



The Emmaus News

Columbus Indiana Area Emmaus Community, Inc.

Letter to the Community:

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I remember several months ago when I was asked to pray about serving as the Community Lay Director and saying that I would need to pray and wait for God to tell me what I should do. I jokingly said that maybe God would send me a message in a bottle while I was on vacation the following week. Well, there is truth in the old saying to be careful about what you ask for. That following week, early one morning, God sent me the bottle on the beach after arriving at Panama City. The only other person on the beach that morning was my son Blake so I'm pretty sure the message was for me.

I would like to thank the members of the Columbus Area Emmaus Community for allowing me to serve as the Community Lay Director this year. I have truly been blessed all year long. I was still somewhat concerned about the responsibility as I started the year but then I reminded God that He was the one that sent the bottle and He said; OK, take my hand boy and I'll walk you through this. Before I knew what had happened, I was at the last gathering of the year last week, my time had passed.

I have thanked God many times over the years for leading to me this wonderful group of brothers and sisters in Christ where I have found friends that will always support me and encourage me. That is one of the most amazing things that I have found in my life in Christ. Together, with Christ, we can do anything. Philippians 4:13 says that, "I can do all things through Christ who gives me strength". John 15: 5 says, "I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing." So, my fellow branches, together with Christ, we can do ANYTHING.

Thank you for the blessing that you have given me and together we can continue to bring the message of hope to a world that needs what God has called us to offer.

De Colores,
Bill

Dates for Upcoming Walks & Flights

Chrysalis Flight # 35	January 16-18, 2010
Chrysalis Flight #36	January 16-18, 2010
Men's Walk #75	April 8-11, 2010
Women's Walk #76	April 15-18, 2010
Men's Walk #77	October 21-24, 2010
Women's Walk #78	October 28-31, 2010



Interested in Serving on an Emmaus Walk Team??

Look on the Columbus IN Emmaus website, www.columbusinemmaus.org, and find the "Team Service Application." **Pray about serving TODAY!**

Subscription Reminder for 2010



Do you want to receive the Emmaus Newsletter?



Just go to the Columbus Indiana Area Emmaus Community web site. Select the Newsletter on the left hand side. Then subscribe for the e-mail or ground mail version of the newsletter.

If you currently receive the newsletter by e-mail, there is no need to do anything *unless your email address changes*. If that happens, please make the change at the Newspaper link on the web site.

If you are currently receiving the newsletter by ground mail, you will continue to receive the newsletter.

A five dollar contribution made any time during the year is appreciated to help defray printing and mailing costs, if you choose the ground mail option.

If you know a community member who would like to be receiving this newsletter, please give him or her this information. Thank you so much and **DeColores!**

Please Update Your Phone, Addresses, and E-Mail

If you have moved or changed any vital information in 2009, please notify the Emmaus Community Data Base Coordinator, Tom Ganus, at tganus@columbusinemmaus.org or at **COLUMBUS INDIANA AREA EMMAUS COMMUNITY, INC, P.O. Box 2184, Columbus, IN 47202-2184.**

New Board Members

At the January Gathering, we will be voting on another Emmaus Board position for 2010-12. The candidate is Mark Fisher. We hope you will attend, vote and enjoy the blessings of a Gathering.

We would also like to welcome two new members of the Board. Melanie Hart will be filling the remaining term of Jimmy Hoppus and Jim Hoppus will be filling the remaining term of Ron Walker.



Men's Walk #73 Report



What a wonderful experience it has been to share the Walk to Emmaus with the pilgrims of walk number 73. God called a unique group of men together, men of different skills and backgrounds, some from different continents – but all with an obvious and genuine desire to experience the living Christ.



As always, He made His presence known throughout every part of the Walk – from team selection, to team training and especially at the Walk itself. It was also very obvious that it was He who was in control, ensuring that the critical things that needed to be taken care of were in fact taken care of in that mysterious manner that He so often displays.



It was truly an honour for us as the team of walk 73 to be the visible 'hands and feet of Christ' to the pilgrims. But, we should never forget that it is the invisible members of the Body of Christ that not only make any Walk a reality, but also bring to life the true message of Christ's love and grace. Whether shown on the painted faces of the clowns, or through the smiling faces of the agape support folks, or on earnest faces of those on their knees in prayer throughout the 72 hours, or on the encouraging faces of the community and body as a whole – the Love of Christ is the real message of the walk.



My thanks once again to the team, to the Board and to the community, but most especially, my grateful thanks to our Lord and Saviour for allowing us to be a part of something so truly awesome.



Cliff Putterill



November 2009



Severe Weather

If an Emmaus event is cancelled due to severe weather the community will be notified through the following sources:

1. Community News Updates on the home page www.columbusinemmaus.org
2. Those who have an email subscription to the newsletter will receive an email when a decision for cancellation has been made. *If you do not have an email subscription, you can subscribe on the Emmaus website.*
3. Local radio stations QMIX 107.3, WCSI AM 1010, WKKG 101.5, and WJCP 92.7



Women's Walk #74 Report



As I write this letter, about three weeks have already passed since we completed Women's Walk #74. I don't know about anyone else, but my thoughts keep going back to our journey together that weekend and of how God walked along with us and settled softly in our hearts.



It started as He began putting our wonderful team together, throughout our preparation and team meetings, and as He placed each pilgrim at their designated table.



God's presence could really be felt as we gathered out at camp that Thursday and began to prepare for the arrival of the pilgrims.



Soon after Thursday nights events, the ladies hearts were softened and ready for God's message. It wasn't long before they were getting to know each other and enjoying and caring for each other.



As the weekend progressed each event was better than the one before it- just as promised. Remember the poster party, clowns, dying moments, Holy Communion, Agape Dinner, Candlelight, table group prayer, agape letters, commissioning and the closing where the women answered those two questions with sincerity, tears, laughter and with statements of conviction. Wow, those last two hours of the walk were among the most amazing. God certainly revealed himself in a mighty way!



As I reflect back on our walk together, I am humbled and thankful for the privilege and blessing of being Lay Director of Columbus, Indiana Area Emmaus Walk #74, and for how God was right there to walk along with us.



Thank you to the community, the team and sponsors for their hard work, acts of agape and prayers, and to the pilgrims for being the awesome women God created them to be.



It is my prayer that our hearts will continue to burn within us throughout our Fourth Days.



In Christ,
Linda Leszcynski
Lay Director Walk #74



Pray for Camp Lakeview Expansion

Camp Lakeview, the site for our Walk to Emmaus weekends, is growing. An expansion project is underway and will help meet the high demand of campers to attend Camp Lakeview events.



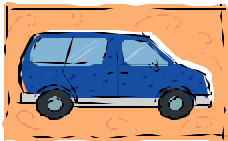
A new camp, called Lakeview Villages, will be constructed directly across Lake Road from the existing site. Since this expansion will enhance the camp in many ways, it will also enrich our future walks.

An area of immediate need is prayer for this project. If you would like to join the prayer team supporting the Lakeview Villages project, please contact Ed Tower at towered@att.net.

If you would like to see more information about the project, visit the camp's website at www.camplakeview.com.

Donate to the Scholarship Fund

If you are looking for way in which you can contribute to our Emmaus Community, consider a donation to the Scholarship Fund. Monies in this fund are used to pay the walk fees for those who cannot afford to pay. Send your checks to : **COLUMBUS INDIANA AREA EMMAUS COMMUNITY, INC, P.O. Box 2184, Columbus, IN 47202-2184.**



Backup Vans Needed

The Columbus Emmaus and Chrysalis Communities need a few good passenger vans to backup our aging bus. The vans would be on standby during the nights for candlelight and for transporting the Chrysalis flights to closing . If you can help with this, contact Irv Rutan at irutan@columbusinemmas.org or Tim Metz at tmetz@columbusinemmas.org.



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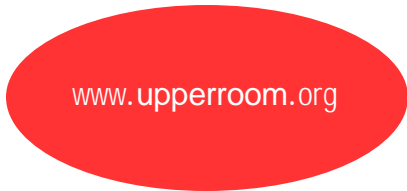
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December Chrysalis Board Meeting

Tuesday, December 1, 2009—6 pm
First Christian Church
531 Fifth St., Columbus, IN

December Hoot

Sunday, December 6, 2009—2 pm
Check the website for location

December Emmaus Board Meeting

Saturday, December 12, 2009—8:30 am
Rocky Ford Free Methodist Church
3990 Rocky Ford Rd., Columbus, IN

No Gathering in December Merry Christmas!

January Gathering

Friday, January 8, 2009—7 pm
CHRYSALIS TEAM DEDICATION
**(WE WILL NOT MEET ON THE THIRD FRIDAY
THIS MONTH)**

Rocky Ford Free Methodist Church
3990 Rocky Ford Rd., Columbus, IN
J-Z bring refreshments

