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Hello from Deeper Life Ministries, and Greetings in the name of Jesus!

We thank you for the many ways you have and continue to generously support the work at DLM. Your generosity has made it possible for us to complete most of our 2018 projects as we continue ministering to the needs within our Anabaptist communities.

It is our desire to keep you updated with how our Five-Year Renovation Plan is progressing. Included in this letter is a brief overview of our projects.

I. 2018 – Year 3

Funding Total.....**\$180,000.00**

Cost to Date**\$128,146.36**

Completed Projects

Estimated Cost**\$151,500.00**

Actual Cost**\$128,146.36**

1. HVAC Phase 1 & 2
2. Rear House Repairs & Staff House 2 Renovations
3. Door & Window Replacement
4. 5997 House Remodel

Remaining Projects

Estimated Cost.....**\$28,500.00**

Planned for fall of 2019

1. 6015 House Renovations
2. 6071 House Misc. Flooring

II. 2019 – Year 4 Main Building

*All estimates include labor.

Funding Received**\$46,000.00**

Funds Pledged**\$100,000.00**

Final Plans & Permitting Cost**\$12,000.00**

Phase 1-3 Estimated Cost - \$ 300,000.00

A. Phase 1 \$150,000.00

1. Kitchen, Cooler, Utility Room, Bathrooms & 1 Office

B. Phase 2 \$65,000.00

1. Educational/Dining Room & Bookstore

C. Phase 3 \$85,000.00

1. Offices

Volunteer labor and donated supplies would help us reduce the project costs.

If you have any questions about these projects, please contact Dave Snyder at **(614) 873-1199**.

Mark your donation “DLM work project” and mail to **5123 Converse Huff Rd., Plain City, OH 43064**.

Thank you for your generous support. Please remember us in your prayers!

David L. Snyder, Administrator



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Deeper Life Ministries began in 1994 with three primary objectives:

1. To disciple Christians who are struggling with spiritual or relational trials.

2. To strengthen families & churches in order to prevent problems from arising.

3. To equip church leaders so they can effectively disciple people through times of spiritual and relational struggle.

These objectives continue to be our goals.

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Deeper Life Ministries' daily operations are funded by donations. *Our buildings are approximately forty years old and in need of some upgrades. Additional contributions are needed for the larger projects. We can use funds, materials, or labor. For more information, contact Dave Snyder at 614-873-1199.*

The Anchor is a quarterly newsletter sent free of charge to interested persons or congregations. To receive it, contact Deeper Life Ministries.
– Editor, Ben Waldner

DLM is an active arm of Midwest Mennonite Fellowship, with Board representation from Mid-Atlantic Mennonite Fellowship and Southeastern Mennonite Conference. Contributions are tax-deductible.

~ Upcoming Seminars ~

November 9th Faithful Men Seminar

Theme: Rebuilding

Topics: Disaster Strikes — Tom Johnson, Plain City, OH
Picking up the Pieces — Denver Yoder, Somerset, OH
Operation Rebuild — Dave Snyder, Plain City, OH

Breakout Sessions:

- a. Pornography & Masturbation — Ben Waldner, Plain City, OH
- b. Technology in the Home — Dave Snyder, Plain City, OH

Seminar will be held at:
Faith Mennonite High School - 5085 Woodland Drive, Kinzers, PA 17535

Hosted by Free Indeed

Registration Deadline: Friday, October 25, 2019

To register call (717) 442-4973 or email: dking@freeindeed.biz



When God is Silent

How many of us, during times of intense trials, have asked questions that have shocked us? Maybe someone we love is experiencing health problems. The future seems dark and foreboding. We wonder where the road will take us. We ask God for courage and peace, but the turmoil continues. We feel forsaken and alone. We seek Him, but cannot find Him. In anguish we cry, “God, where are you?” Perhaps, there is a major decision we need to make. The implications are significant. We spend time in fasting and prayer. We seek counsel from godly friends. We consider Scriptural principles. We plead, “God, show us the way.” We wait expectantly. The silence is deafening. We wonder, God, where are you? Why can't we find You? Why have You abandoned us? At our darkest moment we may question God's existence.

Second Chronicles 32:31 caught my attention recently. It reads, “However, when ambassadors arrived from Babylon to ask about the remarkable events that had taken place in the

land, God withdrew from Hezekiah in order to test him and to see what was really in his heart.” God left him! What does this mean? Several days later I read, “I go east, but he is not there. I go west, but I cannot find him. I do not see him in the north, for he is hidden. I look to the south, but he is concealed. But he knows where I am going. And when he tests me, I will come out as pure as gold” (Job 23:8-10). Job searched for God but couldn't find Him! Jesus, while on the cross, cried, “My God, My God, why have you abandoned me?” (Matt. 15:34b). All three accounts imply that God left them. Is this true? Is it possible there are times where God leaves us? Let's consider three questions.

What does “God left them” mean? Briefly consider who God is. Elihu, in rebuking Job (32-37) mentions several foundational truths. He tells Job that God created him and owns him. He testifies that God is holy, just and sovereign over all things. He reminds Job that God is everywhere. Actually, he said, God is so close He can see

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FINANCIAL REPORT

April – June 30, 2019

4/1/19 Beginning Balance\$20,117.90
6/30/19 Ending Balance.....\$30,684.57
Beginning Balance Project Fund \$72,524.36

OTHER INCOME

Gifts; Project Fund \$2,791.78

OTHER EXPENSE

Maintenance; Projects\$0.00

NET OTHER INCOME \$2,791.78

Ending Balance Project Fund \$75,316.14

Beginning Balance Operating Fund **\$- 52,406.46**

INCOME

Bookstore \$3,978.64

Donations\$66,525.18

Offerings.....\$10,140.32

Other Income\$98.50

OPERATING INCOME \$80,742.64

EXPENSE

Bookstore \$4,325.26

Food\$1,054.62

Insurance.....\$1,060.00

Maintenance.....\$3,681.23

Payroll\$37,766.60

Printing & Mailing\$4,418.05

Real Estate Tax.....\$5,954.94

Seminar.....\$3,646.78

Supplies.....\$416.65

Utilities.....\$8,101.31

Vehicle.....\$2,479.76

OPERATING EXPENSE \$72,905.20

NET OPERATING INCOME..... \$7,837.44

Ending Balance Operating Fund **\$- 44,631.57**

MISC\$62.55

Note – The Operating Fund is borrowing from the Project Fund for operating expenses.

FRUIT BEARING

by Denver Yoder



As Christians we desire to bear fruit for Jesus. According to God's Word, the good that we do is enabled by God, "...for without me ye can do nothing" (John 15:5c). We may be tempted to pride when someone compliments us, but if we take credit to ourselves, it hinders our usefulness. We must remember that "...ye have not chosen me but I have chosen you" (John 15:16).

In the fruit-bearing process we experience the pain of purging. Purging does not mean we are useless or that Christ has rejected us. By pruning us, God is seeking an increase in production and a maturing in the quality of that fruit (John 15:9).

Fruit growers prune trees to stimulate growth and production, while God allows times of pruning in our lives to draw us to Himself. In the pruning process we might feel alone and question God's purpose, but we need to remember that God makes no mistakes. He has good purposes for every branch He removes. Bearing fruit for Christ requires that we rely on Him, yield to the pruning process, and draw close to Him as we trust His good purposes for our lives.

When God Is Silent *Continued*

every step he takes. He tells Job to remember that if His Spirit left him he would immediately die. Scripture clearly states that God is always present. So, what does "God left them" mean? Perhaps, it's better to ask, Why is God silent?

So, why is God silent? He does this to test our character. We learn from Job 36:1-21 that God tests us in order to save us from sin. It reveals our level of commitment to Him and how much we love Him. It reveals what we must change in order to better serve Him.

What should we do when God is silent? There are several things we need to remember. First, trials or suffering do not change God's attributes or character. The cry of God's heart is that all men come to know Him. When we are experiencing trouble, stop and give God the glory He deserves. Take the time to praise Him for all He has done for you. Second, our inability to sense God's presence doesn't mean He is absent. It's impossible for God to not be everywhere. Third, God always reveals His will to us before He is silent. Each of the men mentioned knew what God wanted them to do. Remember what God has already said. Continue doing what you know He wants you to do.

When God is silent, remember that He promised, "I will never fail you, I will never abandon you" (Heb. 13:5b). Bible Version – NLT

~ Dave Snyder

True-Life Books That Will Inspire You!

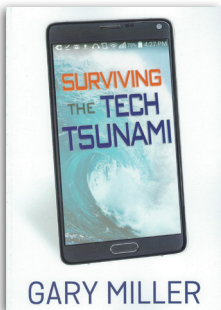
Available from our bookstore now! Order at www.dlmohio.org or call **Deeper Life Bookstore 8AM - 5PM, Mon. - Fri. at 614-873-1199**

**Plus Shipping. Please add \$3.75 for the first item, then \$.75 for each additional item. Ohio Residents Add Sales Tax. Shipping to Canada as quoted.*

SURVIVING THE TECH TSUNAMI

by Gary Miller | Softcover, 240 pages | \$12.99

Electronic technology is taking our culture by storm. This is having a profound effect, not just on society at large, but on our occupations, our families, and our personal lives. It is also having a tremendous impact on our churches, as the author discovered in his interviews with youth and ministers across the conservative Anabaptist spectrum. This behind-the-scenes glimpse at the cultural upheaval caused by technology should serve as a sober wakeup call and help our families and churches weather the tech tsunami. **Also available on Audio CD.**



THREE CAN BE FRIENDS

by Mary Beth Martin | Hardcover, 72 pages | \$7.99

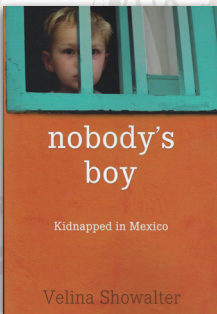
Why is it so hard for Abigelle and Marie to love Jenny? There is nothing wrong with Jenny, but the other girls find that unkind habits are hard to break. However, when Abigelle becomes sick, she finds out who is a true friend. Follow these deaf girls at a school in Haiti as they learn that three CAN be friends.



NOBODY'S BOY

by Velina Showalter | Softcover, 232 pages | \$10.99

As a child, Obando observes his dark-haired, brown-skinned schoolmates and compares their appearance to his own blond hair and blue eyes. Which of the two dark-haired Mexican ladies in the house where he lives is actually his mother? Who is his father?



When adverse circumstances leave Obando homeless, he has a strong desire to uncover the mystery surrounding his life. Unusual circumstances bring him face to face with his biological parents.

This story brings out the cultural contrast between the native Mexicans and the Russian Mennonites living in colonies. Although Obando struggles to find a place to belong, God in His mercy reveals Himself to a boy who was literally lost and helps him discover his true identity. He is no longer nobody's boy.

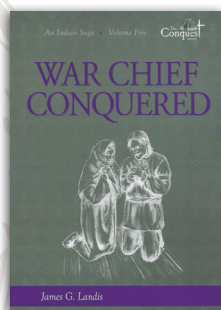
WAR CHIEF CONQUERED

by James G. Landis | Softcover, 324 pages | \$12.99

In this book, the young Moravian missionary, John Heckewelder, prods Glikkikan into telling his life story. But the famous Indian chief is wary of the white men's corrupted treaties and requires Heckewelder to write his story exactly as he tells it.

Historically accurate and filled with emotion, *War Chief Conquered* brings the reader close to the heart of a powerful war chief, showing his struggle as he attempts to lead the Delaware Indians to a secure homeland.

Would overcoming their English and Iroquois enemies in battle bring security to the Delaware? Glikkikan learns that war and murder only increase bitterness and hatred, and he yearns for something better.



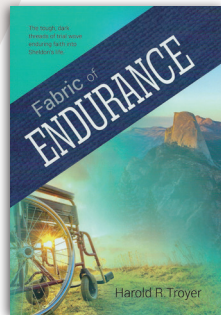
FABRIC OF ENDURANCE

by Harold R. Troyer | Softcover, 210 pages | \$11.99

Sheldon Grover felt ready to tackle the world. After the ravages of the Great Depression and World War II, the country was well on its way to recovery. The lush fields and vineyards of central California were in their prime. He had the skills, the farm, and a beautiful wife.

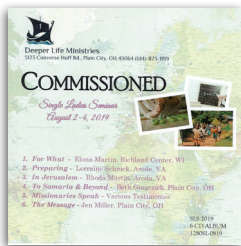
Then, in the span of twenty-four hours, Sheldon's world unraveled. Would the love of God and a loyal church family prove sufficient? Would Sheldon's life be transformed into the image of Christ, even in the face of profound tragedy?

To read this book is to witness a testimony of God's faithfulness. It is a story of how God used pain and hardship to weave beauty into the tapestry of Sheldon's life. And in tender care, God never stopped providing.



COMMISSIONED: 2019 SINGLE LADIES SEMINAR CDS \$24.95

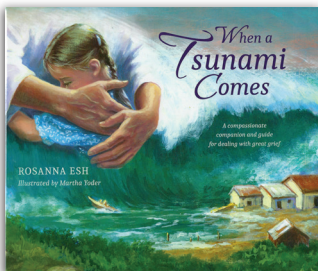
1. For What – Elona Martin
2. Preparing – Loraine Schrock
3. In Jerusalem – Rhoda Martin
4. To Samaria and Beyond – Beth Gingerich
5. Missionaries Speak – Karen Gingerich, Regina Petersheim, Estalee Martin
6. The Message – Jennifer Miller



WHEN A TSUNAMI COMES

by Rosanna Esh | Softcover, 44 pages | \$13.49

Disappointments come to everyone. They come in all sizes. Some are temporary and can be fixed. Others are like scary storms that shake us up but eventually pass, and life returns to normal.



And then there are tsunamis. They are the kind of storm no one ever wants or dreams would happen. But one day, while life is going on as usual, it happens. A devastating tsunami strikes, leaving in its wake incredible destruction and pain. The ruin and loss are stunning. Life will never be the same again.

When A Tsunami Comes was written from the heart of someone struck by a tsunami. Members of the Esh family and two friends were on their way to a wedding when a tractor trailer smashed into their van, snatching the lives of ten occupants and the truck driver. Only two young boys survived. It was a heart-wrenching and utterly life-changing tragedy.

The journey to healing is long, winding, and torturous. Along the way, the Esh family found that God is faithful and good. With expressive paintings and simple language for young and old, *When A Tsunami Comes* grieves with the grieving while pointing to the God of all comfort.

2019 MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT SEMINAR

Various Speakers | \$28.95

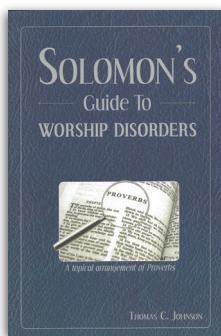
1. God's Purpose for Marriage - Ben Waldner
2. Servant Leader - Denver Yoder
3. The Well Dressed Wife - Ben Waldner
4. You want, I want... Now What?
5. Walking Together Through Adversity - Joseph & Melissa Jones
6. Love Speaks Many Languages - Dave Snyder
7. Priorities of a Godly Marriage - Denver Yoder



SOLOMON'S GUIDE TO WORSHIP DISORDERS

by Thomas Johnson | Softcover, 250 pages | \$8.99

Depression, anger, anxiety, relationship problems, discouragement, and disappointment are a short list of the issues people face in this life. *Solomon's Guide To Worship Disorders* exposes the underlying cause of these problems.



This unique reference work provides over 2100 topically cross-referenced excerpts from the book of Proverbs. These are arranged in 13 categories, including Symptoms, Responses, Treatment and Prevention. See how common human disorders are described by Solomon in Proverbs.

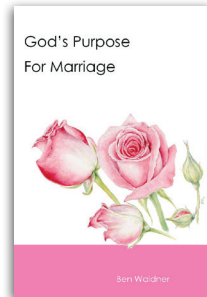
Solomon's Guide includes a variety of topical discussions including Other Gods, The Construction of Man, Worship and Service, The Making of Idols, Worship Disorders, Treatment and others. It contains an alphabetical reference index of words and phrases Solomon used to describe people and their behavior. *Solomon's Guide to Worship Disorders* is a good read and a valuable reference book for studying Proverbs.

2019 MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT POCKET SEMINAR SERIES

Various Speakers | \$28.49 per set, \$4.49 per book

Marriage has a variety of purposes. Because humans get married, they bring to their marriages distinctly human characteristics. How does this affect the picture? What are God's purposes for marriage? What do the roles look like? This Marriage Enrichment Seminar will explore realistic and practical answers to these and other questions.

1. God's Purpose for Marriage - Ben Waldner
2. Servant Leader - Denver Yoder
3. The Well Dressed Wife - Ben Waldner
4. You want, I want... Now What?
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– DLM NEEDS LIST –

2 - Portable Camcorders

For development of DVD training materials

Sound Equipment

8 channel digital mixer for DVD development

Networked Server

If you have any questions about these needs, please contact Tom Johnson at (614) 873-1199

Digital audio mixer (w/ 8 inputs min)

CD/DVD Recorder

USB Flash Drive Duplicator (at least a 20 copy unit)

2 condenser stage mics

1 condenser shotgun mic

2 wireless lav mics

2 wireless headset mics

– DLM STAFF NEEDS LIST –

(Urgent) Single Lady Counselor

– FALL PROJECT FOR HOUSE 6015 –

Remodel 2 bathrooms, replace and trim interior doors, and trim windows. Trim carpenters needed.

We are grateful for your prayers, encouragement, and financial support for the work of DLM.