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## TEEN CHALLENGE WELCOMES RICH IN MERCY

Four wonderful women participated in the first ever Rich in Mercy (RIM) group held at Teen Challenge (TC) earlier this year. "You all ministered life to me, said Noris Mendoza and RIM has been a blessing! The Honor Service was very powerful."

This was the first opportunity for the women to understand post abortion trauma and the role that abortion played as a trigger for their addictive behaviors. RIM "helped me to know how to deal with any issues the abortion caused, said Nicole, and grieve properly."

When asked if RIM met her expectations, Jami responded: "Actually I wasn't sure what to expect, but I didn't get beat over the head with sin even though I felt convicted." The group spanned 6 weeks, but Jami "preferred the class to be longer."

The women's overall impressions of the ministry were very gracious. Noris replied, "I feel that Denise and Brian are caring, spirit-filled ministers of the Lord's healing power and forgiveness." "I feel this is a great ministry, said

Nicole. I would recommend this class to anyone who has had a miscarriage or an abortion."

"You all ministered life to me and RIM has been a blessing!"

Tara (not her real name) said "they were caring, informative, warm-hearted and real, [and] I was able to trust leaders who could relate to us"

The Teen Challenge staff

were amazing and their help was what made RIM possible—from copying curriculum to toting boxes! It was their efforts that made RIM successful, and we are thrilled that they want us to come back!

We want to return and help as many women and men as possible. Abortion and miscarriage is just as much a trigger for men as it is women. Please pray that we will be able to continue to share the healing and

hope of Christ at TC.

If you would like to financially support this domestic missions effort, please make your gift payable to Everlasting Light Ministries and write Teen Challenge Outreach in the memo section of your check.

**We thank God for the U.S. Supreme Court ending partial birth abortion in America!! We pray that they will honor All children in the womb.**

## KTIS RADIO, CITY SITES SPOTLIGHT ABORTION & MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT

KTIS-AM/FM radio, through Kim Jeffries, CitySites, Larry Kutzler and Efrem Smith have done a wonderful job of raising awareness about abortion/miscarriage recovery, and marriage enrichment. We are so grateful to have been frequent guests to raise awareness regarding abortion and miscarriage recovery, and, the resurrection of the culture of marriage—especially the devastation these issues are causing within the African American community.

Kim Jeffries, host of "Along the Way" on KTIS-AM 900

has been a tremendous friend in the battle to restore abortion-fractured lives and enrich marriages. She has had us as regulars on the program for 2 years highlighting the solution ELM presents through *Rich in Mercy* and *Everlasting Love*. We enjoyed answering questions from listeners, and we have even co-hosted the program in her absence.

Larry Kutzler is the executive director of



*CitySites* radio ministry. CitySites creates & produces media to connect Christians and reach all people in the culture with the Gospel. CitySites produces *Time for Reconciliation* (TFR), hosted by Pastor Efrem Smith. Together they have been staunch allies in this battle



to wake up the church & see it rise to the challenges marital decline and abortion presents in our soci-



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# “SUFFERING IN SILENCE” CABLE PROGRAM CONNECTS VIEWER TO RICH IN MERCY

If you’ve had an abortion, then no one has to describe for you what it is like to suffer the devastating pain of it in silence. But for those who have not, the documentary *“Suffering in Silence”* is a riveting look into the dark world of what is now known as post abortion trauma (PAT).

Gary, a husband who insisted on his then girlfriend (now wife) to abort their first child, saw the program and was deeply affected by it. “Seeing you guys (Brian and Denise) on TV was so moving; your story resonated with me and I found someone who understood what my wife and I were going through. And to see a man and a woman was really important because you seemed so honest and so gentle.”

The documentary reveals how men are also hurt and traumatized by abortion. Brian’s testimony echoed with Gary: “I could really relate to Brian; he talked about the destruction of their relationship.”

“I kept the name of the ministry in my pocket for a year,” Gary said, “before I called him from a pay phone; I was afraid my number

would show up on his caller ID. But when I talked with Brian his demeanor was real gentle and under-

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standing. He’s a good listener and was very honest about his experience. This was really key for me—it allowed me to open up and tell my story honestly and thoroughly. I was able to trust Brian immediately. I knew I wasn’t going to be judged for what I did.”

Gary and his wife attended the fall 2006 **Rich in Mercy** (RIM) session. “RIM is a safe place to explore the pain of abortion and its very clear that it is a safe place. I didn’t know what to expect when I arrived, but RIM helped me to unravel the abortion and the pain. I got loosened up more and was able to start dealing with it. I’m still dealing with it, but at least RIM got me started on the healing path. But it was hard for my wife; I wish she had completed the program to get most out

of it.”

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“Denise is a mind blower when she delivers her story—it’s very emotional and quite beautiful. The fact that they are still together lovingly and walking through this is pretty amazing! This gave me hope for my own marriage: hope for peace and forgiveness.”



**Rich in Mercy**  
**2003-2006**

**34** Individuals Attended  
**51** Children Honored  
**5** Rescues  
**4** Children Saved

**September 2007 RIM Group**  
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## KTIS (CONTINUED)

ety. We interviewed for three week series; the first spotlighted ELM in general with a companion article in the Minnesota Christian Chronicle. The last two were devoted to the devastating and passionate topic of *“Black Genocide”*, the latter aired on TFR Nov. 11-2, 2006. To hear these programs visit [citysitesurbanradio.com](http://citysitesurbanradio.com). Click “Archives” and look for **Rich in Mercy**.

**WALKER’S ITINERARY**

Prayer Vigil—Planned Parenthood Vigil -Apr. 6

KTIS 900 AM/Kim Jeffries- Apr 19, May 10, 12 Noon-2pm

Silent No More Minnesota Rally—Apr. 26, 11:30 a.m., St. Thomas University—St. Paul campus

Post Abortion Forum—April 30, Archdiocese of St. Paul/Mpls

## UPDATE ON JAPAN



Even though our missions trip to Japan had to be postponed, **Pastor Dan and Karen Ellrick still want us to**

**come and share the Gospel** with the Japanese people. Please pray for the proper time, funding and continued good health to co-labor in reaching Japan for Christ.

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# WHAT PEOPLE ARE SAYING ABOUT EVERLASTING LOVE

Many have requested to know what consistent feedback we have received from the evaluations. Here is sampling:

**"We came here to revolutionize our marriage and it happened"**  
(Eric Thompson)

**"This ministry is so full of the Holy Spirit. It allows me to grow closer to God as well as my husband"** (Lissa Perkins)

**"I feel it's a good way for couples to achieve the goals God has in store for us"** (Dave Domek)

**"FANTASTIC!!"** (Dean Vanuagh)

***"The class helped save my marriage. I was completely done before I came here. It gave me my life back."*** (Steve Brace)

**Excellent! I thought the ministry was very well organized"**  
(Mike Higgins)

**"This ministry is excellent. It should be a required course before the wedding and re-taken over and over again."** (Anonymous)

**"The testimonies really helped us to understand that we are not crazy!"** (Dan & Kim Weiting)

**"I loved it! It's awesome to learn how much God is for marriage and learn that through CHRIST we will succeed and have abundant lives!"** (Jamie Wierdsma)

**"A big blessing to the Body of Christ!"** (Michael Musa)

**"An amazing way to bring maimed couples closer to God & closer to each other in every way. It is very informational, spiritual and REAL!"** (Anonymous)

God is so good (!!) and all the glory goes to Him! Miracles occur when we turn our lives over to Him and love our mates as they need to be loved!

## EVERLASTING LOVE CLASSES GETTING LARGER!

Lightly scented candles, low lighting, round tables, soft cool gospel jazz playing, couples giving each other a big hug and a kiss - and the room is packed. Could this be a romantic church banquet for married couples? Think again!



It's the winter/spring 2007 Everlasting Love marriage class with 25 registered couples - our largest class to date! For 10 weeks couples learned God's plan for their marriages, and, how to love their mates as they need to be loved.

Graduation was festive and a great example of how the couples overcame by

the blood of the Lamb and the word of their personal testimony. "We really didn't know what to expect," said Miah, "but we were surprised about what God chose to heal in us; it was really freeing and beautiful."

Earl Clark was "very impressed with how the Word of God was applied to each lesson, and, the atmosphere



Earl & Lawanda Clark

[in the class]." "It was dynamic," said Earl's wife Lawanda. "Everlasting Love is a powerful healing ministry to restore marriage God's way."

Everyone seemed to get something useful at Everlasting Love. Jacki shared: "I have been married over 20 years & was able to learn new things about my husband." Ken agreed: "the course "provided a worthwhile tune-up even for 25 year old marriages" "This class was good," said Dan "because I was ready to divorce, but now I am not." HALLELUJAH!!

## MEET GRIEG & MARY GRIESE

We cannot say enough about our newest team members, **Revs. Grieg and Mary Griese**. This humble, anointed, gifted, and fun couple with 31+ years of marital experience joined the teaching ranks of Everlasting Love in 2005.



The Griese's are wonderful, transparent teachers called by God to mar-

riage ministry who caught the spirit and vision for Everlasting Love and are running with it. We are truly blessed to have them on our team!

And the couples were also blessed. "I thought the class was wonderful" said **Cindy Higgins'**, and "very well taught" said her husband **Mike**. [Continued page 4]

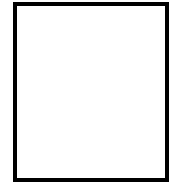


**Everlasting Love 2004-06**  
**103** Couples Attended  
**6** Divorces Cancelled;  
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## GRIESE (CONTINUED)

Grieg and Mary make the classes personable as they candidly share their stories of marital triumph so that couples can **know** that they too can win at marriage. Mary has been twice divorced and is well acquainted with its debilitating aftermath. This is a powerful motivator to pour their lives into the couples each week so that they never get to that place of pain.

And it's working! "We had tried many different things to no avail" said **Stephanie Brace**. "God used {Grieg and Mary} to break down the walls and repair our marriage." For **Mike and Paulette Skwarek**, the Griese's testimonies were the most meaningful aspect of the class. Mary & Grieg "shared their heart" said Paulette, and "I also liked all the examples that were given from their personal lives" said Mike."

When it comes to Revs. Grieg and

Mary, **Eric Thompson** says it best: "You should...be proud of yourselves because you may have saved a marriage and a family...and I love you for that. THANK YOU!"

FYI: The Griese's are also teachers for Divorce Care at Emmanuel Christian Center. Grieg and Mary "were insightful, caring, compassionate and right on target" said one participant. "Their love and concern for each member personally was very obvious."



Fall 2006 Graduation

Divorce is hard, but the Griese's can help you discover the road to wholeness and healing through Jesus Christ. If you would like more information, please call Emmanuel at **763-784-7777**.

Want a great gift idea for that special couple? Give the gift of **EverlastingLove...A Marriage Course**

### Many Thanks To...

**Emmanuel Christian Center Staff**—Pastors, Elisa Thibodeau, Elizabeth Nelson, and our entire church family, God is truly with us!

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

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

**Lori Rick and Linda VanDellen**—For sharing your stories and ministering the grace, mercy and love of God at RIM.

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

**KTIS, Kim, Larry & Efreem**—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