



*Ministering Hope, Healing and Wholeness
to the Relationally & Sexually Wounded
Through the Power of the Cross!*

Marriages Saved, Healed, Reconciled and Restored

It's amazing to see what God can do in our lives when we are willing to walk in the light and confess our sins to Him and our faults to one another. I have watched four marriages be completely redeemed, restored, and renewed over the past year. These are couples who questioned whether restoration or reconciliation was even possible. Each of the husbands had been involved in adulterous affairs. I know we can run to *Matt 19:9* "I tell you that anyone who divorces his wife, except for marital unfaithfulness, and marries another woman commits adultery." But what about *Mark 10:9* "Therefore what God has joined together, let man not separate." I believe that this is the verse we should stand on and believe in.

If these wives had wanted to, they could have walked away from their marriages and asked their husbands for a divorce; but, if they had done that, they would not have been able to experience God's amazing ability to bring peace, understanding, forgive-

ness, and healing in each of their lives. The journey has not been easy for any of them and for some it even meant a time of separation. To get where they are now took some hard, tearful, painful work but the benefits of walking through that process has brought each of them to a new place of trust and intimacy in their relationship with Christ, with each other, and in their marriages today. Is it all fixed, is all the pain and anger gone, is it finally happy ever after? Absolutely not, they still have work to do and they have good days and bad days but they know how to get through them now and they know that with Christ as their center they can overcome anything.

Here are just a few of the comments I have heard from some of them. "It is amazing to be able to talk with my wife about my struggle."; "I am learning to trust my husband again."; "Our relationship is better than ever."; "Wow. I am having the best s???? intimacy I have ever experienced."; "We are able to laugh

about some of the stupid things I have done." *Job 8:21* "He will yet fill your mouth with laughter and your lips with shouts of joy." *Eccl 3:4* "a time to weep and a time to laugh, a time to mourn and a time to dance..." We must all get past our weeping and mourning and get to a place of laughter and joy.

The story of Jesus is a story of our reconciliation to our Heavenly Father and the Father desires to deliver restoration and reconciliation in our relationships with our families, our spouses, and our friends. *2 Cor 5:17-18* "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come! 18 All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation."

May we all seek to be reconciled to those we love, starting with the FATHER! It is not possible within us, but it is possible through Jesus who lives in us and empowers the ministry of reconciliation.

Financial News

Operating Budget	Ministry Needs!
January 01, 2009 thru December 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prayer Partners • Financial Provision • Protection • Perseverance • Teaching Opportunities
\$92,482.50	
Monthly Need \$7,707	
Current Shortfall -\$9,112.61	
Thank you for your continued financial support.	<i>Psalms 111:7 "The works of his hands are faithful and just; all his precepts are trustworthy."</i>

"Will You Pray"

Honestly, right now, stop and pray for the ministry needs!

If you took the time to pray, please take another moment and return the envelope with a short note. Let me know that we have saints out there praying for us and our families.

We really need your prayers for covering, direction, discernment and provision.

John

