



The Emmaus News

Columbus Indiana Area Emmaus Community, Inc.

Letter to the Community:

Jehovah-Jireh, the God who provides, we all have stories of how He gave us just what we needed, provided for us when there seemed no hope of provision, and then the times when He shows off and gives you a gift so incredible that you need to do a face-plant or shout, no matter who is watching or listening. Bob and I had one of the latter provisions during this last summer.

Our winter had been long and hard. Bob had serious health issues although well accompanied by God, two surgeries and weeks of healing had left us looking for new activities, something that didn't involve hospitals. We decided to make the trip to Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island we had always wanted to do.

I got busy on the internet and mapped out a tour that included everything we wanted to see. I had picked out bed and breakfasts to punctuate what I considered doable daily distances. If the B and B did not have an internet picture of the room for rent, I would not even consider it. I only looked at homes that had husbands and wives that ran them, and I had personally talked to the owner of each of the homes where we would be staying. I guess it was a "raised-in-a-small-town-traveling-in-a-big-world" thing. With British, German, French, and Scottish hosts we had the feel of other cultures without going so far away. Each day was better than the one before....until....uh.

We arrived one afternoon, earlier than our expected arrival time, at a B and B in which we were to spend two nights. Suddenly, that system that lives in me that tells me something is not right and that I need to leave this place as soon as possible went into high alert mode. I told the hostess that as early as it was, we needed to travel a little farther before dark. I didn't care that we might be paying for two rooms the next two nights; I just knew we would not be staying there. We quickly went to Plan B but there was no Plan B. Plan B sometimes starts at the foot of the cross, on your knees (sitting up in the car) admitting that you have no clue what to do next.

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Dates for Upcoming Walks & Flights

Chrysalis Flights #31 & #32	Jan 17- 19, 2009
Men's Walk #71	April 16 - 19, 2009
Women's Walk #72	April 23 - 26, 2009
Chrysalis Flights #33 & #34	August 29 - 31, 2009
Men's Walk #73	October 15 - 18, 2009
Women's Walk #74	October 22 - 25, 2009

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I began to inform God what our situation was, (we talked about this last newsletter didn't we) I prayed, "Lord you know how carefully I planned this, I do not have internet connection, I cannot see how many stars (rating system) these B and B's have, this is a rural area, and I don't know where to go. Please Lord; lead us to a safe place for the night". We went maybe one half mile after that prayer, came around a curve to a sign that advertised, *MY FATHER'S HOUSE BED and BREAKFAST*. Shortly we were at its driveway and saw their sign announcing their 4-star rating.

Accepting the apparent blessing, we pulled into the driveway and were guests in the last room they had available for that night and the next. Bob was introduced to a segway by the 80 year old innkeeper named Joe. From then on, anytime I couldn't find Bob, he'd be out riding around on the new toy. Later I asked Joe's wife, Bev, how they came to the name the B and B *My Father's House*. She said her daughter named it. When she came to help fix up the house, merchants would ask if it was her home and she'd answer, "No, it's my father's house." I felt disappointed and said I was thinking of something a little loftier. She got a gentle look on her face and said, "We are in business because God sends people to us, we wrap our arms around them for a time and rest them and then send them on their way." Our stay there was a gift, with so many blessings.

The morning we had to move on, we felt a sense of loss that was almost a grief. As we drove out that driveway, I knew the folly of the 4-star rating on their sign. We had been placed with innkeepers who had talked with us and shared of God things, and heavenly expectations and being blessings and being blessed. Jehovah-Jireh had led the way to a place we will never forget. A place I did not want to leave.

It is my prayer that the recent Emmaus Walks have been to you a provision of Jehovah-Jireh. That they have been a source of indescribable blessing and provision. He loves to bless. I personally believe, as Beth Moore teaches, that once in a while God says, "Well, if you liked that, just take a look at this!" Then grab hold of your socks because He is going to wow you.

Your fellow pilgrim,
Renée Kasting
Community Lay Director

November Gathering—4th Day Meeting/Pitch-in Dinner

Friday, November 21, 2008 - 4th Day Meeting starts at 6 pm,
Pitch-in Dinner starts at 7 pm. First Baptist Church,

3300 Fairlawn Dr., Columbus, IN Everyone is invited to come!

We celebrate the Lord's great blessings to us by welcoming

the newest members of our Community—the Pilgrims from

Walks #69 and #70! Sponsor's and Pilgrims get to go first!

If you were a pilgrim on these walks, all you have to do is bring yourself! For everyone else, please bring your favorite food to share and a plate and utensils to eat with. Our annual business meeting will also take place, so don't miss it! This is your chance to fellowship with new friends, praise the Lord, and receive Holy Communion. Child care is provided for children ages 6 and younger.



Columbus Indiana Area Emmaus Community, Inc. Home Page:

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Emmaus Information Page (for community members):

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Men's Walk #69 A few Pilgrims' Comments – Closing

I've been overwhelmed, but last night (Candlelight) was really overwhelming - I'm really going to focus on what was said and what was heard – I've let my work control my life, what I have to do is be more disciplined and take what I have learned here – Dying moments was the Holy Spirit giving CPR – I've been proven wrong a lot the weekend – I'm a sinner, but God still wants a relationship with me – I've got to get this out or I'm may explode – I don't know how to answer the questions except for WOW! – I know timing is important but I don't have a watch – I came here with my mind completely open even when my sponsor said we'd have to do something at the lake with no clothes on! – I pick the weirdest time to cry and I pray this is not one of them – The clowns! – 2 ladies dressed up as clowns and you think "oh, this is going to be cute" – it was powerful! – God put the Walk in my life when I needed it – God really has a plan for my life – This has just reinforced what God has done in my life – I'm going to continue the path with a little more greater sincerity – I came with the intention of getting my batteries recharged, but the Lord and I have been doing some pretty hard battles these past few hours – I'm going to take the promises I have relearned – I'm looking forward to my 4th days! – God bless you – 5 years ago the seed was planted (to come on an Emmaus Walk) – I've sprouted and I'm growing – God has shown me this weekend that there can only be one Master, not 2 – This has been a truly awesome experience – I'm not going to be alone. God will be with me to equip me – I need to sit down and re-evaluate my priorities – I need to put myself in a leadership role with my family, my job and my church. The letters were a very moving experience.

Women's Walk #70 – A few Pilgrims' Comments – Closing

I know what love is and I've gotten rid of a lot of pain – I've really gotten a big dose of love and received a lot of healing – I feel so different – People that walked in my shoes, I want to help them, I could go on and on – I thought I knew what love was, evidently I didn't - I could give it but not receive it – I've always felt like an under achiever, but I've relearned with God I can achieve – I plan to tell everyone I meet that Jesus love you, like that little clown did – God's love is amazing – Going to tell everyone – giving my burden to God was wonderful – I hope to bring my family – Candlelight meant the most to me. It was like heaven, except we get to go out and share it. – I felt the power of prayer, all of you were praying for us and I felt it – Being at the table of Martha, I plan to be more of a Mary – Dying Moments, the last 2 years I have been spiritually numb. God showed me I can't have unforgiveness and be close to Him – This helped put all the pieces of the puzzle together – Now when God has something for me to do, I'm with Him! – This weekend did several things. I experienced a new level of perseverance – Going to count on Christ – I have never before seen Christ's love show through so many people – I laughed and cried so much – The clowns are supposed to make you laugh – It was wonderful to be around believers – I'll take my new found faith back to my new church – I was meant to be here, I'm speechless – I've always had a lot of fear and anger. I've been set free, and I'm not taking it back – I want my kids to know about more love. I will institute a new uniform day – Agape Day! – I felt like I was drifting, I had no joy in my heart. I felt lost. I know through prayer that God has found me – My husband and I will have a much better home life – My husband has tried to get me to shut up and Thursday night I did. – I was so excited about coming and I have loved it – what I got out of this is what prayer can do and how much God loves me.

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No December Gathering

