



Dear Friend,

Thank you so much for reading our newsletter each month, for your consistent partnership with this ministry God has entrusted to us, and for the encouragement that provides to our family. We love to be able to place this letter in your hands (or your inbox!) each month to let you share in the celebration of lives transformed by God's amazing power.

February 11-13, Mike preached the collegiate "Winter Blast" retreat for the Montana Southern Baptist Convention. Preaching on the topic, "Becoming Marriageable," Mike challenged the 100+ young adults and leaders to prepare themselves to follow a biblical pattern for marriage. One pastor commented that he and his leaders **"engaged in countless conversations that stemmed from the teaching. Mike did a great job of bringing biblical truth in an understanding and bold way to our young people."** Other leaders also reported that students were encouraged to live a purposeful life of purity and many made life changing decisions. Three students made first time professions of faith in Christ! Students commented to Mike that God spoke to them and gave them hope again for what marriage is supposed to be and can be with Christ at the center.

Another highlight of the weekend was when 40 young men responded to the call to meet with Mike voluntarily for an extra Saturday morning session on biblical manhood. These same men also stepped up to lead as prayer warriors each morning and before each session of the weekend!

Immediately following that event,



Mike and I traveled to Ocean Shores, WA, February 14-16 to lead the Olympic Baptist Association's Pastors and Wives Retreat. Mike and I led worship, and Mike preached three full sessions and a final wrap-up on "Fanning the Flame of Intimacy in Marriage." Participants learned that a firm resolve to become who God calls them to be as a husband or a wife (the development of their own holy character) can energize their marriage relationship and strengthen intimacy. This was our 2nd year to be involved with this event, and we again enjoyed the time of leadership with these ministry couples.

Mike's work with the Men of Simplicity (MOS) continues to grow and develop into a powerful part of our local ministry. One member of the group, Ron Prince, had this to say about his experience to date: **"It is very humbling yet greatly rewarding to part of MOS. The camaraderie and openness that I experience draws me closer to the men in the group and motivates me to maintain a Christ focus in my life. The studies continually challenge me and bring to light amazing truths of God's Word. More of Him and less of me is becoming a reality in my life!"** Please continue to pray for the impact these men are having on their families every day.

Our prayer for you, and for ourselves, is that we will each continue to become simply and purely devoted to Christ. —

Blessings, Debbie and Mike

Up Coming Ministry Events

- Mar. 4 Chapel - Open Door Christian Academy, Troutdale, OR
- Mar. 8 S.E.A.D.S. Women's Group Greater Gresham Baptist Church, Gresham, OR
- Mar. 10 Thrive High School Bible Study, Salem First Baptist Church, Salem, OR
- Mar 31-Apr 2 Men's Retreat - Olympic Baptist Association, WA

Every Monday Night: Men of Simplicity
For a complete schedule go to www.simplicityministries.org

