

October 31st (letter # 19)

Dear Partners:

A big thank you to Linda's cousin Ron and his wife Karen McIntosh in Dallas TX, and our excellent long time friend Carol Gordon of "Heart Menders Ministry" in Bethany OK, and My sister Maurine and her husband Don in De Soto, MO for opening their homes to us on our Texas trip. We had a wonderful visit with each of them. What a blessing they were to Linda and me and One+One=One Ministries. The trip really went well, just the way we planned it. Linda and I found we can still do the marathon drive. We left Linda's Brother John's wedding around 9:30 PM on Sunday, September 30, and arrived at Ron and Karen's in Dallas around 9:00 PM the next day. That's 1,371 miles in around 23.5 hours. That's averaging over 58 miles an hour.

The Church on the Rock conference was really great. There were several hundred pastors in attendance from all over the world. There were, I would guess, 40 to 50 vendors with booths that focused on all aspects of supporting churches, in anything from first class TV commercials to church accounting systems. Also, there were several ministries with booths, all were very classy. If all goes as planned, my desire is to have a One+One=One Ministry booth, and to teach a breakout session on relationship at next year's conference. **Please pray about this.** We feel this conference was a benefit to Linda and me, and One+One=One Ministries. Not only was it a great time for us spiritually with wonderful speakers, we also connected with several pastors and other ministries. I'm glad we were there.

Dr. Frank Rosenstern the Administrator of Church on the Rock International is waiting for us to finish our website, because he wants to put a link on their website to our website, www.opoeo.com. His words were that he wants to impart to the C.O.T.R. pastors information about our relationship ministry. Our site is about 70% complete, the structure is there, just needs to be refined.

Our time in Bethany OK was not only wonderful, but I believe it was life changing. Linda and I received ministry on Sunday afternoon on what I will call a "father's heart" that helped open our eyes and confirmed what God has been doing in our lives, mine in particular. At this time I can't put it into words, but I know our lives and ministry were impacted by God.

On Monday the 8th, on our way to my sister's in De Soto, MO, we had lunch in Kansas City with Pastor Kelly and Esther Lohrke. We had a great time of fellowship and got to know each others heart for God. He asked us if we would be able to stay in town and minister on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, (he has two midweek services because he pastors two churches in Kansas City, one in Kansas and one in Missouri). We had to keep to our schedule to spend time with my family and friends in So. East Missouri, so we will be scheduling meetings in Praise Chapel in Kansas City in the near future.

We spent 3 days with my sister in De Soto, MO. It's always good to spend time with Maurine and Don. There's always a lot of catching up to do with each other's family. We also, spent some time with Jay & Jo Mitchem and John & Sandy Smith. Jay, Sandy, and I were in the graduating class of 1959 at Patton High School, in Patton MO. Jay is one of the few men in my life that at the end of a conversation we will tell each other we love each other. Jay means a lot to me. John & Sandy are good friends and we always enjoy getting to see them. We have agreed to going on a cruise with them in the fall of '08.

Our trip to Houston and then on home was very smooth and uneventful. Great trip!!

We have set a date of December 5th to attend the TV producers class at Time Warner Studio as the first step of starting our own TV ministry. **Continue to pray about this.**

Continue to pray about the writing of the teaching syllabus and the book I have started. This does not come easy to either one of us, but we both feel the need and feel God has directed us to write. While in Bethany, OK, another man told us while ministering to us that he feels that we should write. I don't believe God gives us heavy burdens that can wear us down. I believe if God tells us to do something, He equips us and anoints us to do it. I'm asking God to put a holy burn of excitement in me to write that I can't ignore.

We have made the travel arrangements for two trips to Eastern Europe before Christmas. We will arrive in Warsaw, Poland 11/13 at 1:25 pm and will leave Warsaw for home 11/28 at 6:25 am, arriving home 11/28 at 3:33 pm. We will be ministering for Pastor Piotr Tatar in Poland, and then we will be making a round trip from Warsaw to Ostrava, Czech Republic, to minister for Pastor Mark and Valerie Zechin, missionaries/pastors in Central Europe. Then, on the 11th of Dec. we will fly to Iasi, Romania, to be with Pastor Ghiorgi and Cristina Cazacu. **Please pray that all trip needs will be met, and, most important, that our ministry will be a blessing to the Pastors and the people in Central Europe. That is always our prayer, “That we will be a blessing to the people when we minister”.**

The last ministry I reported on was on September 21st at the “River of Life Singles group” at “River of Life Christian Center” in Riverside, CA.

Since then, we have ministered at:

- October 7th at “Faith Fellowship Church” in Oklahoma City, OK. Pastor Gail Jagd. Our friend Carol Gordon gave Pastor Gail the last two of our monthly letters; she read them and invited us to minister for their Sunday service. We ministered our story with a focus on “God change me.” It’s important to know that if there is a problem with any relationship we have, it will probably never change until we can with a sincere heart ask God to start change with me. There was a good response for prayer ministry at the end of the service with many coming forward for prayer. It was a great service, and Pastor Gail was very pleased.

- October 14th at “Calvary Christian Center” in Houston, TX. Pastor Tracy & Vickie Jones. We ministered at the two Sunday morning services. Since it’s been some time since our last ministry at Pastor Tracy’s Church we spoke in the first service on “God change me”. We don’t win relationship conflicts or issues by applying spiritual warfare or spiritual knowledge, or spiritual gifts, or by trying to apply Godly principles to our relationships. Even applying good common sense doesn’t fix our relationships or our lives. So often we become so engrossed in applying God to our lives, hoping to see change, that we miss that God wants to change us by changing the part of us that drives us, usually referred to as our heart. God works from the inside out, not the outside in. But He can only change us, change our hearts, change the thing that drives us to hurt each other, when we with an honest heart ask Him to change us. There are no perfect people, we all need to be changed, and when we quit trying to use God for our benefit and start surrendering to God, and ask Him to change us, to make us the man or woman that He alone knows we need to be, then we will see our relationships change.

In the second service we spoke on receiving God’s direction for our lives. What an important issue. The root of happiness is knowing we are in God’s will. And if we don’t believe God wants to **talk** to us and instead are trying to figure out God’s will for our lives from His written word, we will never know God’s will in the issues of life and relationships. Jesus said, “My sheep hear my voice”. Linda and I shared examples from our marriage where we have had problems or needed direction, and we have gone to God and asked Him what was wrong, or what we needed to do, and God from His perspective spoke to us and gave direction. He will give direction every time we ask Him, if we believe He will. Remember, we serve a personal God.

When we asked if anyone wanted prayer ministry, there was a very good response with many asking God to change them or to give them the faith to believe that God will talk to them and give them direction.

- October 17th at “River of Life Christian Center” in Riverside, CA. Pastor Richard & Lori Joy. This was our regular Wednesday service. My intention was to speak on the “peace of God”. But before I was introduced, Danny OLea did an excellent job of lip syncing and acting out a Hip Hop song that was expressing frustration, anger, and resentment at a Preacher on TV that was twisting the word of God to mislead people. I wanted to make a few comments to express that God has dealt with this problem of

being led astray by giving us the Holy Spirit at our salvation, who lives in us to, as Jesus said several times “ to lead us to truth, all truth”. In 1 John 2:26-27, John talks about those who are trying to lead us astray, and He says we have the anointing of the Holy Spirit who teaches us all things. John even says we have no need of another teacher but the Spirit of God. I ended up teaching on the Holy Spirit from 1 Cor. 2. We have a relationship with Jesus, but most of us need to start establishing a relationship with the Spirit of God. The response was good with several people coming forward to pray.

Scheduled in the future

- November 15th through 18th at “Word of Reconciliation Church” in Poland, Eastern Europe. Pastor Piotr and Bozena Tatar.
- November 22nd through 25th for “Growing in Faith, Intl” in Czech Republic, Eastern Europe. Pastor Mark and Valerie Zechin
- December 12th through 18th for “GM11 Gospel Ministries” in Romania, Eastern Europe. Pastor Ghiorghi and Cristina Cazacu.
- January 15th – 22nd “New Vision Christian Ministries” in Belize, Central America. Pastor Nate and Melissa Goldtooth
- February 15th, 16th and 17th at “Praise Chapel” in Honolulu, HI. Pastor Kelekona & Roberta Bishaw. We are going to have a sweetheart weekend.
- February 22nd, 23rd, and 24th at “Praise Chapel” in Pago Pago, American Samoa. Pastor Penitila (Kila) and Celine Leapaga.
- March 21st, 22nd, and 23rd at “Charis Family Fellowship” in Amarillo, TX. Pastor John & Sally Angleh.
- July ? at “Heart Menders Marriage seminar” in Bethany, OK. Led by Carol Gordon.

Linda and I are very excited about what’s happening with One+One=One Ministries. I called a lady who attends “Tehillah Ministries” in Bakersfield, CA. with Pastor Lolo & Connie Contreras where we ministered in February. She works for a travel agency and offered to help with our travel plans. She is still very excited about the impact of One+One=One Ministries their church, and said they are still talking about of our ministry. We receive feedback like this pretty regularly. We do this ministry because we feel God led us to, but it’s the feedback telling us we are having a lasting impact on marriages that makes me cry. It is my hope that you, our partners (that’s every one of you that are believing in what God is doing through One+One=One Ministries, and you who are believing and praying, and you who are believing, praying, and giving financially) are just as excited as we are, and just as full of joy as we are that we, that includes you, are making a positive, lasting difference in lives and marriages. It takes we who minister, we who believe in this ministry, we who pray, and we who give financially to be successful. All of us! We are on a pace to complete over 40 ministry trips, short or long, while doing over 80 services in this year, and it’s because we’re a team. Thank you for being part of One+One=One Ministries. We love you and pray a rich, wonderful blessing on you and your family and your church.

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