

Network News

Building an Enduring Work of Truth

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One of the goals of transforming the Spirit & Truth Fellowship Community into the Fellowship Network was to increase connection among the fellowships, and it is hard to feel very connected when there is little communication. In order to address this void we aim to provide the Network News on a regular basis. Our intention is to include news about what is happening both at the Home Office, and throughout the Fellowship Network, as well as information regarding travel itineraries, projects, etc. Please let us know if you have something you want announced to the rest of the Fellowships, such as special events you are hosting in your area. Let's all communicate and stay connected!

Blessings,
Dan & Mike

Home Office News

▪ **Office Construction Begins**

In June of 2008 Spirit & Truth Fellowship purchased a 2000 square foot building in Martinsville, Indiana with the intention that it would eventually serve as a new Home Office for our ministry. The goal is to have all of our staff consolidated under one roof, and to be closer to our Camp Vision for better support. On March 16th, 2009 we broke ground on a 1,100 square foot addition, which will provide additional office and meeting space required for the staff to be together. We anticipate bringing the entire staff together under one roof in August of 2009.

▪ **YouTube Videos**

In March we filmed and launched our first YouTube videos featuring John Schoenheit, Dan Gallagher, and Josh Anderson. For quite some time we have wanted to have video teachings on the Internet. These first videos are each ten minutes long (this is YouTube's time limit), and we are already receiving great input from all over the world. We are setting aside one to two days per week for filming and anticipate getting a lot more of these types of teachings out. These will be a great resource for any fellowship that wants to use them in their meetings. Check them out at TruthOrTradition.com/youtube

▪ **Server Upgrade**

In March the Home Office had to take the plunge and upgrade our central computer server. The server is the main computer system that stores all of our documents and contact data, as well as all of our financial information. It is vital to the smooth running of our office and, as it had been eight years since our last upgrade, it became critical to

make the switch. The entire system, including labor and consulting fees cost less than \$4,000.

Camp Vision News

- In March we added a signal repeater to provide improved wireless Internet connectivity, now making it possible to have internet service in the Dining Hall.

- After being closed for the winter, Camp Vision will officially reopen for the 2009 season on April 4th with a volunteer work day for spring cleaning.

Fellowship Network

In the past few months a number of new fellowships and area contacts have been added to the Network.

Fellowships

- Michael and Robyn Riddle- Niceville, FL
- Tom and Mary Nagle- Atlanta, GA
- Larry Brown- Champaign/Urbana, IL
- Mike and Mary Patten- Bloomington, IN
- Tim Rowe- Indianapolis, IN
- Jonathan Flesher- Wichita, KS
- Jason Pacor- Boston, MA
- Dan and Liz Boyle- Middleboro, MA
- Doug and Susan Baker- Reno, NV
- Gary Nicks- High Rolls Mountain Park, NM
- Shawn and Mary Brown- Xenia, OH
- Fred Esslinger- Chatanooga, TN
- Karl Weaver- Bedford, TX
- Edwin Mendez- El Paso, TX
- Harley and Debra Palmbo- Grand Prairie, TX

New Area Contacts

- Alphonso Hemmeain- Little Rock, AR
- Mike and Nancy Leslie- Grass Valley, CA
- George Smith- Lake Elsinore, CA
- Francis Villamor- Long Beach, CA
- Susan Johnson- Roseville, CA
- Don and Margot Hoercher- Colorado Springs, CO
- Miguel Rueda- Miami, FL
- Joseph Murratti, Sr.- Royal Palm Beach, FL
- Joanne White Ferdinando- Ormond Beach, FL
- David Craley- Sarasota, FL
- Tim and Trudy Taylor- Star, ID
- Les and Lesa Collum- Cedar Falls, IA
- Dan Fink- Las Vegas, NV
- Barbara Tanner- Thornton, NH
- Jason Amoto- Plainfield, NJ

- Janet Page- Larchmont, NY
- Eddie and Sherry DeBruhl- Ashville, NC
- Jerry Gragg- Myrtle Beach, SC
- Brett and Rebecca Hughes- Walterboro, SC
- Kory Verdonck- Harrisonburg, VA
- Raymond McKee- Roanoke, VA

Trips and Itineraries

In 2009 Dan Gallagher, Mike Patten, and John Schoenheit are planning a number of trips to visit the saints in their local areas.

February and March Trips

Dan Gallagher & Mike Patten

Sweden

At the end of February Dan and Mike met with Walter and Berit Williams and the saints of Alingsas, Sweden. Walter and Berit hosted fellowship meetings over a three day period of fellowship, teachings, and fikka (a traditional Swedish custom of coffee and deserts). Walter and Berit, who have faithfully served the saints of Scandinavia for over a decade, provided much inspiration for what it means to “stand in the gap” for God’s people. Sweden is home to a very diverse population. In one meeting there were saints from Burundi, Brazil, Chile, Congo, Cuba, Dominican Republic, and Sweden.

Providence, RI

On March 27th Dan and Mike will again head out together, this time to meet with Dave and Cara Hanson and some of the saints of New England in the Providence, Rhode Island area.

John Schoenheit

North Carolina - Florida

John & Jenivee Schoenheit took a vacation in Florida, and on their way back to Indiana were hosted for a fellowship at the home of Dale and Cathy Reichel in Orlando. They then traveled north to Asheville, NC and taught a group of believers in the home of Eddie and Sherry DeBruhl.

Portland, OR

On March 19th John traveled to Portland, Oregon where he met with Marc and Beverly DeLaBruere and the saints of the Northwest.

Future Trips Currently in the Planning Process

May 13-18	(Dan Gallagher & Mike Patten) Medina, OH: Randy and Liz (Cavazos) Schmidt Scranton, PA: Frank and Joan Rutkowski New York/New Jersey: Thomas and Rosanne Martino
June	(Dan Gallagher) Northern California: Dave and Carol DeMars
August	(Dan Gallagher & Mike Patten) Florida
September	(Dan Gallagher & Mike Patten) Texas

Volunteers

Would you like to be a volunteer? An easy and powerful way to volunteer is to sign-up to be a member of our Intercessor Network. Intercessors are committed to praying for the needs of others as they are notified of special needs. Whenever there is a prayer need, Jane Bickel notifies all of our Intercessors via email. Let us know if you would like to participate as a prayer warrior by emailing us at STFPrayerInter@aol.com

Announcements

Please let us know if you would like to announce anything to the rest of the fellowships, such as area events, seminars, or special meetings, by emailing Dan Gallagher (dan@STFOnline.org) or Mike Patten (mikepatten23@yahoo.com). We will do our best to get the word out for you.

Quotable Quotes

In the book, *Lessons from San Quentin*, Bill Dallas, a Christian minister, writes about the lessons God taught him from inside the prison walls. He writes on page 60 the following insights about what church is, or should be.

“San Quentin dislodged my perception of the church as an institution and redefined it as a unified group of sinners who were so thrilled to be accepted by God that they accepted everyone who wanted to join them on the journey. Their emphasis was love, not rules; character not attendance; spiritual fruit, not information retention.”