



# The Emmaus News

Columbus Indiana Area Emmaus Community, Inc.

## Letter to the Community:

### DeColores Says it All

I was recently thinking about the words to the song "DeColores" and decided DeColores says it all. God not only meets our needs, he blesses us so much it brings tear of joy to our hearts. The song talks about the natural beauty all around us. The changing colors of the seasons, rainbows, roosters and babe chicks are examples. It tells about how a diamond sparkles when brought to the light. We are God's diamonds, and we shine when brought to the light of Jesus Christ.

Because we experienced this wonderful love from God, we joyfully want to share it with others and bring God a harvest of souls. We do not care about the opinions of non-believer's that are against us. They just do not understand that God loves them too.

When you hear the song, you would think that it was written at a time when everything was going great. The song was actually written when a bus broke down. Can you imagine praising the Lord when your car breaks down? It's like Paul and Silas praising God when they were in prison. Sometimes, we feel God's love the most when things are not going so well. We should all take a minute to look around us, and see God's love in the beautiful things of life. Always remember that God loves us regardless of our circumstances.

I feel very blessed to be the Columbus Indiana Area Community Lay Director for 2007. I want to thank everyone for your support to serve the Lord in this special way.

DeColores,  
Gary Fuquay  
Community Lay Director

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### Dates for Upcoming Walks & Flights

Chrysalis Flights #27 & #28	January 19-21, 2008
Men's Walk #67	April 10-13, 2008
Women's Walk #68	April 17-20, 2008



### Walk #65 Lay Director's Report to the Community:

The scripture chosen for Walk #65 was from Luke 24:32, "Were not our hearts burning within us while He talked with us on the road. . . ". Jesus had walked right beside them as they walked on the road to Emmaus, yet they did not recognize him. How many times has the same thing happened to us? He is walking with us, showing us His activity, and we miss Him? How often do we experience beauty around us and fail to recognize the creative power of God. How easy to be busy with the busyness of life and forget to live the moment. Isn't that what He calls us to do, to live every moment, to realize each one is a gift from Him? Each one gives an opportunity for Him to teach us something new about Himself.

We experienced Him and His love on Walk #65. My prayer for the weekend was that team members and pilgrims would see Christ in a new and different way. Community, your obedience helped make that a reality.

For many of us, from our earliest memories, we were taught that God loves me. We might know that truth intellectually, and never know His love experientially. We may not have fully understood the depths of Christ's love on the cross before Walk #65, but we saw it exhibited through the body of Christ, you the Emmaus Community during the weekend. Thanks Community, for all you have done to express that truth to the pilgrims of Walk #65.

**DeColores,**  
Steve Meredith  
Lay Director, Walk #65

### November Gathering News

During our November Gathering, the retiring Emmaus Board Members were recognized and thanked for their service to the Lord and the Emmaus Community. They are: Gary Fuquay, Jane Hien, Robin Everhart, Ron Povaleri, and Brian Teater. The new Emmaus Board members elected are: Lee Marshall, Bill Everhart, Renee Kasting, Irv Rutan, and Noel Taylor. Renee Kasting is the new Emmaus Community Lay Director.

New Chrysalis Board members elected are: Mark Newell, Gary Spiker, Teresa Arbuckle, and Mike Hien. Jodi Englestad is the new Chrysalis Community Lay Director.

We also recognized and thanked our retiring Emmaus Community Spiritual Director, Jon Carlstrom. The new Emmaus Community Spiritual Director is Brian Teater.

The Lord is GOOD indeed, ALL the time!

Dear Emmaus and Chrysalis Community,

Walk #66 was an incredible example of how God can bring the Body of Christ together to His glory! Walk #66 was all about "The Plan" and that became our key-word, if you will, from team meetings, through the weekend. All of us plan things, our days, our time, even our service. The actual Walk is a much planned event. But, it's not about our plan, it's about His plan for our life in grace with Him, and His plan was great!

God chose a wonderful team of spirit filled, humble, and willing servants, each member using the special gifts and abilities He has given them. He worked in us and through us to be able to share His amazing grace with the 33 Pilgrims He called for just that time in their lives, that short 72 hours, to reveal His plan for a life in grace and all it has to offer.

The men used up most of the sunshine the week before, but The Holy Spirit filled every inch of the camp and the Son-shine glowed around us! His agape love and grace were poured out and soaked up by the Pilgrims and team alike. The talks were powerful, a relaxed, joyful, and loving atmosphere was evident as we came together through prayer, song, tears, and a whole lot of laughter! Burdens were lifted, prayers answered, and blessings abounded throughout the weekend.

He called a group of very special women to answer His call to spend those three days with Him. As I looked into the eyes of each one of these ladies at Commissioning, placing their cross around their neck, I saw Jesus looking back at me, and I felt Him in such a powerful and overwhelming way I can't explain it. The Body of Christ is alive and well and His spirit is burning in the hearts of our newest Emmaus community members! Please continue to pray for them as they walk their Fourth days with our Lord.

I am so very humbled and honored that He chose me to serve Him as Lay Director for Walk #66. I have never felt more blessed and awed by His greatness and what He can do than I have through this experience. I am filled to overflowing with love and appreciation for what He has done through this walk to share His amazing grace to the Pilgrims, to follow His Plan!

Gooooooooo God !

DeColores,  
Diane Elmerick,  
Lay Director Walk #66



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**No Gathering in December, Merry Christmas!**

**January Gathering**

Friday, January 11, 2008—7 pm

East Columbus UM Church, 2439 Indiana Ave., Columbus

~ ***Chrysalis Team Dedication*** ~

J—Z bring snacks and drinks

Childcare provided for ages 6 and under



**Chrysalis Flights #27 & #28**

**Sendoff/Sponsor's Hour** — Saturday, January 19, 2008

Registration begins at 8:30 am, Sendoff begins at 9 am—  
Hilltop Camp, Brown County

**Candlelight**—Sun, Jan 20, 2008, 8 pm, Asbury UM Church,  
Columbus

**Closing**—Mon, Jan 21, 2008, 5 pm, Asbury UM Church, Col.