

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



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Dear APF Supporter:

### **Greetings!**

It is Thanksgiving time, and I do give God in heaven great thanks. In the last APF Newsletter, I noted that Christ is Victor. Indeed, He is, and it was evident this past month. The enemy's work was evident to me as I ministered to people and saw how he was attacking. Nonetheless, God's mercy was on these people, and they were set free and healed. God's goodness is wonderful, and I thank Him for how He has blessed me and my family.

### **Praises:**

As I noted above, praise God for His work of healing and deliverance. He continues to set the captives free.

Although we took the last two weeks of October off for different church events, the class with the Griner youth has gone well. The young people are very engaging.

I praise God for His healing hand on my family. Early in October, the children battled colds and the flu. They recovered quickly with lots of rest, washing of hands, and prayer!

### **Something to Consider:**

**Romans 8:37**—*No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.*

Everyone has down days. I experience them from time to time for different reasons. The passage above is to be an encouragement that no matter what we experience, we can know God is at work. In Christ, we can have salvation and freedom. For some though, it is hard to live life "as more than conquerors," when just daily coping with the emotional and spiritual pain is all that seems possible. Frequently in ministry, I encounter believers who will say, "I love the Lord and want to serve Him. I just have this burden, or weight on me, that I can't overcome."

For these people, experiencing the healing touch of the Lord Jesus is tremendous. The ministry is not just about "getting demons out," but allowing the Lord Jesus to enter and bring healing to hurts and pains. In the process of ministry, I invite the Holy Spirit to bring to the person's mind a painful memory. He is faithful and does so, and then I invite Him to reveal the Lord Jesus in the memory to see what He or His angels were doing. It is an awesome experience to see the healing that is done as He reveals His loving care for the person.

I next invite the person to give the hurt and pain to Jesus. Some put it in trash bags, or even a dumpster! One person described it as an "infection" leaving the body. What a picture! The wound had been an infection for many years, causing great pain that hindered fully living for Jesus. The Lord Jesus takes the garbage, the infection, the pain, and disposes it in a unique way for each person. I invite the Lord Jesus to minister healing and lead us where He wants to go with the memory. We keep at the process until the person feels zero pain with the memory.

More than once after the healing of a memory, a person will say, "I feel like a huge weight has

been taken off of me.” The Lord Jesus brought healing, and the person experienced victory. Without the ball and chain of hurts and pains, the believer is now able to walk as a conqueror.

In Christ we are more than conquerors. If you feel that you have a burden, hurt, or pain that is nagging you, I encourage you to be willing to receive ministry. The Lord is more than able to bring you healing. Just as it can be fearful to go to the doctor to deal with painful physical injury, it can be fearful to face spiritual and emotional injuries. The Great Physician knows just what you need, and will care for you in just the right way!

**Prayer Concerns:**

I pray for everyone to have a joyful Thanksgiving season.

Please continue to pray for those who come for ministry. God has been doing a great work, and I believe the prayer support is a huge part.

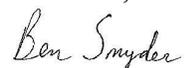
Some future speaking engagements are in the works. Please pray for the details to be worked out.

**Final Thoughts:**

Over the course of the summer and fall, my family and I have been visiting different churches in the area, hoping to establish greater connections to the community. In the course of these months, we have increasingly felt the call to attend a different church. Although we are still discerning where this church is, we have chosen to no longer attend Yellow Creek Mennonite. It has been a difficult decision, as it is the church where I grew up. We will greatly miss being able to see friends and family every week. I am very grateful for the love, care, and support from the members of Yellow Creek. Nonetheless, we feel called to new ministry opportunities. In just a few visits, a ministry possibility has been proposed. We are excited about being called to ministry, but saddened with leaving good friends. I ask for prayer for wisdom and discernment to know where God is calling us for ministry. Though we may be leaving Yellow Creek, we are not ending friendships! Thank you so much for your prayers and support.

Also, A Pastor’s Friend will have an open house on Monday, December 7, 2009, from 6:00-8:00pm. Please come and see the new office building and learn more about what is done here. Hot drinks and cookies will be served.

In Christ,



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