

Marriage Seminar in Guatemala City, August 4-6

Last summer our friend Lucas, head of Youth Specialties in Latin America, asked us to lead a workshop entitled "Marriage and Youth Ministry." He had to convince us that we were the appropriate leaders because marriage and family are such difficult and cultural issues and we 1) aren't Latin and 2) don't have kids.



These details notwithstanding we had good turnout and feedback in Guatemala and Argentina. So good, in fact, that this year Lucas has turned it into a three-hour "Super Seminar."

We need your prayers as we try to encourage and guide leaders in this vital area of their lives.

On Our Nightstand

The Creative Call: an Artist's Response to the Way of the Spirit by Janice Elsheimer

Our gifts are not from God to us, but from God through us to the world.... When we try to live without exercising our artistic gifts, we may feel restless and empty. Life lacks fullness. Something buried deep within longs to emerge.

The Contemplative Pastor: Returning to the Art of Spiritual Direction by Eugene Peterson

The pastor's question is, "Who are these particular people, and how can I be with them in such a way that they can become what God is making them?" My job is simply to be there, teaching, preaching Scripture as well as I can, and being honest with them, not doing anything to interfere with what the Spirit is shaping in them.

Help

We need you to pray for us. We are involved in so many exciting ministries, and yet we still have no idea what we should focus on next. This year living in the U.S. is supposed to be, in part, a time to decide what and where to invest our lives. When you think of us, please pray that we would be faithful to God and know what the next step is.

Building Better Bridges

Be sure it is not for nothing that the Landlord has knit our hearts so closely to time and place—to one friend rather than another and one shire more than all the land.
C.S. Lewis, [THE PILGRIM'S REGRESS](#).

The deep connections we have with individuals and churches around the world are some of the most satisfying and exciting things in our life. Part of that satisfaction comes from knowing that these relationships serve transcendent purposes in the progress of the redemption of the world.



In June we got to continue our work fostering synergies and building bridges. Thirteen couples from St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church of Buenos Aires went to Toluca, Mexico, to help San Pablo, our church there, start a Marriage Encounter program. En route several of the couples came through Orlando to visit Northland, hoping to strengthen several of their ministries, especially their children's program. For more about this visit read our blog entry from Friday, June 23, 2006 "Ain't a Feeling Like It in the World." (www.4loves.com/mexitext)

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