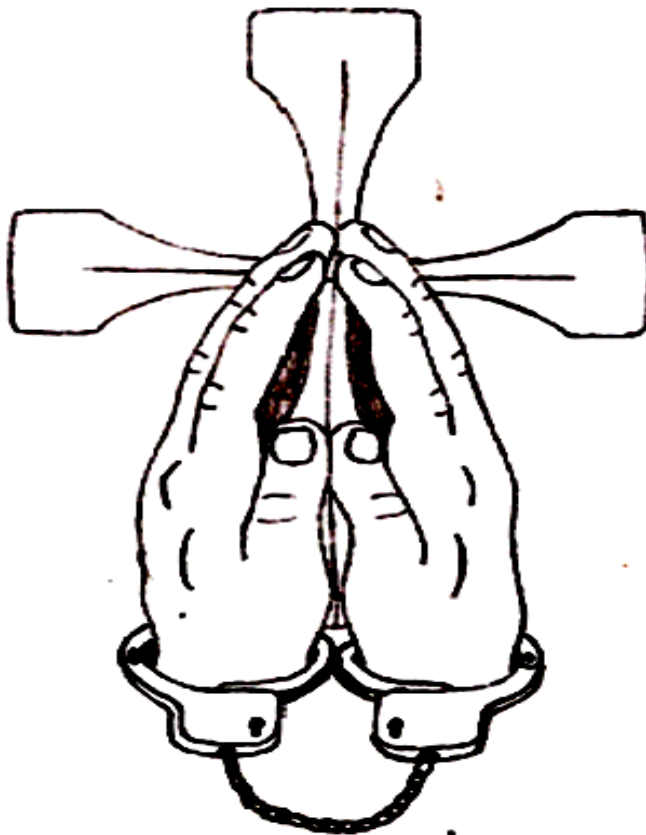




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Growing your Volunteer Base

By Gary and Nicki Trout—Ohio Epiphany Ministry

The Question has been asked many times, “how do you expand your volunteer base”? Here in Ohio, we also struggled with this issue. The approach we chose was one that required much time, commitment, research, and travel. A few of our pioneers, during a State Committee meeting, came up with the plan that we would contact churches and 3-Day Movements: Walk to Emmaus, Via de Cristo, Cursillo, Cum Christo, Great Banquet, Tres Dias, Awakening, Chrysalis, and Happening, etc.

We selected a targeted area, in our case, we chose communities located along Ohio’s I-75 highway. We made contacts with pastors, church members, or 4th-Day community leaders that would allow us a few minutes on their schedules to talk about Epiphany.

We soon discovered that we most often did not garner a mass of volunteers from our efforts. However, we did capture the interest of one or two individuals who in turn, directed us to another one or two contacts. Although this seems to be a slow process, over time it does grow the volunteer base. We have also found that the volunteers we recruit in this manner seem to be very committed and loyal to the ministry.

We have not found a quick or easy method to grow our volunteer base. What seems to work for us is to be intentional, find a group of volunteers that is willing to make contacts, a willingness to travel, and have at least two scripted documents for presentations. We came up with two scripted presentations that seem to fit the time allocated by most groups, one is ten minutes and the other is thirty to forty, depending upon if we chose to show the National DVD.

We are looking at trying some new things this year: we will be contacting universities to set up a booth in a common area to speak with students, setting up a booth at local fairs/festivals; and we will be writing articles for magazines and newspapers.

Our State Committee Created a sub-committee to coordinate our ministry expansion effects, which also involves overseeing the management of expanding the volunteer base. This sub-committee meets on a regular basis to brain storm ideas and to make recommendations to the State Committee.

However, the most important factor is: “Commit your way to the LORD; trust in him, and he will act.” Psalm 37:5

Amen



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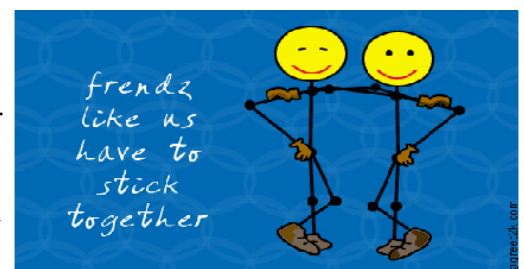
Thank You South Carolina

A Big THANK YOU and Hugs in Christ to SOUTH CAROLINA

Mid-Year National Board Meeting was held in Columbia, SC—May, 2009. The South Carolina Team feed us steaks and southern ribs from the Grill of Bernie Gunter and Team WOW what a group of cooks.

Chaplin John Lakin gave our devotion on Saturday Morning. He discussed the Story of Jonah not following God. Jonah never thought he would get out of the belly of the whale. He did not realize that the situation would be his salvation. Chaplin Lakin reminded us that the Epiphany experience is the situation for these young people. So it’s important for us to share the message of hope.

Lots of work was completed on Expansion, Budget and general business. See page 3 for information on the National Meeting in Georgia.



National Epiphany Ministry Board

Epiphany By Jeremie—Table of Faithful

My experience at Epiphany could be shown in so many

I'm just kinda sad it only lasted three days
I made a new discoveries of God's great work
I even discovered the devil is a jerk

I gained many friends and even a family
It felt real good to here someone say they love me
The things that I learned really help defeat my fears
It felt so good to let go that I sheded many tears.

Just the emotions that were shown with God's help
Is a feeling I really haven't felt
To say goodbye is something I don't wanna do
Cause I know once your gone I gonna miss you

A friend is what I needed
And a friend you were indeed
God is with you through all of what you do
My prayers is that you don't change and remain true
From friend to friend my poem is through
Just please keep in mind that God will always love you.

Jeremie, Now you are published.

Love in Christ, From all of the Epiphany Team Members.

National Meeting—Augusta, Georgia

National Meeting is going to held in Augusta, Georgia, September 25-27, 2009. Make your plans to come — **EVERYONE IS INVITED AND CAN ATTEND ALL MEETINGS.** Our meetings will be held at the Church of Our Savior, Martinez, Georgia. Transportation will be furnished form Hawthorn Suites, 94049 Jimmie Dyess Parkway, Augusta, GA 30909.

The Georgia Team have three (3) workshops planned, and for a reduced price a Canal Boat tour down the Augusta Canal. If you are a history buff, you must see this. They have planned Dinner with a Guest Speaker and Entertainment for Saturday Evening, so plan to stay for Church on Sunday, if possible.

A registration form will be coming to you soon or email Betty at bgernert@epiphanyministry.com to request a form. National Office phone 478-962-0794.



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"To show Christ's Love to
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In the late 1980's there was an Episcopal church in Birmingham, Alabama that ministered to young women incarcerated in a facility called Chalkville. A chaplain at the Julia Tutwiler Facility for Young Women had a vision that something needed to be done for youthful offenders. Her husband, John, was serving on the National Chrysalis Board, but there did not seem to be any programs specifically intended for incarcerated youth. Rev. Louise Johns (a UMC minister) applied for a grant so that a program could be designed and implemented that would be similar to other three day programs such as Kairos (for incarcerated adults), Cursillo and Walk to Emmaus. A grant from the Youth Service Fund of the United Methodist Church was awarded for 1991 and the work Began.

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