

"Be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will." Romans 12:2

Our mission is to help people engage in an active, life-changing friendship with God.

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Life Lines - *The Monthly Newsletter for CrossCounsel*

"Healing the Heart. Renewing the Mind." A New Year - and a Old Familiar Phrase

Steve Freitag, Executive Director

I once heard the perspective that the old adage, "If it ain't broke, don't fix it," is the way of cowardice. It can kill innovation and creative thought.

I often ask myself, "Is 'this' as good as it gets?" It's not in pursuit of perfection, but a desire to avoid complacency. Being open to change is not always an easy task.

However, change for change's sake isn't a great idea either. A few years ago we abandoned the tagline, "Healing the Heart. Renewing the Mind." We had our reasons, but I won't go into those now.

Suffice it to say, the return to this phrase gives the reader, often the seeker, a better idea of who we are. In the 15 years of our mission, I don't believe we've ever wavered from those six powerful words.

We exist because we believe God is bigger than we've made Him out to be. Regular life-changing testimonies are our proof! We believe God deeply desires to be in relationship with His children. We challenge what we've perceived to be an overemphasis in our culture on the cognitive side of our faith.

Experiencing God's freedom is deeply connected to healed hearts and renewed minds. For those in the Madison area, we are conducting a free seminar to help you understand why we exist and how this can change the world. The details are here on the right.



"Basic Intro to CrossCounsel and Transformational Prayer Ministry" - Madison Office

Learn practical ways to connect with God and His Truth, bringing spiritual depth, emotional healing and amazing transformation to your life. This class is open to anyone seeking peace and freedom. This is not only for those hoping to be facilitators.

4 Saturdays: Feb. 25 - March 17, 8:30am-12:30pm

Each Saturday will be unique and packed with great information. Please plan on all four weeks.

Class Cost: FREE (other than required book, "Healing Life's Hurts", available at CrossCounsel for \$15).

Class size limited to 20. However, location may change to accommodate interest.

We are a non-profit, tax-exempt 501(c)3. Donations are appreciated, accepted and sustain our operations.

*Madison's own award-winning artist, **Steven Kozar**, (www.stevenkozar.com) is giving a special offer to those choosing to financially partner with CrossCounsel this year!*

"CrossCounsel is a tremendous resource for pastors and churches. We highly recommend their services."

- ▶ *Pastor Roger Olsen, Grace Church, New Glarus, WI*



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Dallas Office - A year in review:

Starting a branch office from scratch was a completely new undertaking for us! There were forms to standardize, processes to understand and adopt, people to bond with and begin trusting with our lives, not to mention the financial pressures to perform (self-imposed). We dug deeper and became more expert at the principles of TPM, and saw more healing and freedom in the people we help. Through God's constant involvement in CCIM, our reach has expanded into churches, families, and now, other countries. We're so grateful that God provided everything we needed, every step of the way, just as He'd promised at the start.

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On the administrative side, we now have office space in Arlington, TX, thanks to the generosity of our good friend Penny McAdams, Director of Shepherd's Call Counseling Ministry, who is sharing what she has with us. We've added another minister to our team, so now there are 3 of us: myself, Sean Sebastian and Shawn McGinnis. We are praying for another lady minister to partner with us to share the load.

God sent us Mission Increase Foundation to teach us to be better stewards of what He gives us. MIF is a national organization helping small non-profit ministries become more effective in the work God has called us to, by providing specialized training, financial counseling, and grant funding. Brian Hurd, the Dallas Training Officer, has been a great encourager, and we value our growing relationship with him.



We pray God's blessings and love into your life as you begin this new year. He has incredible things ahead for all of us, and I'm loving that He lets us walk alongside Him, holding His hand while He changes the world!

Mark your calendars for upcoming training offered in Dallas:

- **June 1-2: "Assessing the Progress & Skills of a Transformational Prayer Minister"**, with Steve Freitag.
- **Basic Training** - Tuesday evenings beginning on May 8th, last class on July 10th, graduation dinner and all-day class on Saturday July 14th or July 21st.
- Our 1st **SUMMER BANQUET** - Informational Dinner and Fundraiser

Watch our newsletters for further details, or visit us on Facebook or our website at www.crosscounsel.com

CrossCounsel's Vision:

1. To provide a safe place for people to receive God's transforming Truth
2. To train and develop competent, committed and compassionate prayer ministers
3. To grow and expand high quality, fully functional CrossCounsel centers across the nation
4. To be a resource and respite for pastors and ministry leaders
5. To establish sustainable partnerships with individuals, churches and ministries



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"No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you." – John 15:15