

Words from the Woodwards

April, 2019

"For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures, and that He was seen by Cephas, then by the twelve. After that He was seen by over five hundred brethren at once...But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me was not in vain..." (1 Cor.15:3-5,10).

We witnessed another breakthrough recently. A lady in the area was referred to us for personal counseling. She delayed a while, but was then given a three day suspension from her job. She came in for her initial appointment the next day and was ready to do business with God. Since she had three days "off", we met for sessions Tuesday-Thursday that week. She entered into identification and found a new source of freedom. Although her circumstances are still difficult, she is not only finding peace, but is envisioning her opportunity to be equipped with Grace Fellowship International to help others with Christian counseling! This reminds me of the declaration of Romans 8:37: "in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us." It seems that being "*more* than a conqueror" means that we are not only survivors and overcomers, but are willing for God to use us to help others also.

This month we will be mailing out our *Glimpses of Grace* newsletter and you can catch up on additional ministry activities at GFI's blog and Facebook pages.

I'd appreciate prayer for two ministry trips planned for this month. I'm scheduled to present a GFI seminar and preach at Litchfield Park First Baptist Church (near Phoenix, Arizona) on April 13,14 and give a Christ is Life seminar on April 27th. That event will be hosted by Parkside Church near Cleveland, Ohio. May the Lord grant traveling mercies and fruitful events.

As we observe Good Friday and Resurrection Sunday April 19-21, may we offer up our praise and thanksgiving to God "in spirit and in truth." Thank you so much for being a much-valued member of our intercession and support team! May God's grace encourage you daily.

Yours in Christ,

John and Linda



Luther Rice Seminary students at the March practicum.
Don and I also have counseling degrees from this school!

Comments from the Workshop in March

This training absolutely exceeded my expectations. The most helpful concepts were: the Wheel diagram, [the] understanding of me in Christ & Christ in me, the process of how the presenting problem [is handled] and the Selfer's Prayer is done, and the Scriptures used. I love the resources! The variety of teaching, testimony, fellowship and passion has been a wonderful growth opportunity for me.

This teaching is totally transformational. Thank you for all you have prepared, for sharing it with us, and especially for living it before our eyes.

The most helpful concept was that I do not have two [coequal] natures, but I have a new nature in Christ, and the old man is dead--crucified... Words cannot describe what this week has brought to my understanding of who I am in Christ.

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