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Letter to the Community:

Live remembering we are not home yet.

Each month I am to share an article with you. I both love and dislike the job. I carry you in my thoughts often wondering what I could say to you. This month we have already been given much with Easter just fresh in our memory and the Spring Walks in our near future. So this time I will share someone else's thoughts from a book I am reading. The book is entitled *Eternity* and was written by Joseph M. Stowell.

Mr. Stowell reminds us that this world is not our home. Our home is in heaven and keeping that precious piece of ammunition in our arsenal keeps up directed toward what our purpose is here. It allows us to handle our material possessions with open hands not clenched fists. It allows us to place our loved ones in His capable hands and not sorrow like the world when we see them moved to their real home and from our sight. Missing them and grieving for them, but knowing in peaceful hearts that they are with the Lord and He is watching over us until we are taken to our final home and reunited.

Joseph Stowell can say it better than I: "Intrinsic to our fallenness is the need for gain. Because we lost what we were meant to be, we are incomplete. Sensing the loss, we hunger for gain, for something more. But the problem is not that we hunger for gain, but that we pursue it on this side of eternity, thinking that if somehow we could gain enough and keep what we have gained, then we could be happy, complete, safe and secure. True gain, however, is being restored to our created purpose, an unhindered, satisfying experience of relationship with the God of the universe. He intends heaven as the place where we know final gain and eternal fulfillment."

Missionary Jim Elliot made heaven the focus of his life. 'He is no fool who loses what he cannot keep, to gain what he cannot lose,' he wrote in his journal. This philosophy released him to serve Christ even in the face of death as he lay bleeding in the Curaray River that winds through the jungles of Ecuador. Though for Jim being fully devoted to Christ here meant loss, but it clearly was gain on the ledger sheet of eternity. He was home. To die is gain. And not only gain for him, but also for a tribe that would ultimately come to know Christ as well.

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Dates for Upcoming Walks & Flights

Men's Walk #67	April 10-13, 2008
Women's Walk #68	April 17-20, 2008
Chrysalis Flights #29 & #30	Aug 30, - Sept 1, 2008
Men's Walk #69	Oct 16-19, 2008
Women's Walk #70	Oct 23-26, 2008



Live remembering we are not home yet. (continued)

Living for Christ is really not possible until we understand and embrace the fact that dying is gain. And that is not possible until we firmly believe that heaven is real. When we affirm that truth in the depths of our soul, then we are finally free to live for Christ, even if that requires earth-side loss.

When we are consumed with the reality of heaven, Christ is free to consume us on earth. When we realize that final gain is there and then, we are free to love Him here and now. When we put gain in its place, we begin to enjoy Christ in His rightful place, the all-consuming center of our lives.

When heaven is the transcendent target of our living, then we indeed have the best of both worlds, Christ here and gain there. We are assured of Christ’s presence and protection here and ultimately the guarantee of paradise there, where He is the substance of our eternal gain.”

This may be why C. S. Lewis profoundly noted in *Mere Christianity*, “Aim at heaven and you’ll get earth thrown in. Aim at earth and you will get neither.”

Lord, help us to move toward keeping our hearts centered on You, our hands reaching toward Your purposes for our lives, and our feet turned toward heaven. May we see and contribute to Your work in the coming Emmaus Walks.

As always,
Renée Kasting
Community Lay Director

New Board Member Profile:

My name is Bill Everhart, Walk #23, table of Andrew. I am married to Robin and we have two sons. Ben, who has gone on to be with Jesus and is waiting for us, and Blake who is a Conservation Officer in Davies County. I have served on several teams in many positions. I am currently serving on the board as the team selection person. God has blessed me with many new found friends in the Emmaus Community and I look forward to meeting more.

DeColores,
Bill

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Team Lists for Men's Walk #67 and Women's Walk #68



<u>POS.</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Talk Name</u>
SD	Brian Teater	Means of Grace
LD	Dick Bray	Perseverance
ALD	Gary Fuquay	Priorities
ALD	Phil Miles	Body of Christ
ALD	Dan Boyer	Fourth Day
ASD	Rob Kirts	Sanctifying Grace
ASD	Brian White	Prevenient Grace
ASD	Steve Pumphrey	Justifying Grace
ASD	Larry McIntosh	Obstacles to Grace
TL	Tim Toborg	Discipleship
TL	Steve Heimann	Changing Our World
TL	Jim Humphrey	Christian Action
TL	Bill Everhart	Priesthood of All Believers
TL	Skip Green	Life in Piety
TL	Lee Arthur	Growth Through Study
TL	Tom Beeker	
ATL	Wally Dietz	
ATL	Jon Humphrey	
ATL	Irv Rutan	
ATL	Todd Schrader	
ATL	Miron Smith	
ATL	Rex Bunch	
ATL	Mike Bostelman	
HM	Dan Fleming	
MT	George Ernest	
MT	John Bean	
MT	Mark Fisher	
HA	John Shoemaker	
ATM	Richard Brown	
ATM	Chuck Goode	
ATM	Bob Toborg	
ATM	Dave Weaver	
ATM	Russ Sutton	
ATM	Matt Peterson	
ATM	Roy Kony	
ATM	Phil Newton	
ATM	Randy Ent	
HK	Herschel Zahnd	
KTM	Norm Curry	
KTM	Chuck Doup	
KTM	Bill Houghland	
KTM	Gordon Meek	
KTM	Denny Pritchett	
KTM	Larry Wilson	
KTM	Jim Sons	
KTM	Jay Grider	
KTM	Steve Mohler	
KTM	Don Buchanan	
BR	Don Andrews	

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SD	Jon Carlstrom	Means of Grace
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ALD	Jamie Evans	Priorities
ALD	Debbie Frey	Growth thru Study
ALD	Jeannie Wheeler	Fourth Day
ASD	Van Breeding	Justifying Grace
ASD	Marsha Rodenberger	Prevenient Grace
ASD	Dick Yeaton	Sanctifying Grace
ASD	Lewis Wright	Obstacles to Grace
TL	Robin Everhart	Discipleship
TL	Melanie Hart	Christian Action
TL	Sandy Hudak	Body of Christ
TL	Linda Myers	Life in Piety
TL	Donna Nowak	Priesthood of All Believers
TL	Carol Oktavec	Changing Our World
TL	Stephanie Phillips	
TL	Christi Tam	
ATL	Judy Breeding	
ATL	Teresa Bunch	
ATL	Elizabeth Kestler	
ATL	Nancy Mendell	
ATL	Nita Mousa	
ATL	Janet Sutton	
ATL	Katie Wendling	
ATL	Karen Wright	
HM	Pam Andrew	
MT	Paula Kemp	
MT	Lee Marshall	
Co-HA	Lisa Reuter	
Co-HA	Jan Carlstrom	
ATM	Fannie Barker	
ATM	Carole Bostelman	
ATM	Brook Chowning	
ATM	Megan Dickey	
ATM	Kelly Kraft	
ATM	Julie Nay	
ATM	Stephanie Pullen	
ATM	Pat Shoemaker	
ATM	Barbara Taylor	
CoHK	Carolyn Pool	
CoHK	Julie Metz	
KTM	Nancy Conner	
KTM	Angie Hedrick	
KTM	Janis Lovelace	
KTM	Tonia Medaris	
KTM	Dixie Osborne	
KTM	Erica Saltsman	
KTM	Kim Sinclair	
KTM	Cheryl Vondielingen	
BR	Mary Miles	



Chrysalis Flights #27 and #28

“Trust in the Lord with all your heart,
And lean not on your own understanding;
In all your ways acknowledge Him,
And He will make your paths straight.”
Proverbs 3:5-6

“Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love!!”

To the Columbus Indiana Area Chrysalis and Emmaus Communities:

The experience of being the Lay Directors of Flights 27 and 28 was both a blessing and a challenge. The responsibilities stretched us as persons and called forth capabilities we did not know we had. The experience enriched us spiritually and strengthened our abilities as Christian leaders. We discovered the help of the Holy Spirit as we began taking initiatives to form the team and to plan this Chrysalis Flight.

The team of Flights 27 and 28 went to Hilltop Christian Camp on Friday evening, January 18, 2008, filled with energy and enthusiasm carrying food, snacks, drinks, bedding, luggage and way too many extra things. Some of the extra things were 100 bracelets, 100 neckties, 100 hugs that multiplied 20 fold, 100 watches, 100 caterpillars, 100 cocoons, 100 butterflies, and even 100 rainbow scarves. We finished Friday evening with worship and the theme “The embers are glowing. Can you feel the heat?”

On Saturday the caterpillars and sponsors came and became wide eyed and uncertain about these people wearing name tags, tie dyed aprons, smiles, and grabbing their luggage out of their hands. All became calm once they found the coffee, hot chocolate, and donuts. “Big House” was very visible at sendoff and throughout the three days. They even brought us 100 brightly colored swords!

Five talks on Saturday brought us all closer together and the discussion took us well into the talk party time. The caterpillars heard about ideals and wondered. They heard that God designed them and they pondered. On the fifth talk they were freed to die with Christ through sin at the Prodigal talk. They hammered their sins and concerns to the cross. The sound of the hammer on the nails echoed through our hearts.

Day two was even better that day one. Can you believe that? With the theme of “Hope: A day of rising with Christ” the caterpillars did not even worry about the cold because the embers were glowing. God had turned the heat up through singing, prayer, clown communion, and the talks. The Agape Meal was one to remember with the youth of “Big House” serving the Caterpillars and team plus performing an unforgettable and meaningful skit! Then a few of us anticipated the Christ lit faces at Candlelight, but the caterpillars were surprised to tears and excitement when they experienced it.

Day 3 was a day of flying with Christ! All of the speakers were inspirational and the caterpillars learned so much and grew with every talk. Christ worked through the team, drawing the caterpillars to respond freely to Christ’s call of love. The caterpillars were planning their Next Steps throughout the day and were ready to share that with all of the Emmaus and Chrysalis community at Closing.

We sang all weekend “Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.” We not only thank the Chrysalis Community for giving us the opportunity on Flights #27 and #28 to do just as the words to the song say, but we felt the community, team, and the Butterflies doing the same!

The Holy Spirit worked through the team and the framework of Chrysalis to enliven the experience and open the young people to God.

Thank you for the love, support and prayers that all of you gave unselfishly for Flights #27 and #28.

Fly with Christ!
Dan and Dot Kirkling

A Note From Your **Agape** Board Members,

Christine Griggs (812/378-9697) and Pat Shoemaker (812/988-2310)

It is time once again to start making agape for the upcoming spring walks. These small tokens of love are a fun part of the Emmaus experience. If you have a small craft item you enjoy making or something you would like to surprise the upcoming Pilgrims with, please let us know. We need **90 pieces per walk for Pilgrims and team**. It is helpful if you designate where you would like the Agape team to place the items, i.e., conference room, bed agape or at meals. If your agape is for the *conference room* only you will only need to make approx. 60 pieces per walk.

We still have quite a bit of left over agape from the fall walks. Please call or see Christine to get that returned to you or you may add to it for the upcoming walks.

Lose something at the last walk or a previous one? There are several items in the Lost & Found so please check it out at the gatherings or call Pat.

Most importantly, don't forget to sign the Prayer Charts. These charts are such a powerful testimony to the Pilgrims of our love for them. We try to have these available to sign any time the Emmaus/Chrysalis Community gathers. If however you cannot make it to these gatherings, we would be happy to add your name to the chart. Just call Christine or Pat.

We are in need of volunteers to be responsible for the Snack & Prayer Charts. This would entail making sure the charts get to the gatherings and get signed. Someone is also needed who would be willing to coordinate volunteers and refreshments for both the men's and women's Send-off's. If you or your reunion group would be interested in helping in these areas please call one of us (above).

We really appreciate the support of the community in these areas of service. Thanks so much!

DeColores!
Christine and Pat

They asked each other,
"Were not our hearts burning within us
while he talked with us on the road
and opened the Scriptures to us?" Luke 24:32



Don't forget to
bring
your candle
to Candlelight



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No April Gathering due to Walks

Men's Walk #67

Sendoff/Sponsor's Hour, Thurs, April 10, 7 pm, Camp Lakeview
Candlelight, Sat, April 12, 8 pm, Asbury UM Church, Columbus
Closing, Sun, April 13, 3:30 pm, Camp Lakeview

Women's Walk #68

Sendoff/Sponsor's Hour, Thurs, April 17, 7 pm, Camp Lakeview
Candlelight, Sat, April 19, 8 pm, Asbury UM Church, Columbus
Closing, Sun, April 20, 3:30 pm, Camp Lakeview

May Gathering

4th Day Meeting/Pitch-in Dinner to Welcome New Pilgrims
Friday, May 16, 4th Day Meeting starts at 6 pm,
Pitch-in Dinner starts at 7 pm
St. Peter's Lutheran Church, 719 5th St., Columbus
Childcare provided for ages 6 & under

