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WELCOME TO OUR FIRST NEWSLETTER!

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After incorporating Everlasting Light Ministries in 1999, we finally have our first newsletter! God has been so good and faithful to us over the years! He opened many doors to bring His healing to hurting families and individuals whose loved ones or acquaintances died by abortion. And the time has come to keep everyone on the same page—all pun intended!

We began with *The Stephan Project/Quilt of the Unborn Child* and have since added two other programs: Rich in Mercy and Everlasting Love-The Marriage Course. The Quilt of the Unborn Child (QUBC) currently has **63 quilt squares** and we are looking forward to even more next year.

Since we began *Rich in Mercy* (RIM) abortion recovery support groups in 2003, we have ministered the healing and hope of Jesus Christ to **25 participants!** **35 children** have been restored to their families and their lives honored! Just as God healed and transformed our shattered and tortured lives, He is healing and making others whole as well. RIM groups are held three times annually and we are very

excited about the upcoming 2006 groups.

Everlasting Love (EL) Marriage Course began in 2004. What an awesome Holy Spirit time we had writing this curriculum! EL teaches couples how to love their mate as they need to be loved and to understand them as God created them. Since 2004, **45 couples** have attended; **2 divorces have been cancelled**; and the remaining marriages tuned up and running better than before! **GOD IS SO GOOD!!**

We are now on KTIS Radio 900 AM on the Kim Jeffries show, 12noon-2pm every

2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month! This live, call in broadcast is reaching people in places we cannot. Please tune in, and call in with your questions and comments.

Our pro life work continues as the ministry became the Minnesota affiliate for LEARN (Life Education and Resource Network), the largest African American pro life organization in the U.S. We met with officials of Pres. Bush's administration in Washington, D.C. as part of a LEARN delegation asking his help to expose the genocidal effects of abortion on the African American community. Rev. Denise was



Elder Brian & Rev. Denise Walker
Founders & Executive Director

given the honor of being the 1st African American female clergy to speak to over 3000 at the St. Paul Cathedral. Our story has been published in several newspapers and we continue to speak for absti-

HEALING AFTER ABORTION: RICH IN MERCY EXCEEDS EXPECTATIONS



Fall '05 RIM Attendees (Left to Right):
Miah Daniels, Chelly Anderson,
Roxanne Poindexter, Ann, and Rick

Most people have some idea of what they expect when they come to *Rich in Mercy*. It is common for attendees to want to know *who* and *where* their children are, shed the pain and shame abortion caused, and experience closure.

Ann, when asked if *RIM* met her expectations, she replied, "More than. I thought had already healed and mainly wanted to support [my husband] Rick, but God had a huge surprise in store for me—He healed me, too!"

Ann's reaction is what we see so often at *RIM*. Miah Daniels was looking for God to change her "...and He did—a lot different and better than I thought. He began a healing from the inside out—

spirit, heart, mind and body."

RICH IN MERCY MINISTERING TO FAMILIES OF MISCARRIED CHILDREN

Since our beginnings in 1999, we have known and felt the Lord's promptings that he wanted this ministry to also touch the lives of families who have lost children by miscarriage. These families are often forgotten with no where to turn to process their grief and honor the precious lives of their children. The fall RIM group was the first where families of miscarried children received His hope, healing and restoration.

Chelly Anderson came to RIM to work out the issues surrounding the loss of her three miscarried children. "After I lost Brad I knew of no place to go to grieve my loss, heal my anger and cry my tears. RIM gave me a place for all three."



Chelly was determined to get all that God had for her and was willing to do whatever it took to finally move through the grief cycle she was stuck in for so many years. "When I decided to come to RIM, I decided I would do, feel and endure whatever it took to allow God to heal this 'black box' in my life.

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We encourage and allow the Holy Spirit to prompt post abortive attendees that

have also lost children by miscarriage to allow God to extend His hope and healing to them as well.

The story of Rick and Ann, a husband and wife who recently attended RIM is one such example of what God can do in the lives of a post abortive couple

who have experienced the pain of two miscarriages. When they went home to pray about the identities of their children, God revealed what they had suspected all along:

their first miscarried child was a boy and the second, a girl. For the first time in



their married lives Ann and Rick now know who all their children are!

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nence and participate in Silent No More rallies.

Elder (soon to be Rev.!!!) Brian testified in MN Senate hearings supporting a bill to protect Biblical marriage by an amendment to the MN state constitution. And.....Much Much More Folks!

Whew! We have been busy!

Merry Christmas Everyone!

Brian & Denise



Rich in Mercy Ministry Team: Roxanne Bugh (Facilitator), Tom & Roz Rzepczynski (Intercessors and Caterers). Not Pictured: Sherry & Ken Leschisin

HEALING EXCEEDS EXPECTATIONS (CONT)

Many attendees are surprised to learn how much denial prevents God's healing. A woman who we will call "R.B." said it best: "When I first came to Rich in Mercy I was surprised to see how much pain and denial I had over the abortion...Through [RIM] I have been set free. God has done a miracle in my life by restoring my sanity, taking away the pain and shame, and giving [back] dignity to my son Luke."

Each week we witnessed the power of the Word of God transforming, healing and setting souls free. Judy Johnson shared that "[RIM] has literally freed my soul. I hadn't even realized how the abortion affected so many parts of my life."

God truly does do above and beyond all that we ask or think!

HALLELUJAH!!

Did You Know....

- ⇒ **Abortion is the leading cause of death for African Americans**, killing 4 times more than their total combined deaths due to Aids, homicide, accidents, cancer and heart disease?
- ⇒ **42% of women under the age of 48 have had at least one abortion**, experience tremendous sorrow, yet it takes an average of 10 years before they seek help.
- ⇒ **"Men hurt too..**The most consistent and evident symptom in men due to loss of a child from abortion is anger." Father Frank Pavone, Ex. Dir., Priests for Life
- ⇒ **1 out of 6 women** getting abortions **are Christians?**

EVERLASTING LIGHT INVITED TO JAPAN!

We had the awesome opportunity to meet Pastor Dan & Karen Ellrick this summer. This wonderful couple are missionaries that plant cell churches in Osaka, Japan. They know far too well the damaging effect abortion has had on Japanese nationals and the tremendous need for healing and restoration. Karen explained to us that "abortion has been a way of life for 4000 years and the damage done to these women's lives is staggering."



The Ellricks said that we "were just the folks they have been looking for." They very much want *Rich in Mercy* to come to Japan to minister to the bi-lingual, post abortive members of their congre-

gations and raise up leaders to conduct *RIM* groups. What a wonderful opportunity to spread the love, healing and hope that Jesus has given to all of us to the world. The missions trip would be a minimum of 10 weeks.

While in Japan, we would also help Dan and Karen evangelize the "Untouchables" - the lowest caste in Japan. This unreached people group relate well to Blacks because of the discrimination they protested against during the 1960's civil rights movement. It would be an awesome honor to be so used by our Lord

this way to expand His kingdom!

Would you like to help us reach even more people with God's healing? Please give us a call, or feel free to make a donation towards this extended missions trip. If making a donation, please write "Japan Missions" in the memo section of your check. All funds designated for this mission will be used only for this purpose.

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MEET ALVEDA KING

Dr. Alveda King is the niece of slain civil rights leader Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and very active in the pro life movement. She is currently working with Priests for Life and Silent No More to tell the truth about abortion's aftermath and expose the genocidal effects of abortion on African Americans. She accepted our invitation to come to Minnesota and help us build a LEARN network locally. We will keep you informed as this develops



2006 RIM Groups

Mark your Calendars & Pre-register!

January 24—March 21

April 25—June 20

September 7—November 2

Walker's Itinerary

KTIS 900 AM/Kim Jeffries' Show -Every 2nd & 4th Tues
12 Noon—2PM

Brephos PHC Banquet -Grand Rapids; Keynote speaker Jan. 22, 2006



Everlasting Love Begins Feb.7!

Stocking Stuffer Ideas for the Ministry:

- ◆ Prayer, Prayer & more Prayer Partners
- ◆ Monthly Financial partners who can donate \$35, \$50, \$100, or \$200 & up.
- ◆ Dell lap top computer with Windows XP, Microsoft Office and Publisher
- ◆ Hewlett Packard Office #7410 All-in-One (wireless)
- ◆ Quick Verse 2006, Deluxe Edition ISBN #1572643730



EVERLASTING LOVE: MAKING WINNERS AT MARRIAGE

In a day and age when the family is under horrific attack and strain, Everlasting Love is here to strengthen couples through the Word of God so they can win at marriage. "It is a needed tool to reinforce the family" commented Dan Wieting, who with wife Kim, participated in our Fall class.

Whether couples are newlyweds or seasoned, needing an overhaul or just a

tune-up, Everlasting Love has something for everyone to help spice up or stabilize your marriage. Class mate Rhonda Hilbrands and husband Dave said it best: "[every] marriage can always be improved and worked on" and "we received many suggestions to make our



The Shores, Walkers, Hilbrands, Wilsies, Wietings, and Evensons

marriage more meaningful even though we have been together for 37 years." For another couple, Everlasting Love was "a gift from God [and] it touched on all points that we needed to hear."

The feedback we received from every couple indicated that the course has been a



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big success. Each said that they would recommend it to others. “[We] really enjoyed and looked forward to each class” said the Hilbrands. Kathy Hove and husband Brian who participated in the Summer 2005 class commented that Everlasting Love went “beyond my expectations. [Brian & Denise] you both shared from your heart over and over. Your desire to help and save marriages shines, and your sense of humor made these classes more enjoyable and fun.”

And Everlasting Love is growing. Two couples were trained this summer to teach the class! One of the couples, Grieg and Mary Griese, cut their teaching teeth on the Fall class, and these folks are seasoned and dynamite!

The course is 10-weeks and covers a range of topics including a unit on Blended Families to address the unique

issues involved in this family structure.

Need a tune up or overhaul? Join us in 2006. The next class begins **Tuesday, February 7, 2006** at 7PM at Emmanuel Christian Center in Fridley. **Seating is limited and pre-registration is required.** Pre-register online or call our office at **763-560-8383**.



[Looking for a year-end tax deduction?](#) Donate your cash, stocks, bonds, property, goods or services to [help others attend Everlasting Love or Rich in Mercy](#) by Dec. 31st, and we will have your tax deductible receipt in the mail by January 31st.

Many Thanks To...

Emmanuel Christian Center—Pastor Denyes, Pastor Dwight, Pastor Mark, Elisa and our entire church family, God is truly with us!

Church Upon the Rock—Pastor Gordy, Pastor Felix and Cheryl Barr, thanks for the red-carpet welcome of this ministry into your congregation.

Roxanne Bugh—You are such a caring, awesome, Spirit-led facilitator (!!) and near & dear in our hearts. Girl, you totally Rock!

Brent & Julie Niccum—Wow! Your steadfast love, friendship and support has sustained us and encouraged us to fight the good fight of faith ‘til Jesus comes.

RIM & Everlasting Love Participants—We love you and pray for you daily. He who began the good work will be faithful to complete it in you!

KTIS Radio & Kim Jeffries—Thanks for devoting precious air time to expose the cruelty of abortion and restoring a culture of marriage to our state and the nation.

All Our Friends & Supporters—Thanks for helping us bring the hope, healing and restoration of Jesus Christ to hurting people.
 GOD BLESS ALL OF YOU!