



Whats New @ Elijah House Fall 2009

A few thoughts from Mark:

Long gone are the days when we at EH USA could do all the ministry ourselves! For some time now, we have been becoming more of a mentoring ministry, training others to help us implement the vision. In recent months I've seen an acceleration of that trend. Here are a few of the latest developments:

---In July, Robert and Kathie Fetveit, Lois Hochstatter and I taught our first Teacher Training Workshop, for 47 students. Some students will now begin to build a repertoire of talks by teaching a few lessons at our facilitated video schools. From time to time, some will team up with EH staff at seminars where we will continue to mentor them. Eventually, some may be commissioned to teach for us at seminars on their own!

---Our own teachers attended the workshop, and are periodically receiving group feedback from staff and EH friends to improve their teaching skills. We are seeing rapid improvement, which should make for a much improved and exciting video school when we re-film sometime in the next few years!

---This year we installed seasoned mentors in every live basic school small group to demonstrate ministry tools and mentor students as they learn hands-on. We took this tip from some of the International EH's and many of our video school facilitators who have been doing this for years. They were such an inspiration to us that we decided to implement it ourselves. Students who experienced the old format (using untrained small group leaders) say they are learning far more than before! This year we will also install seasoned leaders in the prophetic school small groups.

---We have created several new strategies to better enable our facilitators to produce well functioning small groups with more effective prayer ministry

---We have further perfected the new Ministry Tools Workshop, which will be filmed when we eventually re-film the school.

---Nowadays, we are sending out staff to mentor prayer ministers in the newer international EH's more often and for longer periods of time. We are also brainstorming ways to expand our internships to include more people.

---When we do seminars around the country and the world, we sometimes do prayer ministry at the same time, and we try to mentor local prayer ministers who accompany us in the sessions whenever that is both possible and appropriate.

News From John:

Recently a prophetess sent a long and powerful word that God is calling me to learn more of what it is to be a son of God rather than a servant. Not long after that, I attended New Song Fellowship in Thornton, Colorado, pastured by my son, Loren. There, a young man prophesied over me almost the same words and details, including that the Lord wants to give me new revelations about the difference between being a child of God and a mature son of God. In Philippians 3:14, Paul speaks of his pressing on for the prize of the

health is being restored, and I am enjoying "pressing on for the prize."

Blessings to all.

A Word from Robert:

What an awesome time to be alive and to be a Christian! Can you imagine a world without any problems, no one asking for answers? We have the answers; Jesus is the hope of the world, the Bible holds the solutions to relational and economic problems. Are we ready?

The question then arises, how are we doing? Are we giving in to our fears? Has the media blitz of world pandemics and pending doom got us around the throat and paralyzed us with anxious thoughts? The enemy's goal is to distract us away from Jesus and pull our attention onto the trouble. Jesus' goal is to make us "suitable in the storm." Before Jesus' disciples faced the storm on Lake Galilee, they failed to understand the lesson of the loaves (Mt. 14:13-21). Jesus had commissioned them to feed the multitudes, and God had honored their obedience. Now, after ordering them to get into the boat and go to the other side (vs. 22), they thought He had to be in the boat for them to be safe. They failed to realize that because they obeyed Him, He would keep them safe in the middle of the storm.

Storms seem to be HIS order of the day. This is also the case at EH; but this has been his word to us at Elijah House: "Yes, it is stormy all around; there is uncertainty on every front. But ask yourselves these questions: 'Are you doing what I told you to do?' 'Are you serving where I called you to serve?' If the answer is 'YES,' then why do you worry?" Let us not become like those whom the Lord asks in Isaiah 51:12, "Who are you to be afraid of mortal man?" Such persons have forgotten their maker, the creator of heaven and earth (vs. 13).

Here are some words we can camp on in these stormy days:

Isaiah 51:11-13

11 The ransomed of the LORD will return. They will enter Zion with singing;

everlasting joy will crown their heads. Gladness and joy will overtake them,

and sorrow and sighing will flee away.

12 "I, even I, am he who comforts you. Who are you that you fear mortal men,

the sons of men, who are but grass,

13 that you forget the LORD your Maker, who stretched out the heavens

and laid the foundations of the earth, that you live in constant terror every day

because of the wrath of the oppressor, who is bent on destruction? For where is the wrath of the oppressor?

This should actually be a season of our greatest "JOY!" James 1: 2: "Consider it pure joy, my brothers, whenever you face trials of many kinds. "

Lord we pray that we become suitable in the storm.

From the Resource Department:

Lots of New Products!:

The latest addition to our Live Recording Series of teachings:



"The Covenant of Salt" by John Sandford (Available on DVD for \$13 or CD for \$6)

A wonderful lesson with many applications. It makes a great addition to any individual or group Bible study on covenants, communion, weddings or biblical culture. John explains the significance of salt in the ancient world and Jewish culture. The biblical words, "Ye are the salt of the earth," are both a compliment and a commandment. With this clarification, Scriptures about salt, covenants and communion become much more meaningful.

Attention all parents, home-schoolers, teachers, counselors and prayer ministers: We have a whole new line of children's resources! See them at our web store under the new category, "Children's Books."1. Joey Wants to Know, by Selina Smith

A great little children's book that explains what appropriate and inappropriate touch is. It is very well done, written by a British school teacher who was abused as a child and saw the need for this type of tool for parents, daycare centers, classrooms, etc. Item #CB10 \$9.99

2. Children, Can You Hear Me?, by Brad Jersak

This hard-back, full-color book encourages child-like faith that opens hearts to hear God's voice and see His face. It can be read strait through, or each page can be used as a daily devotion or listening prayer activity. Item#CB11 \$19.99

3. God' Design for Sex Series

A candid age-appropriate book on sex with a biblical perspective can be hard to find, but look no further. This series is wonderful for parents to share with their children, for use as a home school course, or in Christian school health classes (each one is a soft-bound, full-color book)*The Story of Me (ages 3 to 5) Item #CB21 \$7.99 *Before I Was Born (ages 5 to 8) Item #CB22 \$7.99What's the Big Deal? (ages 8 to 11) Item #CB23 \$9.99 *Facing the Facts (ages 11 to 14) Item #CB24 \$9.99See our web store for a description of each one.

4. Jesus and Me, by Vicki Freligh & Gerri Lynn Wilson

Compiled from Prophetic art that was drawn as a healing tool during actual prayer ministry sessions! It has been made into a coloring book with pictures of Jesus interacting with children in a variety of different situations that can help children to grasp that Jesus loves them. This book is not just for kids; it speaks to the child's heart in all of us. Item #B50 \$12.00

5. ABC Feelings (not new, but in the same category):

A unique 64-page book, arranged alphabetically, that helps kids share feelings. A dialogue that explores a feeling starts with each letter, along with a black and white illustration that can be used for coloring.Item # ABC01 \$7.95

FYI:

---We hope to have a new children's book on performance orientation from one of our very own prayer ministers here at Elijah House, in the next 6 months!

---The newly updated and re-edited versions of John's books, *The Renewal of the Mind* (now titled, *Life Transformed*) and *Healing Victims of Sexual Abuse*, have been published by Strang and are now available for purchase. Check our web store to see the beautiful new covers and read the description of each book.

---New DVD, "365 Promises" (from the makers of "The Father's Love Letter")

Features 365 paraphrased Bible promises to help you deal with the daily issues of life. It is over 2 hours long, and includes 19 short videos that can be played together or separately. The flowing music along with God's loving promises typed over beautiful pictures of His creation makes a great presentation tool for many venues of ministry (for example, it can be played before, during or after breaks at a conference, seminar or church service). It also sets a pleasing atmosphere for prayer or soaking. Item #DVD365 \$17.99

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).

"It is less than 4 months since I completed the Basic I Class at Elijah House. My spirit is ALIVE! For the first time in my life I wholeheartedly believe I am loved by our Father. The religious spirit, the spirits of sorrow and self-condemnation no longer have the hold on me which they once had. Praise God I have rediscovered my joy! I cannot begin to describe the drastic change in my life, my husband, our marriage, in relationships with our son and daughter-in-law which were very damaged, and the ripple effect (or should I say tsunami effect) that continues. My husband is listening to the CDs; as each truth resonates in his heart and brings revelation, we can openly discuss and take responsibility for sinful responses we had denied during our 32 years of marriage. We are both being radically transformed. There is so much I would love to share, but the main thing is: Thank You!"

The following testimonies were shared with us at Bread of Life Church, Yang Mei, Taiwan, at the conclusion of the Prophetic School last April. God is SOOOOO good!

*** Faith was strengthened * More boldness to speak in front of a group * Physical healing * Released from shame**

*** People had dreams and visions for the first time! * People heard God speak for the first time * People 's identities were more clearly defined**

*** Hearts were knit together like a big family * Buried prophetic gifts were discovered and released * A lady felt understood and was able to accept herself * Many said that the most meaningful time for them was journaling, when they were given time to listen to God**

*** Hearts were connected to God and healed. Repentance happened * Unity among all of the workers (dancers and worshippers enjoyed each other and followed each other)**

*** Learned that "the messenger is the message"**

Learned that she should put more time into housework instead of being too spiritual -

"more human; more spiritual"

October 5-7 Wagner Leadership Institute Korean/American, Chicago, IL

Transforming the Inner Man

Speakers: Robert and Kathie Fetveit

(Evening sessions open to the public. All sessions bi-lingual)

Registration Information: Pastor Lee: smattlee@hotmail.com

November 20-21 Cornerstone Assembly of God Richmond, Virginia

Awakened Hearts Speakers: Thea Loughery and Sarah Compton

Registration Information: Tammy: lwj247@comcast.net

January 15-17 Whitley Church Princeton, North Carolina

Healing Hearts Speakers: Mark Sandford and Sandra Sellmer

Registration Information: Nancy: whitleychurch@whitelychurch.com

Prayer Ministry & Internship:

Our prayer ministry schedule is full through the end of the year! One of the most recent changes in the department has to do with payment. We no longer charge a fee for prayer ministry, but we suggest an amount for a donation. An assurance deposit is requested in order to make a reservation in the schedule. That deposit is offered back to you when you arrive for ministry, and you are free to give whatever God has impressed upon you. God has blessed our obedience in returning to the original mandate!

Mark and Terry Benavente from Guam are here for Internship 2. They have been a blessing to the clients and the prayer ministers!

We are now accepting applications from September 25th through October 9th for the January Internship I Program. At this time we have one opening left.

2009 Live Schools:

October 11-16 Prophetic School, Ross Point Bible Camp, Post Falls, Idaho

November 2-5 Prophetic School, Kaohsiung, Taiwan (to register, contact Miranda Lin,

EH Taiwan, krmlin@yahoo.com)

2010 Live Schools:

March 5-17 Basic 2, Week 2, Vienna, Austria * April 26-30 Basic I, Week 1, Taipei, Taiwan

**May 3-6 Basic I, Week 1, Kaohsiung, Taiwan * May 31-June 7
Prophetic School, Vienna, Austria**

**June 20-July 3 Basic I, Spokane, WA * July 12-23 Basic 2,
Spokane, WA**

**October 10-22 Basic I, Dahlonga, GA * October 25-28 Basic I,
Week 2, Taipei, Taiwan**

November 1-4 Basic I, Week 2, Kaohsiung, Taiwan

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Bill met Sue, his bride, in high school. They've been married 36 years, and have six sons and seven grandchildren. Together they met the Lord in 1973, and have been on an odyssey ever since.

Bill has served as a youth and associate pastor in denominational churches, planted non-denominational churches, and helped to build several other fellowships serving as an elder and as Senior Pastor in a variety of settings.

He brings a wide spectrum of Christendom to Elijah House that touches prophetic ministry, dream interpretation, pastoral insight and care. Bill's heart is to reach out to leaders in the Body of Christ and emerging prophetic voices and help them discover how to live from their heart.

As a leader and father, Elijah House has been a place of healing for Bill's heart. When He and Sue met John and Paula Sandford and the staff of Elijah House they felt like they had come home. As the song says, "These are the Days of Elijah." Bill desires to be useful to the Lord Jesus Christ in turning the Hearts of the Fathers to the children and the children to the fathers

[To see training dept vidieo click here!](#)

Tidbits: Sandra Sellmer took her vacation time to travel to India in August with a mission's team. Here's her report:



I've been home for five days now, but I find that my heart is in India still. Tears come to my eyes each time I think of all that I saw and experienced. The trip affected me in ways I'm only starting to understand, and I know that I will never be the same. I don't want to be the same. My prayer is that I don't forget, that I don't just go back to "life as usual." For two weeks I had the privilege of ministering with a small team in Mumbai, Chennai and Gudivada. We went through a mission organization called India Partners, a Christian charity that supports self-help ministry projects in India (based in Eugene, Oregon: 877-874-6342). The

first week we held a Love and Light Conference with Sahara Ministries. We taught counselors who rescue woman from sex trafficking and minister in the slums to the prostitutes and their children. I did two prayer ministry demonstrations. One who volunteered for a demo was a woman who had been rescued out of prostitution. She had been kidnapped from her parents by an uncle and sold into the trade at 10 years old! For almost 20 years she suffered unimaginable abuse, beatings, and terror. In many ways she was still a prisoner in her bitterness and trauma. I have never been so thankful for the keys that the Lord has given us to pray to release trauma! We visited the "red light district" in the slums of Mumbai, did a youth conference at Orphan's Faith Home (I loved it!), visited an island village, and toured Agape ministries in Chennai where they teach computer/life skills to handicapped young adults. I can't wait to go back. The counselors want more training, and desperately want more ministry!

Note:

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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