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"Immediate Help. Lasting Hope. Changing Generations..."



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Ministry Update

"Call Upon Me in the day of trouble..." – Psalm 50:15



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

Pastor Roger Olsen, Grace Church, New Glarus, WI

Creative Fundraising without Extra Cost to You!

We've plugged into a national program called **SCRIP** (Substitute Cash Redeem In Person). It provides a way for people to buy gift cards from hundreds of different vendors in the comfort of their own home while at the same time benefitting non-profit organizations. Our hope is that this will help us pay our overhead and fund several programs.

To check this out please go to our website and click on "Gift Card Program" or go directly to: <http://www.shopwithscrip.com/> You can browse around by clicking on the "Shop" tab. You don't need to sign up to see what they offer.

You can see as you browse each store or restaurant the different percentages we receive from your order. If you want to sign up: Look for the green box that says: Family Sign Up! Ready to get started? Create a ShopWithScrip account now!

Once on the family registration page you will fill in some basic information to establish your account. The next page will ask for CrossCounsel's enrollment code (**873AEC4821474**). After that you should be all set. Go ahead and shop using the "shop" tab at the top of the home page.

It's much easier for us to have you use the "Presto Pay" feature they provide. It just costs 39 cents (so I guess a little extra cost - though you could save on gas) and keeps us from having our account withdrawn from. If you can provide a check at the same time of your purchase then we can usually get it deposited in time.

The only thing is work out after that is getting the cards to you (they are identical to the cards you'd get at each store directly). All the cards get sent to us. Otherwise we'd lose all profits on shipping. Make sense? Thanks!



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We deal with Woodman's locally and directly. We receive 5% from those cards.

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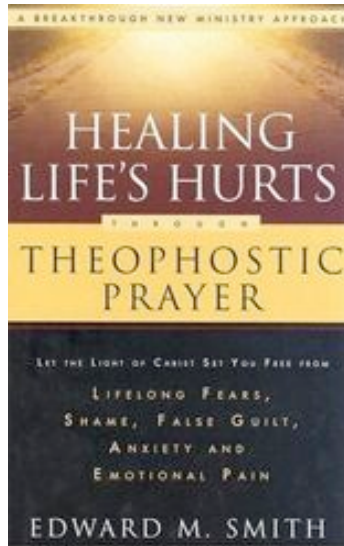
Recently my daughter had a series of spiritual experiences that she couldn't quite figure out. Were they from God? She hoped so. Were they from the enemy? She hoped not, but she couldn't be sure. Were they just manufactured from her own mind? She didn't know. But she wanted me to help her figure it out.

Before taking the TPM training with CrossCounsel, I would have been stuck. When she described what she had experienced, I was clueless. I had never run into something like this before in all my 40 years of being a Christian.

I knew that if I gave the wrong advice, I could either reinforce a stronghold from the enemy or tear down the work of God. I didn't want to do either.

But using the training I had received from Steve Freitag, I was able to ask my daughter some simple questions that empowered her to get at the answers she needed. All of this took place in a 20 minute car ride. By the time we reached our destination, she was confident she knew what to do. She felt closer to the Lord. And we felt closer to each other.

Thanks, Steve. And, thank You, Jesus!



Our experience has taught us, on average, people do better coming to CrossCounsel after having done some homework. It also helps maximize time spent in appointments. We can bypass some of the general education aspects of prayer ministry when a person has researched our approach.

CCIM Info Packet - Our CrossCounsel Information Packet can be found on our website and summarizes much of our ministry. Please read this if you planning on an appointment with us. The "About" Section is a great place to go from there. You can use the "Contact" tab to send us an email.

Healing Life's Hurts - We also STRONGLY RECOMMEND that you read the first 3 chapters of "Healing Life's Hurts Through Theophostic Prayer Ministry" by Dr. Ed Smith. We have the complete book at our office for \$14. The first 3 chapters can be accessed on our home page.

Video Testimonies - We also have videos linked to "You Tube" that will introduce you to Theophostic and CrossCounsel. They are well worth your time.

A word from CrossCounsel about, "Healing Life's Hurts", by Dr. Ed Smith

Theophostic® Prayer Ministry (TPM) was birthed when a former pastor and Christian counselor (Dr. Ed Smith) cried out to God in frustration because he was unable to bring emotional healing to survivors of sexual abuse, despite his extensive education, training and experience.

Those who have experienced sexual abuse and those who have worked with survivors can attest to how devastating this experience can be, and how difficult (impossible) it can be to overcome. Here's what Dr. Smith quickly discovered: *What is impossible with man is possible with God.* When Dr. Smith invited Jesus into the healing process using the techniques later known as TPM, the miraculous happened. Those survivors, who previously were stuck, suddenly began finding healing and a freedom that they had never experienced ever before.

Does this mean that you need to be a survivor of sexual abuse for TPM to work for you?

Absolutely not!!!

While Dr. Smith was looking for something to help his counseling practice back in the mid-1990s, God had a much bigger plan. Over time, Dr. Smith and others began to realize that TPM is an opportunity for any of us to experience God in a life changing way. The transformational mind renewal described in Romans 12:2 is perfectly embodied in the TPM

process. Through TPM, Jesus gets at the very things that define our experience and directly contribute to our behavior.

To illustrate the TPM process, however, Dr. Smith drew on his own experience as a counselor working with survivors of sexual abuse. That's why his book, *Healing Life's Hurts*, contains so many examples of sexual abuse healing. If Dr. Smith were to rewrite the book today, he would undoubtedly include a much wider range of examples.

To break it down to simple terms, TPM is about meeting with Jesus - pure and simple. When we meet with Jesus, everything changes.

You are welcome and honored here at CrossCounsel regardless of your background. Those who commit to this process soon realize that this is bigger than *just feeling better or getting "over" something.* It's about an entirely new way of viewing God, His Word and how He partners with us in this journey. People who choose to pursue God through the TPM process are people of courage and people of vision regardless of what they have (or haven't) experienced in the past.

We value our friendship with Dr. Ed Smith, but like any other ministry practicing Theophostic®, we are not endorsed by him or Theophostic® Prayer Ministries.

A Friend for the Journey by Michelle Trehey

I was apprehensive. I was nervous. I was afraid. I was actually feeling rather queazy. I wanted to go home... but.... I was there!

4690 Cottage Grove Road; one wintery day in December, I was standing in the doorway to this healing path called CrossCounsel.

And there she was.....HER quiet smile calmed me. HER gentle grace surrounded me. Warmth spilled from a familar place called compassion. And there she was.....Donna Smith.

Holding God's heart and reaching for my hand she invited me on a journey to wholeness.

Brennan Manning says, "To live by grace means to acknowledge my whole life story, the light side and the dark. In admitting my shadow side I learn who I am and what God's grace means."

I think it takes courage to walk thru the terrain of our trials. I admire Donna for doing this and for sharing her testimony.

I find a deeper respect for her that she has made a committed devotion in helping others to find that grace of God.

I am thankful that God knew the type of person who could walk with me thru storms, and big forests, and broken dreams.

I am thankful that He shared His special friend and facilitator with me.

I am thankful it was Donna Smith.

Here's Donna (on right) with our Office Assistant, Carla Lackey.



"I just wanted to say that I like how the classes are going. It is has been very confirming to see God's hand in this.

You guys are doing a great job. Thanks for your hard work!

Next Month:

There will be a testimony from a woman that Steve prayed with in November of 2008. You'll be amazed to hear how a lifelong battle with psoriasis and "A.D.D." has changed. She'll also share how she has been able to walk through life and various trials now with "the peace that passes all understanding."