincere thank you for your preaching ministry the two Sundays I was on vacation. I appreciate the fact that I can rest while at the same time I can rest assured the flock is getting the Word.”
- “Just wanted to say thank you . . . I received very good feedback, you did a great job! Your message was spot on for me personally . . . and gave me some good reminders that I needed.

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

July 10-15—Pinecroft Bible Camp / Jr High, Newport, WA  
July 18/August 1—Mending Fences Fellowship leadership meeting, Spokane, WA  
July 24—Mending Fences Fellowship morning service, Spokane, WA  
August 7 & 14—Country Bible Church, Dusty, WA  
August 21—Happy Home Community Church, Deer Park, WA  
September 10—ESM Board Meeting  
September 11—Sprague Community Church, Sprague, WA  
October 8—ESM 20th Anniversary Celebration, New Hope Bible Church, Spokane Valley, WA



*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](mailto:ghippe@integrity.com) / [www.eaglesummitministry.org](http://www.eaglesummitministry.org)