

We are so grateful that many of you have partnered with CrossCounsel over the years. 2012 will mark our 15th year! Next year also begins a new era for us. We are getting directly involved in the healing of young girls rescued out of prostitution. But more about that later.

Your prayers, acts of service, financial support and involvement in our community has been invaluable. We, and many of you, have sacrificed personal happiness or comfort in order to contribute to this work. We never take that lightly. Thank you.

We believe God's Kingdom is moving forward through what God is doing at CrossCounsel. How can it not? People are filled with more of God's Truth *in the inmost places* (King David). This is not simply for our own well-being. When less of "us" is in the way, more of Jesus can be seen.

Though numbers only tell a part of the story, here are some figures below to help understand what has gone on here. For the purposes of this letter, we will only focus here on the Madison, WI office.

We have had Approximately:

- 500 transformational prayer sessions
- 300 of those sessions were either partially or fully funded by special or monthly donations
- 60 new people attended our "Orientation to CrossCounsel" events
- 30 attended our Education Classes and / or Practicums

The array of people who come for ministry continues to astound us. Regardless of race, history, vocation, financial or social status, we find a common bond. Everyone has faulty thinking at some level - producing all sorts of pain, poor choices, and at times, terrible consequences. Some people are new to the faith. Some have walked with God for decades. Some have jobs making six figures. Some don't make six figures even if you include the decimal point.

Here are others examples, within the bounds of confidentiality, of the kinds of people who have experienced miraculous, life-changing moments with us:

- A pastor who has been haunted by destructive thoughts, effecting his wife and ministry
- A single mom with a teenage son who began suffering from health issues connecting to emotional pain
- A woman who lost her adult son in an accident and immediately reached out to us due to trust developed here
- Several drug and alcohol addicts who have discovered the present reality of Christ in past traumas, reducing or eliminating their desire for "self-medication"
- A man confused about his anger, which almost cost him his marriage
- A woman with three young children who never truly grieved the loss her spouse several years ago

The core of our motivation is compassion, wishing for all to experience more of the Lord's deep work in their hearts and minds. We are often so focused on those things and, according to what we've been told, often fail to communicate our needs clearly. So as 2011 comes to and end, here are some things to consider on the next page:

We Ask Prayer for:

- 🎧 Wisdom, discernment, strength and grace in all we do.
- 🎧 Our involvement in "House of Hope" in Nicaragua, working with women (and daughters) who have been trapped in prostitution.
 - HOH has seen the benefits of the approach we use - even through someone inexperienced in the principles use (God is gracious).
 - Now we've been invited to bring our expertise to them.
 - Mary Cummings and Karen Sebastian will be going in March to minister.
 - Mary and Steve Freitag hope to return in the fall to start developing an on-site team there.
- 🎧 Our transition as a staff and board with the departure of Nancy Miller. "CrossCounsel La Crosse" will be closing.
- 🎧 For the addition of new board members.
- 🎧 Decisions about the Madison location.
 - Our lease is up in April.
 - We like where we are, but there may be better options in Madison.
- 🎧 All who come for ministry and training.
- 🎧 The production of our first DVD Coaching Series. You can go to YouTube and search under "CrossCounsel Coaching" for a 90 second promo. Please give it a look.
 - Our presence through our DVD development will hopefully lead to self-sustaining a large portion of our ministry

Financial Requests:

- 🎧 We're looking for an increase of 50 monthly donors.
 - As we grow, so do our financial needs.
 - Our automatic withdrawal system is the best way to do this.
 - It makes our budgeting exponentially easier!
- 🎧 \$2,000 toward a new computer. It has to handle our video needs. (Check or PayPal Memo: Computer)
- 🎧 \$1,000 toward new video equipment and lights. (Check or PayPal Memo: Video)
- 🎧 \$350 toward a new laser printer. (Check or PayPal Memo: Printer)
- 🎧 \$5,000 toward a "Outreach Fund".
 - This includes reaching out to those in need, whether our next door neighbor or in Nicaragua (Check or PayPal Memo: Outreach)

Thank you again for being a part of lives being changed. Have a wonderful Christmas and New Year's.

Blessings from CrossCounsel Ministry Team and Board,

Steve Freitag, Executive Director

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