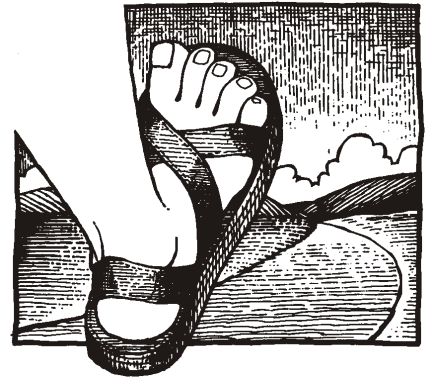


The Road Ahead...



In the short and popular book, *The Prayer of Jabez*, Dr. Bruce Wilkinson makes the case that God seeks to enlarge our lives that we may make a greater impact for Him.

How many of us have been praying that prayer?

That simple request, "Oh that You would enlarge my territory!" is asking God to trust us to be His witnesses – His hands and feet – to renew His faithful and expand His Kingdom here on earth. But what an awesome responsibility that is. What if God trusts us and we fail? What account will we give when we stand before Him?

DaySpring has grown in numbers and in strength in the ten short years since we began. Each new edition of *The Light* is mailed to approximately 2,100 households in Southern Indiana, representing the hundreds and hundreds of individuals who have attended our Emmaus Walks, our Chrysalis Flights and our Residents Encounter Christ Weekends.

While we are growing larger in number are we growing smaller in spirit?

An outsider would never guess our size by attending one of our Gatherings. Each is attended by the same faithful core, with only a few others who drop in for an occasional visit. Most of our Candlelights see larger crowds; but, the numbers are never predictable. Follow Up Gatherings usually have a full house; but, many of the new members don't seem to come back or sponsor others. What are we doing wrong?

In the year 2002 DaySpring has committed to five Emmaus Walks, three Chrysalises and eight RECs. We have asked God to enlarge our territories; and, He has granted our request. Now we must rise to the challenge.

Do the math. There will be sixteen Prayer Charts, each with 144 openings. There will be fifty-six Server Charts. We will need sixty-four Clergy members plus around four

hundred seventy lay persons for the teams. Of these there will be nineteen Lay Directors and thirty-eight Assistant Lay Directors. In all, there will be two hundred twenty-four talks given. In the background there will be thousands of pieces of Agape and tons of homemade goodies prepared.

Who is going to do all of this? Will it be just that 40, or so, faithful core that come to all the Gatherings?

When you were a pilgrim on your special Weekend you may have believed that nothing else would ever compare. And, unless you have become active in the Emmaus Community and in your home church you may still have that misconception. But ask anyone who has worked on a team, participated in a Reunion Group or worked behind the scenes making table, pillow or food Agape. God has a *magic multiplier*! He will take your selfless acts of love and multiply them in blessings He returns to you. No one has ever been able to out-give God! Again, ask anyone. The blessing you receive as a pilgrim is the smallest of the Emmaus experiences.

Don't cheat yourself.

Take an energetic role in the DaySpring activities. Get back in touch with the pilgrims you have sponsored and the one(s) who sponsored you. Come to the Gatherings and Candlelights as a group. Make commitments to pray for the pilgrims. Sign up to serve meals, if you can be available. Volunteer to serve on teams. Take a new stand for God. And most of all, pray, pray pray.

Can Christ still count on you?

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Table and Pillow AGAPE needed!!!!!!!!!!

Remember those special gifts of Agape you found on your pillow at night and on the dining room table on your walk? Wasn't there a special meaning in each of them for you as you read them? Now there is an opportunity for you to do something special for those on the upcoming walks.

I encourage everyone to remember each walk with your table or pillow AGAPE. I remember what those acts of love meant to me Sacrifice on someone's part. Christ made the ultimate sacrifice for us on the cross. Isn't it a small price for us to pay to show a little love to our fellow brothers and sisters in Christ? If you feel lead to provide table or pillow Agape please send 50 PCs. of pillow or 100 PCs. of table Agape for each walk.

**DeColores,
Daryll Walters
Inside/Outside Agape**

Meet
Peg Carter

Board Member Spotlight

Hello! My name is Peg Carter. I am serving you as secretary to the DaySpring Emmaus Board. I was a Pilgrim on Walk#36 in May, 1997, and sat at the Table of Mary. (clap!)

"Life changing" are the best words I can use to describe what the Emmaus experience has been for me. Jesus has been my dearest friend since childhood, but through Emmaus I have come to understand the invaluable gift we have in the Body of Christ. It is all too easy to get locked into my own little world, forgetting that the Body I am a part of includes so many others! Emmaus opened to me a view of Christ in which the members truly worked toward the common goal of lifting His Name higher. Individual differences no longer matter.

Accountability was something I heard little about before coming into the DaySpring Community. During Walk 36 the Lord spoke to my heart of the value of having someone to become accountable with. Emmaus gave the avenue through which that could happen: Reunion Groups.

I would encourage each member of the Community to be an active part in a reunion group. There is no better opportunity to allow the Body of Christ to operate than to come together, in a setting that is non-threatening, and share each other's burdens and joys. I firmly believe the backbone of Emmaus is the relationships that are built within the Reunion Groups.

Besides being the secretary, I am also responsible for keeping a record of the active Reunion Groups. To do this I need very much to hear from each Reunion Group. Because I do not know where each group is, it is important for you to contact me with the name of your group (if you have a name chosen), the location where you meet, the time, who may attend, and the name and address of a contact person.

Sponsorship = Special Responsibility

While most church-related functions take a “Y’all come!” approach to participation, Emmaus relies on

How does the Walk depend on effective sponsorship?

Sponsoring is integral to a discerning approach to recruitment, personal agape, letters and prayer for pilgrims, sponsors’ presence at candlelights and closing and follow-up activities.

Sponsors help to make the Walk an act of sacrificial love from beginning to end – something much more than the usual retreat or religious education function.

What effect does sponsorship have on the entire Emmaus movement?

The purpose of Emmaus is to develop Christian leaders and renew the church in ministry. If we recruit and sponsor strong church leaders, we will help strengthen our local churches and therefore their ministries.

What *isn’t* sponsorship?

Our aim as sponsors should not be “to get all our friends to go,” to fill up the weekend’s roster, to fix people’s problems or to reproduce our own religious experience in others.

Rather, our role is to help bring spiritual revitalization to Christians who will, in turn, bring new life and vision to the work of the church in its congregation, the home, workplace

and community. The aim of sponsorship is to build up the body of Christ.

What contrast in sponsorship must we realize?

Wise sponsorship is prayerful; unwise sponsorship is haphazard and undiscerning.

Wise sponsorship eventually produces a balanced, theologically centered movement of the Holy Spirit, which is integrated into the life of the church and is our call to committed discipleship and unity in Christ.

Unwise sponsorship eventually produces a harvest that is more a burden for the church than a blessing because the movement could become a “religious fringe group.” Such groups may benefit individuals involved but have no impact or relationship with churches in the community. At worst, unwise sponsorship could breed division instead of unity within the body of Christ.

What should be the first steps in becoming a sponsor?

Pray for the person’s openness to God’s call to discipleship, not for how to get him or her to go on a Walk. Then meet with the person or couple to discuss participation in Emmaus for the sake of a more vital relationship with Christ.

This question and answer dialog on the subject of sponsorship was originally printed in The Light between the Fall of 1996 and the Fall of 1997.

Because our community has grown so much since that time and because this subject is so vital to this ministry we will be reprinting portions of it in each of the next few editions of this newsletter.

We encourage you to save these for your own personal reference and to pass along to those you sponsor.

REC and Beyond: the missing link!

Every team that enters a penal institution in the name of Jesus Christ comes out feeling thoroughly blessed for having had the experience. Over the years there have been countless lives changed and decisions made to follow the Lord. In a very real way the men and women of DaySpring have been functioning as catalysts in the lives of these new "baby" Christians. But, the thing that has been most lacking is the follow-up after the Residents leave the prisons and jails.

REC and Beyond is a mentoring group that is not an official branch of DaySpring, yet it is made up entirely of members of the DaySpring Emmaus Community. The objective is to offer a source of information and guidance outside the confines of incarceration. I

If you think you would like to know more about this ministry and what it takes to be a mentor contact Tony Glotzbach at tonyg@ubinc.com, or by calling the Information Center at 812-941-3639. There is absolutely no obligation.

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Madison REC #14

A Message from the Lay Director

I have been blessed to work many REC's. Each one is unique but yet they are similar in that up to 50 residents are able to experience God and God's love in a way that is truly special. On Friday they come in and are nervous. They have experienced many "church groups" coming in but never have they experienced anything like the REC. We will shake their hand and introduce ourselves and they will sit squirming in their chairs wondering what will come next. By the time we leave on Friday night they know that we are there to concentrate only on them and they have learned to trust us enough that they will allow us to give them a hug. We don't ask them what they are "in" for or what they have done in the past but instead we explain that we have one purpose; to show them the love of Jesus Christ. Many tell me that they have never had a man hug them before or heard a man say "I Love You" and especially "God Loves You" and they know it comes from the heart. These men have made mistakes in the past but then haven't all of us. I was scared to death the first time I worked an REC but it only took a couple of hours for me to figure out that they are no different from me before I found my Savior and turned my life over to Him.

We are getting ready to be blessed once more during the Madison REC #14, to be held March 21st through March 24th. The blessings I have received go beyond words as you witness the transformation from "tough guy" to a "child of God" in the span of three days. Their faces tell the story as we hug them and

they fall to pieces sobbing uncontrollably as they finally let go of all their "baggage" from the past and finally realize that God can forgive them and that they can forgive themselves. This can happen at any time during the REC but a lot tell me that it happens during candlelight when they realize that complete strangers love them enough to give up their Saturday night to be with them. Won't you please make this a most rewarding experience by coming for candlelight on Saturday night, March 23rd? We have arranged a van/car pool from Northside Christian Church, at 2801 Grantline Road in New Albany, to make it easier on you. Please arrive at 5:00 p.m.. We ask that anyone going to candlelight that has extra room in their vehicle come over and help with transportation, if possible, and meet some new friends at the same time. If you are going straight to candlelight at the Madison Correctional Facility then please arrive at 6:30 p.m.

There is no greater reward on this Earth than to be able to lead so many lost souls to Christ and now be able to call them my Brothers. It is a true blessing to work an REC; and, these men shown have accepted God's invitation to be part of this one.

Your Brother In Christ,
Bruce Lowe

P.S.- We sure could use some homemade cookies, brownies, fudge or anything else that the guys can snack on. Please call Don Broady at 948-9726 if you need further information.

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What's coming up next?

March

Gathering

March 1
Depauw UMC
4725 Charlestown Road
New Albany, IN
7:30 p.m. (EST)
10 Year Anniversary
film will be replayed

Men's Walk #63

April 11-14
Wyandotte Woods
Candlelight:
Old Capitol UMC
Corydon, IN
7:30 p.m. (EST)

Praise Gathering

May 3
Wesley Chapel UMC
New Albany, IN
7:30 p.m. (EDT)
Everyone Welcome

Madison REC #14

March 21-24
Madison Correctional Unit
Candlelight:
Activities Building
7:00 p.m. (EDT)
Van leaves Northside
Christian at 5:15 p.m.

Harrison Co. Women's REC #1

April 18-21
Harrison Co. Jail
Candlelight:
Old Capitol UMC
Corydon, IN
6:45 p.m. (EST)

Agape needs: Food and food for thought... Pillow, Table and Snack agape are always needed. Please bring your Agape items to Send-Off. RECs always need letters addressed to "Brother in Christ," originals or 50 copies. Remember REC letters are not addressed to specific individuals; so, they can be prepared well in advance of REC weekends.

TIME SENSITIVE MATERIAL

Return Service Requested

...whereby the dayspring from on high
hath visited us to give light to them that sit
in darkness...to guide our feet in the way
of peace.
Luke 1:78

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