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Business & Professional Outreach, Intl.

Greetings from Phil

Summer Newsletter



I believe God created me for intimate friendship with Himself. He wants me to enjoy Him now, in preparation for eternity with Him. I am continually amazed at how He speaks to me ... I hear Him in the lives of so many that I talk to ... I especially hear Him in Scripture and the revelation of Jesus. I am learning how an intimate relationship with Him is meant to be.

John 15:14 - "You are my friends when you do the things I command you (The Message)."

I am excited to share some of the highlights of what He is doing IN and AROUND us ... Celebrate with us!

Ride ON!
Phil



Men's Coaching

Men are experiencing a place of healing at the Men's Coaching Weekends, aka "Deer Camp." Listen to their comments:

"I was able to slow down and spend some time with myself and God/ I was able to open up and have the experience of dumping the trash in my life. Today I do not feel alone for the first time in quite a while. I feel like I have started toward recovery."

"I so enjoyed the environment of love and pointing each other to Christ. I have realized that my problems are a lot more common than I thought. I need to take time to be still with God and listen."

"Phil is a gift to men's ministry from God. Many men's lives have been changed because of his life and what he allows God to do through his life. Thanks you, Phil!"



A Story to Be Told

So much of our ministry is creating relational environments for men and women to experience God's healing through community as they courageously share their story. This is from a man who recently attended the Men's Coaching Weekend. He is fighting to be the man God wants him to be ... I especially am grateful for his comments... LISTEN!

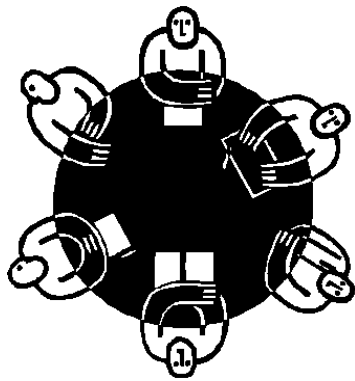
"Please allow me to take a moment to let you know how much I enjoyed Deer Camp. It ended up being the great out of the box experience I expected, but was so much more. In listening to the painful stories, and seeing men respond in God-centered love, I was reminded over and over again of His mercy, grace and love for me. I was also reminded and saw demonstrated that we continue to be called to be the hands, feet, ears, mouth ... of Jesus to those around us, especially those in so much pain. I'm grateful for the way you are allowing Jesus to uniquely use you -- all of you -- in such a special ministry to hurting men (and women!)"

"I've spent the past week really processing the weekend and reflecting and listening for His words. Among the things I have heard are love more, listen more, care more, risk more ... I really look forward to developing friendship and am excited to see where He leads."

Ebenezer Place

Literally speaking, an Ebenezer is a "stone of help," or a reminder of God's Real, Holy Presence and Divine aid. Spiritually and theologically speaking an Ebenezer can be nearly anything that reminds us of God's presence and help: the Bible, the Sacramental Elements, a cross, a picture, a fellow believer, a hymn. Those things which serve as reminders of God's love, God's real presence, and God's assistance are "Ebenezers." Ebenezer Place is so named as a means for acknowledging the help that God has given to many men, NOW and in the FUTURE. The vision for Ebenezer Place is that men will have a safe place where they can come and find the healing they seek.

In recent months many improvements have been made to Ebenezer Place. A bunkhouse has been completed that sleeps 12. With these improvements, we are even more excited about this "certain place" being an "awesome place" for men. (See Genesis 28:10-17 -- Jacob's experience). God is touching men's hearts!



Highland Colony Men's RoundTable

Men gather each Thursday morning for the community-wide, outreach to men at the corporate headquarters of Cellular South. The group is a Coaching, Counseling, Bible Study offering to men who want to grow. Here is some recent feedback.

"Just wanted you to know that both the last series and this one speak directly to me. "Cowboy Up" really helped open my eyes. I listened to the podcasts several times and feel I am making progress. I needed and still do need to let go of blame and take responsibility in the areas of failed marriage, finances, plus career and parenting. I expect this series to do the same in helping me move forward too. Thanks for what you do!!!"

Every Man's Journey

Every Friday morning, we have a Men's group that meets at Sneaky Beans, a local coffee shop in Fondren. Recently, we were discussing Exodus 33:11 - "Thus the Lord used to speak to Moses face to face, just as a man speaks to his friend." We were emphasizing how critical it is to LISTEN to God and to offer our thanks, hurt, and complaint to Him. Walking with God is a relationship that is personal and honest. Here is a response I received from one of the men the later on that Friday ...

"Men's group this morning was great! I deeply needed it. As you all know, I make good money, but with my wife staying home with our infant for at least the first couple of years, things are really tight now. That is a sacrifice that

we are well aware of and gladly accept for we deeply feel that God has called us to this for a season. Our situation as of this morning was bleak. We were \$435 overdrawn in our bank account while I was sitting in group this morning. I will get paid next week and things will even out, but for now we were in a hole.

This morning with the study of the Exodus 33 passage I found myself willing to share my anger and frustration about the situation. I know I need more discipline and obedience in my life especially fiscally, but I was finally able to express my full range of emotions to God this morning. You see, there are several people I work with who make more money than I do, but none of them have the responsibilities that I have. In fact the guy that is supposedly my equal in title has half of the responsibilities that I have yet I make only about three quarters of what he makes.

*I was able to tell God today how angry that makes me. I told him that I work harder and longer than all my peers and that it isn't fair that I bring home the average amount of those that I lead on a weekly basis. I told him that I don't work hard at my job for reward, but that I often get angry that things seemed stacked against me sometimes. **I felt so free and less burdened to simply pray those words.***

Then this afternoon a check that I did not expect for another 3 weeks was given to me. My wife and I have a positive balance in our checking account now and have enough money to make it until my pay check next week!

I praise God for His provision and His ear to hear my frustration. I also praise Him for giving me amazing godly men like you to walk with. Thank you for your leadership, wisdom, and friendship!"



Couples Coaching

We began offering monthly couples' coaching several months ago. This monthly gathering is especially geared for men who have attended a Coaching Weekend to bring their wives for input in growing their marriage relationship. These evenings allow Karla and I to open our home to couples who want more in their marriage and are willing to do the work. Fun for us!

Passionate Partnering Workshop

Karla and I are offering an intensive 2-day, Couple's Workshop on Friday, September 2nd from 3:00 pm to 7:00 pm and Saturday, September 3rd from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. For more info, please see the brochure on our website at www.bpointh.org.

"The Workshop was such a blessing and a source of insight to my wife and myself. I truly wish I could have had this seminar at the beginning of my marriage!"

"The Workshop gave me the tools to search deeper within myself so I can be a better wife and help to understand my husband on a deeper level."

"We have been stuck in a pattern that lacked growth for a very long time. Phil and Karla put us back on track for the long haul. We carry around too much baggage to possibly unload ourselves. Their caring involvement makes the load much lighter. I wish we could do the Workshop more often."



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Thanks so much for walking with us. We value your support and friendship. THANK YOU!



Gratefully and prayerfully - Ride ON!

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