

FALL NEWSLETTER-SEPTEMBER 2007

COMMUNICATION UPDATE

Some of you may not be aware that our phone number is **713 782 7084**. (old materials and stationary have another number)

CCR entered the DSL world, which required our establishing a new email address which is ccrhoutx@att.net.

-Brian Davidson of CEPC did a great job of producing a vide clip for CCR. You can view it for yourself at www.enformed.net/ccr

Those of you who are regular ministry partners already knew this. Many of you receiving only the biannual mail updates probably did not. We would like to keep you more current, so would you please provide us your email for more frequent, confidential mailings? And please keep us updated on new addresses!

-**CELEBRATE RECOVERY** testimonies in Kingwood and at Houston First Baptist.

-I was guest teacher at a Living Waters Pilot group in Conroe. I taught about healthiness in same-sex, as well as opposite sex friendships.

-Evangelistic message to a small group of homosexuals mourning the loss of their friend!

-Wanda and Edrice took the summer off from **UPLIFT**, but have now resumed. Edrice recently retired, but has some extra family duties keeping her busy. Wanda continues to coordinate weekly prayer and fasting for the group (praying for loved ones). God is at work.

-At the **Southern Baptist Convention in San Antonio** June 11-13, I was at the WAY OUT literature table. We (other Baptist ex-gay ministries and I) probably handed out over 2000 pieces of literature. It also gave me time to spend with Gloria, as well as Tom and Martha Hardin, coordinators of the **AWAKENING** parents and friends group there

-We still have the men's group in **COLLEGE STATION** that started in November, 2004. Two of our Aggie group members attended the National Exodus Freedom conference in Irvine, CA June 26-July 1, thanks to generosity of scholarship funds provided through the San Antonio Awakening parents group. We will start up again for this semester in the next few weeks, trying to meet at least one Saturday a month.

BARNABAS men's group continues in weekly monthly modules. We are currently studying **YOU ARE WHAT YOU THINK**.

-First Baptist Church-Houston recently started a Spanish speaking Sunday school class at 9:10 AM Sunday mornings, and I am a member of the teaching team.

-Hispanics call me long distance because they are so desperate for ministry, and they are so grateful to be able to receive ministry in Spanish. My ministry in Spanish continues to increase

-Recent decisions for Christ through my personal mentoring and through evangelism in Spanish through Houston Project July 9-12?

Again thanks to frequent flyer miles contributed by a CCR supporter, airfare to Argentina was covered. The fourth **LIVING WATERS TRAINING** took place in La Falda, **Argentina** May 6-12. Personally, I felt very refreshed, focused, and very much moving in the flow of what God wanted to accomplish during that week. Right before I left I got an e-mail from friends connecting me with Geordan Rendle and family. Geordan is the head of Youth for Christ for Latin America, and we had a wonderful lunch together. He was very interested in the work I do, as he definitely sees the need in the high school population.

This year's training was the largest ever. Approximately 80 participants came from Argentina, Chile, Bolivia, Ecuador, Colombia, Venezuela, and Puerto Rico. This year had the largest percentage of the 20 something crowd! As a multinational team of about 20 persons, we had prayer/confession sessions every morning, as well as de-brief sessions in the afternoon. In addition to these meetings, our daily ministry schedules included ministry during morning plenary session, two small group sessions, optional workshops in the afternoon, and ministry during the evening plenary sessions. So our day began at 7 AM and usually ended at about 9:30 PM.

This year during the team meetings I did most of the translating, Spanish to English, and English to Spanish! A lot of it was simultaneous interpretation, not very easy to do! I had an assistant leader for my small group of 6 men, with an age range from 20-50! There was a significant break through for each man in each session. I also taught on how to teach Living Waters, and shared a lot of my personal experience.

Because of the response and need, next year I will be invited to help with trainings in Argentina (May 2008) and Chile (October 2008).

There was an **EQUIPPING THE SAINTS OUTREACH COALITION (ESOC)** public meeting on Sunday, April 29 at 5:00 PM at the Pillar of Glory Church. I participated in forum with Wilford Darden and several other Afro-American pastors with. It challenges Afro-American churches to address homosexuality and other issues.

UPCOMING EVENT: Along with other healing ministries, I will be presenting "Codependency, Affected or Infected" and "Telling Ourselves the Truth" at the **HEALING 411** conference, 8:30 am to 4:00 pm, Saturday, October 6, 2007 at Grace Community Church. Cost is \$20 prepaid, \$30 at the door. Phone SWM at 281 992 880 or find all details on www.healing411.zoomshare.com

UPCOMING MINISTRY TRIP: October 10-31/ Italy and France.

In Torino with a friend October 15-19, and with university students in Paris with a French friend with Campus Crusade for Christ October 25-31

PRAYER REQUESTS:

More opportunities for speaking engagements in Houston area
Central donated office space (office has been in my apartment since February, 2005)
Frequent flyer miles (i.e. Continental, 50,000 minimum) 2008 trips Chile, Argentina, possibly Costa Rica, Canada, Spain
More volunteer staff (for all groups)
More dedicated monthly pledge partners to join our faithful ranks (\$1385 committed monthly, minimum budget need is \$5000)
Remember, this is our **ONLY** fundraising effort during the year!
Thank you so much for your financial support, prayers, and words of encouragement

Pastor Michael R. Newman

NON-FUND RAISING EVENT FORM

____ Sorry, I don't trust you and amateurs at a CARWASH. Here's the \$10 donation anyway.

____ My life is too busy to find junk for you to sell or to buy any of yours. Here is \$25 to save me the aggravation.

____ I have fallen arches and can't stand the heat, so I don't want to participate in walk/ride/bike/anything A-THON. Here is \$50 to avoid medical expenses I may have had afterwards.

____ I'm terrible at soliciting pledges or selling stuff, so it's worth it to me to give you \$15 so I don't have to.

____ I can't face another partners' luncheon, so here's \$100 for me and the friend I couldn't find to invite.

____ My wife/doctor/scale tells me to stay away from those sweets, so I'm willing to pay you \$75 to avoid those dessert gatherings.

____ Nor do I need to bake any goodies for aforementioned dessert gatherings. I will donate \$20 instead.

____ I hate phone solicitations, but hate to be rude. Here's \$40 to soothe my conscience.

____ Here's \$125, which is what a session with Michael would cost in the real world

____ I realize that if there were larger numbers of dedicated financial partners, CCR would not be so dependent on fundraisers. I will pledge _____ monthly from _____ to _____ so CCR treasurer will not have those monthly headaches!

PS. Don't forget CCR has accounts at Randall's (1982) You can also contribute by credit card at www.helping.org. There is a link on our website for credit card giving.

