

MAY 2014

In case you missed it...

February and March were very busy at Wellspring. Click on the link to read the overview in our April newsletter and see how you can help!

April 2014 Newsletter

Wellspring School of Ministry *Jul. 28-Aug. 8*

The Wellspring School of Ministry is a two-week intensive course in the essentials of prayer ministry, taught by Wellspring staff members at our Anchorage facility. Dates are July 28th - August 8th. Preregistration and more information click here.

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The Covenant Communion

A few weeks ago we were finishing a School of Ministry at our facility in Anchorage and one of my responsibilities was to lead the group in Communion. In the past one of my staff members had always led this part, so in preparing I began to learn more about what we were really doing in a Communion service. It was shocking to me how we had really missed the point of what God was and is still asking us to do.

My study led in many different directions from several different sources. I learned that I needed to understand several Hebrew and Greek words to get their real meaning. I found that I needed a much deeper understanding of what a covenant really is and the types of covenants in Scripture. I learned that I needed to define who Israel really is. I needed to understand what was really happening in Exodus, chapters 19-24 at Mt. Sinai, which then helped me to understand some difficult words of Jesus. This process also helped me to understand that our Communion is just one part of Passover.

Putting this all together also led me to a deeper understanding of what we do at Wellspring Ministries and the incredible love of The LORD. When I presented *The Covenant Communion* to the

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group it was one of the most meaningful experiences we had ever experienced.

I took this study and have created this new booklet about *The Covenant Communion.*

I hope this journey is as meaningful to you as it is to me!

God Bless you and may He give you insight and understanding as you study.

Dr. Art Mathias



To read the online version click here.

Philippines Rebuild And Restore Update

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Wellspring, in Partnership with Bereka for the Nations, recently distributed funds to help rebuild several churches and pastors' houses in Tocloban and Cebu, Philippines. Funds were distributed to 15 pastors. On behalf of these pastors and churches, thank you for your faithfulness in giving and praying for our brothers and sisters! It was such a great blessing to deliver this offering, and hear how thankful these pastors were! One pastor with a wife and eight children had his house totally leveled by the Typhoon. Through your offerings, he is rebuilding his house!

-by Pastor Pat Hadley, Wellspring Church

PHOTOS FROM:
Pastor Dino Layaguin of Praise and Worship Church
Replacement of windows, doors, tile floor, and ceiling.



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Wellspring Testimonies

Gina writes:
Attending the two Week School of Ministry for me started off sort of slow but began to move a lot faster after realizing I had not forgiven a Christian counselor in the past who had given me some very bad counsel which I acted upon. It was only after this was prayed through and I forgave the previous counselor that I began to make significant progress in the ministry times.

I also had breakthrough in looking at events which occurred while I was in womb. I learned that my mom went to a funeral home viewing while carrying me and someone there told her that she should not have come to the viewing because seeing the dead body would affect the baby. Although I don't believe my mom going to the funeral home affected me, I do believe that those words spoken to her began to act as a vow in my life and has manifested in various ways – for example – I was always the one in the family who had accidents of various kinds while growing up.

Also these words may have even had an effect on my birth as I also learned that I swallowed fluid during my birth & I had to go into an incubator for 2 to 3 days as a result - so I was not able to bond immediately with my parents. This information helped me understand why I have had a hard time breaking free from my parents in the past. I received ministry in both areas and now there is peace and not fear in my life.

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Joanie writes:

- I had suffered with migraines for almost 40 years.
- I had been diagnosed with high cholesterol and was put on 5 milligrams of Lipitor a day.
- Summer allergies that every year required antibiotics to get over sinus infections.
- I was not able to lose weight – no matter what I tried.

I had known of Wellspring Ministries for a long time, but I finally had breakthrough by attending the two week School of Ministry in Fairbanks. What God begin to do in my life was amazing. The first thing that happened is He healed me from the allergic reaction to willows (over 200 variety in Alaska). It had entered through my dad traumatizing me with spankings when I had done no wrong. He had blamed me for things my sister had done. I chose to forgive him and God healed me. The bitterness I had, which I didn't know about, left. I have not had any medications since and no sinus infections like I had suffered with in past years. Praise God for healing!

The next thing that happened is I began the journey of embracing who I am as a woman. I repented of things and forgave others and God took away my migraines. I am free! I have not had any since. Yes they tried to come back but I used my authority as a forgiven woman and swatted them away. It is amazing to be free from them.

I also repented of the belief that I had inherited my dad's high cholesterol. I repented of believing that God would give me a disease from my dad and then I threw away the Lipitor. I feel great! Thank you God.

The most amazing thing that has happened came about through one on one counseling. I learned so many truths about myself, for instance I am beautiful because God made me and what He made is good. I didn't create me so there is no pride there. I had thought of myself as not very attractive. Now I can look at myself without shame because what He made is good and it is beautiful. That is not the one that has brought amazing freedom to me though. What has brought life into me is that I learned I had been living the life of rejection. It was deep in me but God revealed it to His light. I now am walking in acceptance. I can not tell you in these few words just how deep and entangled that spirit was in my life. It controlled me in so many ways. Now, I can recognize it and repent or forgive if it tries to come back on me. Our choice of forgiveness with God's help can set us free.

The last thing at this time is that my body is dropping weight! I feel great. God is so wonderfully good. I am getting free of the fat of bitterness which I didn't realize I had and of the excess weight both of which pulled me down.

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