

SOUL CARE

SUMMER 2007

CROSS ROADS: AT WORK

The Date: July 27, 2007

The Time: 5:00 PM

The Location: The Breakers, Spring Lake, NJ

We had been through six weeks of counseling; enjoyed getting to know each other and sharing the preparation and planning for their future and for this special day.

The Weather: Hazy, hot and humid in the high 80's

The heavens opened up about an hour before the ceremony, but did not dampen the spirit of the wedding party.

The bride was ready, as was the groom along with the wedding party consisting of

2 matrons of honor, 4 brides maids, 1 best man and 5 groomsmen. 1 flower girl and 1 ring bearer, but where was the minister?

He was in the car on the wrong side of the Shark River as the bridge was opened for boats to pass through. As the moments passed by, the minister and his wife watched the second hand move closer and closer to 5:00 pm. Thankfully, they left early enough to have time on their side; the bridge closed and they made it by 4:30 pm.

The wedding was further delayed because the charter bus with about 50 wedding

guests was late due to traffic gridlock. After these delays the ceremony proceeded smoothly.

I pronounced the bride and groom, husband and wife and then shared in the joyful evening along with many family members and friends.

Meet

Mr. & Mrs. McAuley



CROSS ROADS: AT PRAYER

On June 11, 2007 the IRS officially approved our organization as a public charity!

We had to send information to the government which would permanently classify us as a public charity rather than a private foundation.

We received the letter declaring:

“Based on the information you submitted, you are classified as a public charity under the Code section listed in the heading of this letter. Since your exempt status was not under consid-

eration, you continue to be classified as an organization exempt from Federal Income Tax under section 501 © (3) of the Code.”

Thank you one and all for your continued prayer ... He has answered yet again!

CROSSROADS: ISSUE IN REVIEW:

- *Wedding in Spring Lake*
- *IRS Declaration*
- *New Client Brochure completed*
- *Client Appointment Review*
- *A Client's Encouragement*
- *Director's Desk*

CROSS ROADS: OUT REACH

Statistically the first half of the year has been an eye opener! There were a total of 127 client appointments.

Of those appointments, 23 were Grace EFC members or friends. 22 were from Jefferson Township but not connected with Grace EFC; 26 were from Rockaway; 7 were from Sparta; 4 were from Sussex County; 27 from Warren County; 1 was from West Milford; 4 from Delaware; and 13 from New York and Pennsylvania.

How are folks hearing about Crossroads? At phone intake interview here is what they are telling us: Grace EvFree Church, Sparta EvFree Church, Christ Church Rockaway, a friend who came to see you recommended you; the Internet; Hope EvFree Church, Matamoros Pa. a friend sent me your brochure.

In July there were 21 appointments and in August-36 appointments! People are truly in need and we are so privileged to be where God is using us all because of your prayer and financial support. THANKS!



NEW CROSS ROADS BROCHURE: AVAILABLE

Our new client brochure is complete and available to those requesting it. We sent brochures to the two churches where we have offices. The dilemma we are facing is how can we provide services for future clients? It is our mission to provide long term biblical counseling to those in need of more time than a local pastor is able in his very busy schedule. However, at this point in the ministry we are at maximum capacity in my part-time capacity. Will you pray that the Lord will give direction and provide additional individuals, churches, and businesses to support this ministry? We are thankful for your continued interest in this ministry. The Lord is working in the lives of our present clients. God is using the ministry to disciple Christians and bring others to Himself! He is allowing Crossroads to teach clients to honor the Lord thereby allowing them to be more effective in their local churches; be better husbands, wives and children in their families; and by allowing them to carry their newfound clarity of life skills into the workplace and their communities. If you feel that Cross Roads is a ministry you would like to see expand your generous monthly contribution would be greatly appreciated. **God is at work, Praise Him with us and Thank YOU!**

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FROM THE DIRECTOR

Gordon & Emily Goutremont

**CROSS ROADS:
A CLIENT'S VIEW POINT**

Early this summer we were invited to a college graduation celebration aboard a dinner cruise that passed the Statue of Liberty. It was such an enjoyable afternoon and evening, the celebration, the company, the weather, everything was perfect, until we were returning to the dock; thunder and lightning sent warnings across the sky that we were in for a storm.

Out on the deck, I had opportunity to reflect on how these events mimicked life. Everything seems to be going along smoothly, then all of a sudden the thunder and lightning starts. The question comes: "What do I do now?" Despair and uncertainty seem to be loom over head. (It's time to reflect on the principles that God has laid down for us.) In these times

you can draw on three pillars of your faith that God has given us; The Word, The Holy Spirit, and Other Mature Believers.

These are tools are to be used during the storms of life; not merely intellectual ascent. The storms will come it's a given, emotions still remain; but strength and security to endure the storm will increase as you learn to rely on these pillars, God's gifts to you. When turning to them during the storms, the inner self does not have to fall apart; the challenge however is to remember it is a choice each one must make! And that's exactly why Cross Roads Soul Care exists! To point others to the pillars of faith that will stand them in good stead during those storms.

James 1:2-8

I wanted to tell you THANK YOU for the guidance today. Two weeks ago when we were talking you suggested I pay attention to the Christian growth that was happening and the evil one who would not be pleased. And these past two weeks have been like a Nantucket Sleigh Ride. I thank you for helping and guiding me back to what is important.

I made a list of all the wonderful things that have happened to me in the past 14 months of being out of work, and it's an amazing list indeed. I am now able to totally thank God for not taking His hand off me. I'll share the items when I see you next. You and Emily are at the top of this list.

I was terribly distressed when we first met a year ago, and if it had not been for Emily's sweet, gentle, kind way, I would not have even made the appt. Please give her a big hug and kiss from me. She is our first contact and she's a slice of Heaven. And Gordon, I'm learning.....I listen to everything you say, really I do. And I'm thankful to have someone to talk to. I praise God for the opportunity to learn how to live.....

God Bless You Both In A Very Special Way