Supporting Pastors by Ministering to Christians in Need of Guidance and Deliverance



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Dear APF Supporters,

Greetings and blessings to all of you! This is the inaugural newsletter since Rich and Anita Yoder have turned the ministry over to Angela and me. I intend on sending out a monthly newsletter to keep all of you informed of what the ministry is doing. Without your financial and/or prayer support, we could not do this ministry. As I tried to explain in our letter requesting support, I could not continue to juggle working full time elsewhere and counsel. My family and home was being neglected, which could not be tolerated. So again, we thank you for supporting us as we follow God's direction in this ministry. As we believed would happen, the number of people requesting help has increased. Some simply email and have questions while others do want to meet. I feel privileged to lend a hand to see God at work in people's lives.

A significant part of the counseling that has been done has involved people being afflicted by Satanism. The mention Satanism is likely to scare many, and for good reason. In counseling someone who is escaping from Satanism (in both cases we have right now, neither one was a part of it by choice but had family members involved), dealing with acts of sorcery becomes a big part of the work. Curses, hexes, spells, and incantations may seem trivial to many of us, especially with television shows like "Sabrina the Teenage Witch" and "Charmed" making the sorcery (or witchcraft) seem harmless. What we are dealing with is very real.

Here is an example of the sorcery. A spell on one client caused sores to develop in the mouth if the family history of Satanism was ever discussed. The person was not to talk about the family! When addressing the experiences and curses of just coming from a family of Satanists, sores developed all over the client's mouth. When it was found that the spell was in place, the client verbally nailed to the Cross of Calvary the spell and broke it in the Name of Jesus. From that point on, the sores healed and went away. The client continued to process and talk about the family, but the sores did not come back.

It can be scary in dealing with someone coming out of Satanism because those still involved do not want to be revealed. They will use their occult practices against the client. Micah 2:1 says, "Woe to those who plan iniquity, to those who plot evil on their beds! At morning's light they carry it out because it is in their power to do it." Using demonic power, these people can carry out their evil plans. Fortunately, we have seen first hand the Lord Jesus Christ reigns over these powers. Even though they have been able to cause problems, in the end the client is being healed and the work of Satanists and the evil spirits that empower them has been turned on their heads.

We have been blessed with tremendous protection.

The ministry is in need of prayer always. Thank you so much for the prayers you offer for us. We also still are developing our base of financial supporters. Currently, we have one fourth of what we need in pledges for monthly giving to sustain a full time ministry. We believe fully God wants us to do this work full time and He wants people to give, but He cannot force them to do so. So we ask that you pray for the Holy Spirit to woo people to donate, and spread the word of this ministry. Also, if you have any suggestions of people to contact please let me know.

Finally, if the newsletters ever cause you to have questions, please feel free to call and especially email me for clarification!

In Christ,

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