

Fellowship Network News

Building an Enduring Work of Truth

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One of the purposes of the Fellowship Network is to provide a means for connecting with others of similar faith and practice. We believe that as we increase in Network members, we will become more effective in our efforts to serve God and His people. We have no desire to build an organization; rather we seek to build the Body of Christ by increasing our ability to reach the world.

Individually we may be vulnerable, but as the old adage goes, “There is strength in numbers,” and this certainly rings true when it comes to joining forces via the Fellowship Network. By connecting with others through the Network we should be able to increase our exposure to the various giftings in the Body of Christ. If you have a need, ability or desire to serve others, then we want the Network to become a place where we can make those connections possible.

These are exciting and challenging times. There is a steady flow of people finding us via the Internet. Many are now requesting to be contact persons for their areas and others have started new fellowships.

God’s blessings to all,

Dan & Mike

Home-Office News

Staff Moves

- **Ryan Maher Relocates to Arkansas**

In the early part of April, Ryan Maher, our long time in-house webmaster and graphic artist extraordinaire, relocated to Springdale, Arkansas. Although Ryan’s daily presence in the Home-Office will be sorely missed, he will continue to be on staff and work remotely from his new location. Ryan will continue to be a key player in the production of our bi-monthly magazine, *The Sower*, as well as the new video productions.

- **David Rogers Participating in 2009 Christian Development & Outreach Program**

David Rogers, one of our key part-time staff members whose responsibilities included shipping and receiving as well as a host of other duties, recently announced that he will be participating in this summer’s Christian Development and Outreach Program. This program is sponsored by the Agape Bible Fellowship of Springdale, Arkansas and will run from May 29th through July 24th. The program is designed to foster Christian discipleship through biblical education and practical training. This is a big step for David and our prayers will be with him.

Martinsville Office

- **Office Construction moves forward.**

Work continues to move forward on the 1,100 square foot addition to our Martinsville office (south of Indianapolis, IN). At this time crews have completed the foundation, framing, roofing, siding and rough trades (electrical, plumbing, etc.). By the end of May we should be installing the sheetrock and then it will be time for all the finish trades (painting, finish, woodwork, and flooring). We are on track for an August move-in, at which time the Indianapolis crew will relocate to the new office. Construction costs are projected to be about \$80,000.

Outreach

- **YouTube Videos**

In March we recorded and posted our first YouTube videos. We have received an overwhelmingly positive response to the messages and see a huge potential for this ministry. Our staff has diligently thought through the topics and is steadily pressing us to set aside time to make more. We encourage you to check them out at TruthOrTradition.com/YouTube

- **STFonline.org**

We have now begun to post a number of video promos on our main ministry website. The first videos we posted explained the Fellowship Network and the Network benefits. We have now added videos for event promotion as well as explaining the *Revised English Version* © (REV), our own Bible translation project. The response has been, once again, very positive.

- **TruthOrTradition.com**

We have been getting an amazing amount of increased traffic to our websites from all over the world. In fact, China is now second only to the United States in the amount of audio downloads. Here are some statistics of the number of hits we have received in the past few months.

Month	Unique visitors	Number of visits	Pages	Hits
Jan 2009	41,892	60,787	193,204	3,940,753
Feb 2009	39,637	58,676	214,005	3,684,873
Mar 2009	43,276	63,049	246,305	3,711,492

Yes, that's correct. There were over a quarter of a million TruthOrTradition.com pages read in the month of March! We are now in some of the top search result positions for many topics in the search engines like Google, and in many instances, number one out of millions of websites. We are definitely reaching the truth seekers of the world via the Internet.

Camp Vision News

On April 4th, 2009, twenty Indiana saints enjoyed a beautiful day as they diligently worked to clean the cabins and grounds for the 2009 event season. Without our volunteers we could not operate Camp Vision, so here is a big "THANKS" to all who helped!

- Please keep Camp Vision in your prayers. We have been low in donations for the past two years and are in need of funds for us to make many needed improvements.

Fellowship Network

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

- **New Fellowships**
 - Joe East - Bedford, Indiana
 - Jimmy & Kate Attaie - Ashland, Oregon
- **New Area Contacts**
 - Shawndra Higgins - Oroville, California
 - Ann Cutler - Odessa / Tampa, Florida
 - David Reichel - Derry, New Hampshire
 - Doug Kramer - Oley, Pennsylvania

Trips and Itineraries

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

- **March Trips**

Providence, RI

On March 27th Dan and Mike traveled to Newport, RI where they spent four days with Dave and Cara Hanson and many wonderful saints of that area. Their trip included time sharing the Word of God, as well as time spent sharing hearts and good food (great New England clam chowder, or as they say, “chaddah”).

- **Future Trips being Planned**

May 13-18 (Dan Gallagher & Mike Patten)
 Medina, OH - Randy and Liz Schmidt/Cavazos
 Scranton, PA - Frank and Joan Rutkowski
 New York/New Jersey - Thomas and Rosanne Martino

June 5-7 (Dan Gallagher)
 Pleasanton, CA - Dave and Carol DeMars

June (John Schoenheit)
 Arkansas Outreach Ambassadors - teaching on the Book of Acts

- **Potential trips**

August (Dan Gallagher & Mike Patten)
 Florida

September (Dan Gallagher & Mike Patten)
Texas

Dates TBA (Dan Gallagher & John Schoenheit)
Argentina

2009 Event News

- **Silent Retreat**

We just concluded the Silent Retreat. All who attended indicated it was wonderful time of spiritual refreshing, rejuvenation, and intercession.

- **Spring Bible Study**

This year's Spring Bible Study was ongoing at the time of this writing. This year we are focusing on Intermediate and advanced study skills.

- **Teens & Twenties Camp**

The Teens & Twenties Camp Event Team has been meeting and diligently planning all the details for this year's camp. The Teens & Twenties Camp is the largest youth event we hold and this will be our tenth year anniversary. This is a wonderful opportunity for any fellowships who have Teens or Twenties to come and get connected with others around the country, as well as be grounded in the fundamentals of Bible study.

- **Bible Lands Tour**

The registration deadline has passed, but since there is still room available we can accommodate anyone who would still like to participate. You can get additional information about the trip and registration at our website. Here is the direct link to the promotional video: <http://www.stfonline.org/register/index.html#israel>

- **One Flesh**

Our One Flesh workshop for married couples has been set, and will be held on Nov. 6-8, 2009. The event may be held at Camp Vision but an alternative location will be sought due to the need to winterize the Camp in November.

- **Asheville 2010**

Another National Conference has been set for the spring of 2010 in Asheville, North Carolina. Eddie DeBruhl and the saints of Asheville have been a tremendous blessing for a number of years with this event. We have traditionally been in Asheville in the fall of the year, but this year we thought it would be great to see the mountains in the spring for a change. Make plans now for a great time of southern hospitality and spirit filled fellowship.

Let us Know

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. Just send an e-mail to Dan Gallagher (dan@STFOnline.org) or Mike Patten (mikepatten23@yahoo.com). We will do our best to get the word out for you.

Truth Matters! Spread the Word.