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A few thoughts from Robert

Recently, I have been pondering the grace and redemptive mercy of the Father. He really is the God of those who mess up! At a recent pastor's gathering we were discussing the number of leaders in the Body who have fallen into moral sin; some in our local area and some nationally and internationally. We were grieved and felt the Father's disappointment while at the same time recognizing that we are all vulnerable. Because of this vulnerability we all committed to stay in close relationships, to continue sharing honestly about temptations and to hold each other accountable.

We also discussed various approaches to healing and restoring fallen leaders. One pastor said that it was his opinion that once a leader has fallen he should never be placed back in leadership or be allowed to pastor or preach again. My heart was grieved again at this remark. In response I stated that if there is no redemption, no reconciliation, and no restoration for those who have fallen (especially for leaders) we have missed the core message of the Gospel. Paul writes to the Romans that "where sin abounded, grace did abound more exceedingly." In Matt 5: 28 Jesus said: "But I say to you that whoever looks at a woman to lust for her has already committed adultery with her in his heart." So, should "he who is without sin" keep his pulpit and all the rest of us step down? God has continually protected and "called me up short" when I have been tempted in this area. Kathie and I recently celebrated our 41st anniversary! (By the grace of God)

Our God is a God who loves sinners. A friend of ours would introduce himself in this way, "I'm Sinner George, Saved by Grace." His greeting is a good reminder to everyone that we are all in need of the continual grace and mercy of the Father. When we cooperate with God, submit to His discipline, discover true conviction and deep repentance we can all be reconciled and restored to the Father and to the Body.

News from John

To all those who pray for Paula and want to know how she is doing; since we moved her into a new facility trained specifically to care for those with Alzheimer's, her physical and emotional health is much improved. She is no longer angry and cross and is her own sweet self again. Her mind continues to slip, so that sometimes she doesn't recognize me at first, then brightens and says, "You're John, aren't you." A resident has a doll, and let Paula hold it. She loves to hold it, and thinks the doll is a real baby. A friend, who ministers to troubled children, also happened to know that people suffering from Alzheimer's are helped by having dolls to hold. This morning two special dolls arrived as a gift from her to Paula, and I will take them to her today. I am grateful for all those who continue to pray for Paula, and for those who have sent financial help. Both lift my heart tremendously, and so, through this newsletter report, my

thanks to you and praises to God for friends like you.

From the Resource Department

With the new web store being launched on our web site, our customers can now enjoy seeing a picture with every product name and description. YEHAU! And because of this feature, we have been able to add art/greeting cards, art prints and coloring books to the web store. Just click on the categories called "Color and Heal" and "Art Cards and Prints" on the website to see these great products.

July 10th, we started selling the new version of the Father's Love Letter. Here is a description:

Father's Love Letter

10th Anniversary DVD+CD Set

This Special 10th Anniversary DVD & CD Set features the narration version of the Father's Love Letter in both DVD video and CD audio formats along with a collection of other inspirational recordings all created to draw you closer to the Father's heart.

Don't forget, when you purchase from our web store, you are supporting this ministry. We appreciate all the love, prayers and support you have given to and for Elijah House. Thank you so very much!

Now the easiest way to find Elijah House books at competitive prices is through our website. Just go to www.elijahhouse.org and click on "online store." We have supplemental resources such as CDs, DVDs and booklets on our website that are not available anywhere else!

Testimonies

We share these testimonies as an encouragement to all of you who have been faithfully serving in the spirit of Elijah (Malachi 4:5-6 and Matthew 17:11) Another recent testimony of healing!!!

"I wanted to write you and thank you for your ministry. I have derived great benefit through your training. I attended a class at my church where the foundational prayer model to get to root issues was shared as part of the curriculum. I began to use that method to find healing after healing through Christ. It also opened the door and laid a foundation for me to find even greater healing through a counselor trained at Elijah House. All of this moved me forward to even more inner healing and restoration towards my original design. I use this model of prayer on a consistent basis and thus, I have been able to continue the healing in the area of disease roots. For example, the Lord recently told me that He had healed me of cancer. I asked where? and He told me it was in my uterus where I had been dealing with polyps for several months, including surgery and medication. I asked for the root of it and it was self hatred. I had just testified before about 60 people that I, for the first time, love myself; thus, I was ready for this healing!"

But I would not have been able to deal with that root without a model of prayer to use to get to the root, discover His truth and find His comforting hand in the midst of it. Thank you so much for all that you have done to minister truths of healing to servants of Christ so they can minister to others a future and a hope...."

Prayer Ministry and Seminars

Mark and Maureen left on June 8 for Japan where they presented a seminar at Otsu Baptist Church entitled "Developing a Culture of Honor" We are very excited about several new teachings that Mark has written on the subject of honoring.

Sandra Sellmer was in Japan as well doing prayer ministry in Yokohama. She met Mark and Maureen and the Elijah House Japan team in Sapporo for a workshop that was held for Basic II alumni. The theme was "Arise and Shine" based on the concept of awakening the slumbering spirit. A Japanese translation of John and Paula's book, "Awakening the Slumbering Spirit" has just been released!

Thea and Sarah just returned from Ohio where they spent two weeks doing prayer ministry and participated in the Basic II school graduation in Canton, Ohio. It was so wonderful to get to visit Mark and Terri Engel, dear friends again from across the country. They were pastors of a large church in Canton and a while ago came to our Pastors' Retreat for rest and ministry. Terri went to our Basic Schools, and last summer began an internship here in Spokane Valley. We have come to love this dynamic couple, and they truly carry the Elijah Task in their hearts.

The Engels recently started a new ministry called Restoration House Ministries International, with a four-fold mission: 24-hour prayer (they are affiliated with IHOP), offer personal prayer ministry, be a training center, and be a resource for church planting. Sarah and Thea stayed for two weeks ministering to leaders of this new ministry. We are so grateful to God for these two shepherds who have such loving hearts for God's people. We consider it a great blessing to come alongside them as they carry out the ministry of healing hearts.

Internship & Prayer Ministry

Terry Benevente is here completing Internship I. She will be finished July 17th 2009. Terry, her husband Mark, and their two girls are here from Guam. They plan to live in Spokane Valley for one year in order for Terry and Mark to continue in Internship II beginning in September and to partner with us as they prepare to return to Guam to open Elijah House Guam. We welcome them and are blessed to have them here with us at EH.

Edith and Hiroshi Tsukii of Yokohama Japan are coming in July for two weeks of for International Elijah House training. The Tsukiis are part of the founding leadership of Elijah House Japan. Pastor Tsukii is the Administrative Pastor of a large church in Yokohama where he and Edith also facilitate EH video schools and do prayer

ministry. We look forward to spending time with them at EH, USA!

We are booking prayer ministry appointments into the fall months now. God has blessed us with a full schedule during these difficult months, although we still have a few openings available in August.

Schools Department

2009 Live Schools Schedule:

Basic II August 3rd - 15th

Immaculate Heart Retreat Center; Spokane, Washington

Prophetic School October 11th - 16th

Ross Point Bible Camp; Post Falls, Idaho

International Basic 1 September 28-Oct 9

New Brunswick, Canada (*From Robert Fetveit, Executive Director*)

We are in a transitional time here at Elijah House. During our recent EH Board meeting we discussed the necessity to increase the size and scope of our training department. Our director Lois Hochstatter has been doing an enormous amount of work to keep up with our busy schedule of live and video schools but she can't do it alone. Please pray for us as we seek the person God wants us to add to this department.

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Tidbits

At Elijah House we've been receiving many answers to prayer. Here's one of them: Jeri Stevenson's grandson was born May 19th with several health issues. Isaiah Ezekiel was born with Down Syndrome and had holes in his heart. (His parents chose his middle name because it means "God Restores.") The doctors told his parents that he may not survive, BUT GOD has answered our prayers, the baby's heart is beginning to heal and the child is bright, alert and thriving!

Please feel free to pass this "What's New at Elijah House" newsletter to anyone in your circle who may be interested in hearing the latest news from Elijah House USA!

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