

Words from the Woodwards

May, 2019

"Now the Lord is the Spirit; and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty. But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord."
2 Corinthians 3:17,18

Thank you for your interest in this branch of the Lord's ministry. It's a privilege to serve on the front lines of Christ Centered Discipleship counseling and training. I'm so thankful for God's watchcare over me on the flights to Arizona and Ohio last month. The first flight to Arizona was delayed a day (which I spent in Atlanta) due to the sudden winter storm that closed the Minneapolis airport (my original connection).

This world our Father created has such variety. In Arizona I was greeted with its desert scenery and rugged beauty... from cactus (seen) to coyotes (heard?). Ohio was filled with the green colors of spring. My hosts' house was surrounded by farm land: on one side a flock of sheep, and on the other side horses, mules and goats grazed and walked up to their fence.

But the best beauty is in God's people, beholding how His Spirit ministers grace, truth and life in Christ Jesus. As I mention in this month's GFI cover letter, one of the blessings of these ministry trips is to see our alumni. In April I saw Dr. Lee Turner (author of our Grace Discipleship Course), Linda Gammon (founder of our Minnesota affiliate, Cross to Life Discipleship Ministries), Ken and Susan Bates (she is speaking at a women's conference in Ukraine this month), and John and Sharon Lynch (co-founder of Victorious Christian Living). In Ohio I stayed with alumni Dudley and Joanie DuRoss, and met GFI-trained counselor, Barbara Visti; each of these gave testimonies.

We appreciate prayer for additional events: I'm to present a mini workshop hosted by New Life Community Church in Elgin, Illinois on May 17,18, and on June 8th I present our "Navigating the Recovery Journey" seminar in Annandale, Virginia.

Thank you so much for your fellowship in the Rest of the Gospel.
Yours in Christ,

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Rob. Dudley & John - Ohio planning



Welcome cake

Comments from the Ohio Event

Thanks for leading the "Christ is Life Seminar" at Parkside Church on April 27th. All of the Youth for Christ staff that were able to come were blessed. I appreciated your biblical knowledge, your familiarity with the material, and caring delivery! God bless you for coming.

- B. Youth for Christ, Cleveland, Ohio

We so appreciated your coming to Cleveland to bless all of us with the "Christ Is Life" seminar...and so He is! You were very informative and we learned and heard many things we hope to share with others. You have a wonderful gift from the Lord. Thank you for exercising it so faithfully! The Lord's blessings to you and your family as well. Please thank them for sharing you with us. Gratefully,

- L.

We so enjoyed our time with you John, and were totally blessed to have you so much all to ourselves. We'd love to stay closer in touch with you... Please thank Linda for letting you spend the time with us...I have *The Green Letters* open on my lap, and my Bible summons me to appear at His Throne with praise and thanksgiving for a Life that's indescribable!

- D.