



# Billings Walk to Emmaus News

March Edition 2010

*Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him...*

## **A Note from our Women's Lay Director #59 Women's Walk to Emmaus**

*January 21-24, 2010*

*The Women's weekend was fantastic! His Love and Grace were abundant and marvelous throughout the weekend. We were blessed with lots of gifts of love as we traveled the Road to Emmaus with each other and Jesus. We encountered love letters, heartfelt singing, beautiful decorations, wonderful meals, scrumptious snacks, insightful talks, and an early morning choir of angels. There was lots of laughter and some well needed tears. We were bathed in HIS LOVE and we sparkled with HIS GRACE!*

*One of the highlights of the weekend was when we wrote our sins on flash paper, walked up to the altar one-by one and nailed them on the cross. In a matter of seconds all our sins were wiped out forever. That was a powerful visual! We had given our burdens and sins to the Lord and they were gone in an instant. With the sins going up in flames and gone forever, God's Grace abounded! We encountered many close moments with Jesus over the weekend. Our hearts burned within us as He talked with us and opened the Scriptures to us.*

*Thanks to the hundreds of people who blessed the 36 beautiful women who attended the 59<sup>th</sup> Walk to Emmaus weekend. We are now blessed with 36 new 4<sup>th</sup> Dayers who will be walking with us on future Walks to Emmaus.*

*Carol Lawrence*

## **A Note from our Men's Lay Director #58 Men's Walk to Emmaus**

*January 14-17, 2010*

*The 2010 W2E was a powerful weekend. From the discussion I heard, all the candidates and the conference room team had a real meeting with Jesus Christ, just like on the road to Emmaus. They heard all that had been said, regarding Him. The talks were all meaningful and taken to heart. Examples were real. Lives in the whole conference room, were changed in the presence of the Holy Spirit, who was very active doing surgery on hearts and minds. Emotions were up and then down. Soles were cleansed and laughter was abundant. The music was fantastic! The food was great and there was lots of it. All these are gifts of Love from people God used. The speakers, who are not professional speakers, God made them sound like they were. Musicians that God has given a special talent to and allows them to use it for the Kingdom of God in an awesome way.*

*The gifts of love, starting with those that loved someone enough to sponsor them is such a blessing. Carol and I will always love and thank Joe and Carolyn McCoy that sponsored us in 1993. Thanks again and may the Lord bless you. The background teams gave of themselves, in some cases sacrificially, so someone might get closer to Jesus Christ. Busy people, in an extremely busy world, dedicating time necessary to accomplish something as awesome as this thing called Walk to Emmaus.*

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*Of course, the weekend would not have been pulled off if it wasn't for the hundreds of people who gave of their time, cooking, cleaning, decorating, praying, singing, supporting, writing love letters, and every other detail of the weekend that made it wonderful.*

*I don't speak for God, but I bet He would simply say "Well done good and faithful servant".*

*Bless You All and please start praying for those God has planned for 2011.*

*Dennis Lawrence*

## **Upcoming Events**

### **Monthly Gatherings**

**Board Meeting 5:30    Gathering 7:00**

**March 11, 2010 Chrysalis testimonials**

**April 8, and May 13, 2010    TBA**

**Homeward Bound    April 23 – 25**

## **Newsletter News and New Walk Website for Billings**

*Thank you for your patience this year while we have made changes to the newsletter and website. This will be the last newsletter until September. We are currently seeking someone to take over the newsletter coordination to begin this Fall. If you are interested please contact June Jeziorski @ 652-2532 or [junejez@bresnan.net](mailto:junejez@bresnan.net). A special thank you to Tena Taylor for designing and updating our new permanent Billings website. Please update your bookmarks for our NEW local site at <http://www.billingsemmaus.org/>*

## **Let's Get Everybody Grouping!**

*Here we are now looking back at the Men's and Women's Walks and celebrating the great things God has done in the lives of all who attended in any capacity.*

*We can't begin to know where this experience will take our new 4<sup>th</sup> Dayers or the wonderful renewal the sponsors and background people experienced. What we do know is that we must do all we can as sponsors and members of the community to make sure our new people find a Group . . . and soon!*

*The Grouping forms filled out at the potluck revealed the following:*

- *Lady looking to Group weekdays any time*
- *Lady looking for younger Group any weekday afternoon or evening*
- *Lady looking to Group Saturdays 7:00 AM, Sundays 1:00 PM or Mondays 6:00 PM*

*Groups with openings:*

- *Ladies Group – Fridays 6:00 AM City Brew in the Heights*
- *Men's Group - Saturdays 7:00 AM location to be decided*

*A great place to exchange Group information is the Gatherings. Gatherings are the second Thursday of the month at 7:00 PM in the Jerusalem Room at First United Methodist Church. Come - it's a great time with great people! Please call or E-mail me with any Grouping information or needs you may have.*

*Blessings & Love,  
Sally Samson*

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## **Comments from the Women 4<sup>th</sup> Dayers**

*The Walk has been an awesome experience - - - once in a lifetime! The amount of love and grace shown to all of us over these 3 days is just overwhelming and truly the work of God. My heart will forever be touched and grateful to everyone involved with the W2E. Thank you and God Bless! "Yes, Lord!"*  
**Andrea Lien**

*I have been so encouraged to see the Body of Christ in action! The extraordinary effort to heed God's command to "make disciples" and obedience has inspired me to examine my own life as a follower of Christ and make adjustments. Thank you - Thank you!*

*The Walk has allowed me to experience God's mercy, grace and love on a new level. Nailing my issues to the cross and watching them be consumed by his sacrifice, is an image I will never forget. I am thankful for all who served and prayed. This has been a true blessing in my life. Thank you!*

*It's amazing how many people are involved in making this happen. The Silent Night night revealed how many hearts have changed by the Walk. I too, now have had my heart softened, eyes opened, and stride adjusted. I can only hope to pay the Gift forward.*

**Lyndsay Serpe**

*The people who served us all weekend long blessed me tremendously. God's love and grace poured out through them to me. The Holy Spirit was active in revealing next steps for me.*

## **Comments from the Men 4<sup>th</sup> Dayers**

*It has helped me remember who and what I am. Put my priorities back in order, and also reawakened my spirit. Thanks for introducing me to a group of brothers that I am privileged to know.*

*It taught me it was ok to be a man and still express my emotions with other men, and it let me know I am not alone.*

*I came here wanting to meet with God and I sure did, unlike what I could have imagined.*  
**Ray Porrello**

*I have been holding onto my battles with drug addiction and alcoholism. At the walk I nailed to the cross my failures. Jesus took my pain and my shame and He has given me peace over my failed marriage and the sins of my addiction.*

*It is an exhilarating and liberating experience to share your love, your happiness, and your burdens.*  
**Rick Stiles**

*I will never be the same. I'm looking forward to my life with Christ.*  
**Ken Lawrence**

## **Luck or God? Marriage Talk by the Fitzhughs**

*Come and listen to Jim and Rosemary Fitzhugh share in their life's struggles and how God helped them strengthen their relationship through it all. SUNDAY MARCH 14TH @ 2:00 PM. AT FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 2800 4TH AVE. N BILLINGS. There will be a time to visit with the Fitzhugh's after the time of sharing along with cake and fellowship.*