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Soul Care

Spring at Cross Roads

God has been at work in ways big and small here at Cross Roads for which we praise Him!

Due to the nature of the ministry it is difficult to be specific as to how the Lord is working in individual lives. However, we want to be able to share with each of you how God is answering your prayers.

The Lord has brought children, teens, young adults; as well as adult individuals, and couples all at various crossroads in their lives; they are in need of sound biblical direction, life coaching and discipleship. Some come needing pre-marital counseling and others marriage counseling.

For the last 4 months a total of 108 client appointments have been scheduled. An average week will consist of helping up to two clients three evenings then up to six clients on Fridays sometimes split between our two locations at Grace Evangelical Free Church in Jefferson Township, NJ and Hope Evangelical Free Church in Matamoras, PA. In addition we visited two of our supporting churches and Gordon gave the morning message. Gordon continues a 4 day—34 hour work week at the Salvation Army School For Officer Training, Suffern, NY.

PRAY FOR IRS TO GRANT PERMANENT NON PROFIT 501c3 STATUS TO CROSS ROADS

We have complied with the IRS by filing for the permanent classification and have received notification that Cross Roads is in review regarding “public support status”. At the inception of the ministry we had provisional status pending proof that at last year’s end the ministry had support from various individuals and businesses according to their specifications. We spent the major part of our last getaway preparing the paperwork for this filing.

We have been informed that the process can take anywhere from tomorrow to four months from now. We continue to trust the Lord for his leading for our ministry’s status.

We want to thank GOD, and each of you who are praying and supporting Cross Roads, without your constant care and encouragement we would not be able to carry on the ministry God has called us to. THANK YOU SO MUCH!



PRE MARITAL COUNSELING ...at Cross Roads

...has been such an uplifting part of the counseling ministry.

Typically couples have made all sorts of “plans” for their “special day” as they begin their lives together and are not sure what to expect as they come to counseling. What could we possibly have forgotten to do for the wedding? We’ve set the date, the reception, the table settings, the dress, the tux, our wedding party, the rehearsal dinner, I could go on and on. As they go through the PREPARE AND ENRICH counseling experience they begin to discover so many areas they can discuss and work through and are given tools to use for their married life together.

Over the past several months I have had the privilege of working with a young couple to be married this summer.

I will be officiating at their marriage down the shore in Spring Lake, NJ.



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LATE SPRING CLEAN UP ON CROSS ROADS WEB SITE

At the recent Board Meeting for Cross Roads, it was decided that we would take a look at enhancing our web site:

www.crossroadssoulcare.org

We would appreciate your comments and suggestions as to how we can accomplish this. At present we are discussing adding a few tabs "Frequently asked Questions" and a "How the Ministry is Funded" tab. We will review the suggestions with our web designers and hopefully within the next quarter you will see an improved design. Please e-mail your suggestions to: gordon@crossroadssoulcare.org.

NEW BROCHURES AVAILABLE SOON

Three new brochures are in progress!

One brochure will be for potential clients, another will explain to Pastors how Cross Roads can help their ministry and their local community, and the third will share with businesses how they can help the community by offering it's support. Please pray that we will be effective in creating these within the immediate future.

On a more personal note, Gordon continues to be in good health after his automobile accident last fall. Thanks to all for your cards, and notes and e-mails. Em has completed her 13th year at the Jefferson Township Public Library and is happy to be continuing working at a job she enjoys, with great co-workers and so close to home. Amy is enjoying her position at Bryn Mawr College in Pa and lives with her husband Craig in Doylestown, PA. We do so enjoy your newsy notes as you send in your support to the ministry and we treasure the memories of our relationships with each of you. Please continue to keep in touch.

Love,

Gordon and Emily

SOUL CARE TIP FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK



I' m so frazzled, MY LIFE IS A MESS can you fix me?

This is the cry of many. Help is not in the area of "fix me" but through the process of reflection, responsibility, repentance, and restoration. We can sit down together find out how you came to this state and then search for the solution together. A counselor can guide you, but you need to do the transforming! You've come seeking help, this is just the first step, remember life is a process, it has taken time to come to this stage, and it will take time to essentially unlearn the false beliefs and self-protective strategies that have gotten you here, but with time, wrestling with your inner self and the help of God you will experience daily progress and a life focused on the journey ahead of you. Jeremiah 29:11-13 says *God has a plan for your life, a plan to help you and not to harm you.* Cross Roads is here to help you.