



The Emmaus News

Columbus Indiana Area Emmaus Community, Inc.

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Letter to the Community:

Emmaus and Chrysalis Communities,

We just completed Men's Walk 95 and Women's Walk 96. What a blessing. I would like to say to Phil Newton and Robin Everhart, along with their respective teams, *thank you for a JOB WELL DONE!* You were definitely the Hands and Feet of Christ.

Like many communities we have struggled over the last several years with declining attendance of our Men's walks mostly, but the women were starting to decline as well. Trying to reach the minimum of 20 required pilgrims seemed to be beyond our reach at times. We have had to cancel several Men's walks the last several years. Our 2014 fall walks were slow to fill and went down to the wire to receive and exceed the necessary 20 pilgrims. We had solid walks with 21 Men and 29 Women attending.

This year's spring walks took a while and again we struggled to receive the 20 required by the deadline, but the **Lord is Good** and we were blessed abundantly! Our men's walk went to camp with 29 Pilgrims and the Women had a completely full walk at 36. Praise The Lord!

We had couples attending who were engaged, just married, and one having been married almost 50 years. We even had a mother who was sponsored by her 18 year old son who was a Butterfly from our Chrysalis Community.

The men had Pilgrims and a team member that represented three generations: grandfather, father and grandson. The women had two sets of mothers and daughters, which included the mother and sister to the three generations on the Men's Walk.

It was so exciting to see lives being changed and hear the testimonies at Closing. I look forward to what the Lord is going to do through The Walk to Emmaus in the lives of these 65 Pilgrims, as well as the Churches and communities in the Columbus Area they represent.

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Dates for Upcoming Walks & Flights

Chrysalis Flights #57 & #58 Application Deadline	September 5-7 2015 August 28
Men's Walk #97 Application Deadline	October 15-18 2015 September 15
Women's Walk #98 Application Deadline	October 22-25 2015 September 22

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I ask you each to begin praying now for how you can get involved in the Fall Flights/Walks. Does the Lord want you to serve on a team? Does He have someone you are supposed to sponsor? Does he want you to sign up to be a Prayer Partner? Make Agape? Help set up the Camps? Sign the 72 Hr Prayer Chart? Clean up the Camp at the end of the Flights/Walk? As you can see, it takes many hands and prayers to have successful Flights and Walks. Please contact me or an Emmaus or Chrysalis Board Member if you have questions or if you want to serve in any way.

Chrysalis Flight is Sept 5-7 (Labor Day Weekend) with Evan & Emma Guse as Lay Directors

Men's Walk 97 is October 15-18 with Mark Kelly as Lay Director

Women's Walk 98 is October 22-25 with Debbie Frey as Lay Director

If you Sponsored a Pilgrim on Walk 95 or 96, please remember to bring them to the 4th day meeting on May 15th at 6 pm. It will help them get involved in our community and learn about Reunion Groups and Sponsorship.

DeColores!

Mary Miles, Emmaus Community Lay Director

MEN'S WALK #95 REPORT

Walk # 95 in many ways could be described in one word – AWESOME! We had 29 pilgrims who came with a spirit of surrender; a mind open to hear what was given to them in the talks and seeing what God had in store for them on this 72 hour journey.

As I shared in my communication with the community for the Candlelight service, it was exciting to see how God had blessed this walk. The Table of Concern could see very quickly that the pilgrims were outgoing, responsive and as importantly, obedient to our requests. They were involved quickly in their participation on the first talk – they quickly moved from the discussion period to creating posters and skits. The Table Leaders confirmed how amazed they were at how quickly the pilgrims started to get the key points from the talks. The creativeness and the depth of understanding were there – they were on the “fast track” of understanding where God was leading them on their Walk to Emmaus.

As for many who have participated in the Walk to Emmaus, there are those moments of humility, prayer and submission. Both the Pilgrims and the team experienced this during our time of reflection with the Clowns and the confession time during “Dying Moments.” As private as our sin may be, James called us to “confess our sins to each other and pray for each other so you may be healed.” This was a moving time, not only for the Pilgrims, but also for the team members who participated. All pilgrims and team members who participated received the generosity of God's grace arraigned by God for our benefit.

As always, the Candlelight Service is the most uplifting time for the Pilgrims. To see so many friends and loved ones from the Emmaus Community being there to celebrate their love for the pilgrims is an emotional time. Many of the Pilgrims shared with their table leaders and members of the team, how much they realized the Love of Christ by seeing so many people there to share God's love with them. I can truthfully say for me this is the

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meaning of the words of the song “Open the Eyes of My Heart Lord – I want to see you!” The Pilgrims saw God’s love being expressed for them through all that were there to show God’s love to them.

The final day of the Walk is the most challenging – you have five more talks to get presented and the pilgrims are emotionally and physically drained. At this point they are “anticipating” the end of their journey. The Talks on Perseverance and Fourth Day will become more important to them when they have time to reflect on their Fourth Day, but at this moment, the letters of praise and love from family and friends are overwhelming. God’s love for them is never more evident at this time of their journey – God loves them and so do so many others!

The Commissioning Ceremony as always was a special time. We shared with them God was calling them to service by receiving the Cross and accepting their responsibility in ministry of love in the name of Jesus Christ. This is always a special time when the team displays their cross and congratulates the Pilgrims in discerning their journey with God during this weekend of reflection, study and prayer.

Then the Closing – this is the culmination of the 72 hour journey for the Pilgrims; a time when you might measure the success of the Walk by the testimonies given by them to the community gathered for this portion of the walk. The testimonies given by the Pilgrims were both reflective and humorous. But more importantly, there was a sincere commitment to serving God, being a better husband and father, and serving their church. Their testimonies expressed a commitment to serving the Lord and the world by sharing the good news of Jesus Christ.

I have just read a statement this weekend by Mathew Henry, a 17th century preacher who summed it up best with this statement, “A life spent in service of God and in communion with him is the most pleasant life that anyone can live in the world.” We hope and pray that Walk #95 has been a journey to help these men experience this kind of life as they continue their walk with God.

I close this communication with the understanding that God is the origin and cause of all things. The apostle Paul stated it this way: “For from him and through him and for him are all things. To him be the glory forever. Amen.” -Romans 11:36 (NIV)

Respectfully submitted,

Phil Newton,
Lay Director - Walk #95



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User name: columbusemmaus **password:** 4thday

WOMEN'S WALK #96 REPORT

Dear Emmaus Community,

What an amazing experience it has been to be the Lay Director of Walk #96! God has been so faithful and good even though there were many obstacles! I would like to thank the Board and the Emmaus community for the opportunity to lead the team this spring.

It was awesome to see God put team #96 together! I have said that it felt like God was in an inner tube in a lazy river with me in the inner tube behind Him gliding along in the water as I was calling people for team! I definitely felt God's prompting on who He wanted to have on team. Everyone on team was supportive. They were hard workers who shared God's love with the Pilgrims as well as everyone on team!

Walk #96 was truly amazing! God's presence was felt by the Pilgrims as well as the team on that beautiful spring weekend. I have received letters and emails from some of the Pilgrims who shared that they were blessed and they said that it was life changing for them! Thank you, Jesus!

Thank you so much again for this opportunity to be the Lay Director of Walk #96! May God continue to bless those who attended Walk #96 and the Columbus Area Emmaus Community! Emmaus has been such a blessing to me and has helped strengthen my relationship with Christ! I know my life has been enriched by the love and friendships that have developed over the years with my fellow Emmaus friends! I would not be who I am without Christ and my Emmaus community! I love you all!

Blessings,

Robin Everhart
Lay Director
Walk #96

Change of Information

If your mailing address, phone number, or e-mail address has changed, then please let us know. Email your change to addresschange@columbusinemmaus.org or contact any Board member.



Do You Want to Serve on the Fall 2015 "Walk to Emmaus" Team?

NOW is the time to sign up.
Use the form on the next page
OR download "Team Service
Application" from our website.





Team Service Application

Name: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____

D.O.B. _____ City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone _____ Email: _____

Cell _____ Occupation: _____

Walk you went on (Community and #) _____

What Church do you attend? _____

Please check in what ways are you active in the Columbus Emmaus Community:

- Part of a Reunion Group
- Attend Gatherings
- Participate in 72 hr. Prayer Vigil
- Sponsorship
- Attend Candlelight
- Other (please list) _____

Please check what areas you have served as a Team Member:

- Lay Director
- Table Leader
- Music Team
- Asst. Lay Director
- Asst. Table Leader
- Agape Team
- Spiritual Director
- Board Rep
- Asst. Spiritual Director
- Kitchen Team

Please List any Emmaus Talks you have given:

Please list any health concerns or special dietary needs you may have:

Please consider me for the: **Fall Walk** **Spring Walk**

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Return Form to: Columbus Indiana Area Emmaus Community - Team Selection
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May Community Gathering & Pitch-in*

Friday, May 19, 2015

6pm - Fourth Day meeting (new members & sponsors)

7pm - Pitch-in dinner

8pm - Worship

The Point (formerly First Church of the Nazarene)

311 Myers, Seymour IN

*Childcare provided

Board Meetings @ The Rock

3990 Rocky Ford Rd., Columbus, IN

Chrysalis - Tuesday, May 5 at 6:30 pm

Chrysalis - Tuesday, June 2 at 6:30 pm

Emmaus - Saturday, May 9 at 9:00 am

Emmaus - Saturday, June 13 at 9:00 am