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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 continue to be our objectives.

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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.
— Ben Waldner, Editor

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THE QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER OF DEEPER LIFE MINISTRIES

Mending Relationships

Suppose someone makes an unkind or belittling remark about you, and you have been hurt—now what? Your attitude about that person will affect how you handle those remarks or offenses. That in turn will affect your relationship with that person.

When our relationships are healthy, we can absorb almost anything. But when our relationships are strained, insignificant remarks can sometimes begin to bog us down. Resurrecting previous hurts and grudges seem to happen by default and adds stress to our relationships. Erecting pious veneers seems easier than seeking to restore them by honesty, transparency, and humility.

Our relationship with God is foundational to having a good attitude about others, which affects our relationship with them. Being at peace with God gives a basis for peace in our relationships with other people. Additionally, this peace with God is also the means by which peace can be restored with others. We then can do what the Apostle Paul said, “Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive” (Col. 3:13).

Broken relationships are difficult to mend. Fractures in relationships tend to go from bad to worse because few are willing to invest the time and effort to talk things out. Those who endeavor to rebuild relationships are not undertaking a simple or easy task. Interpersonal conflicts can get messy. Talking about differences can get complicated. Allowing yourself to be affected by other people's experiences

will likely stir unpleasant emotions. Empathizing with others and attempting to help them involves risk.

If you are one of those persons that wants to help mend broken relationships, what are some barriers you might encounter as you to attempt to help others? Following are several you may encounter.

One barrier is bitterness. Bitterness is the seed of resentment planted in the soil of the heart, unperceptively and pervasively spreading its noxious influence. It is notorious for producing large quantities of bad fruit, namely spiritual blindness. Once established, it is difficult to uproot. Even though you may not be the one they are bitter toward, it will affect how they hear what you have to say. You need make sure you do not take this personally.

A second barrier is broken trust. Physical, sexual, or verbal abuse from an authority figure, parent, or close relative violates an implicit trust. Violations of this nature are both painful and shameful. Barriers are commonly erected to safeguard against further violations, affecting subsequent relationships. You may encounter significant resistance in your effort to establish trust with the person you are helping.

A third barrier is misunderstanding. When the basic human desire to be understood goes unfulfilled in one relationship, people may seek understanding from another. For example, if a wife seeks understanding from her husband in relation to her tiredness, but does not receive it, she may find it in another man. Or, a husband may seek understanding about work

UPCOMING 2020 SEMINARS

AUGUST 7-9 – SINGLE LADIES

Theme: THRIVE

The Will of God—Sharon Bange, Narvon, PA

Handling Finances—Karia Good, Logan, OH

Relating to the Church—Amy Byler, Seymour, MO

Indignities with Dignity—Kelly Kauffman, Thomaston, GA

Victorious Amidst Desires—Vicky Kauffman, Thomaston, GA

Excellent in Spirit—Naomi Diller, Summersville, KY

OCTOBER 3 – FAITHFUL WOMEN

Theme: Diapers, Attitudes, and Me

Topics: Walking with God—Lilly Bear, Elida, OH • The Littles—Sylvia Yoder, Somerset, OH
Teens and Young Adults—TBA • In Community—Fay Shaum, Orrville, OH

NOVEMBER 14 – FAITHFUL MEN

Theme: Restoring the Heart of Anabaptism

Topics: What Have We Lost? —Tom Johnson, Plain City, OH
Establishing a Clear Vision—Dave Snyder, Plain City, OH
Loving Like the Master—Denver Yoder, Somerset, OH
Equipping for Service—Ben Waldner, Plain City, OH

Attending? Please register. *We serve meals, so we need to know how many to prepare for.*

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JULY 24 – SINGLE LADIES • SEPT. 18 – FAITHFUL WOMEN • OCT. 26 – FAITHFUL MEN

Financial Report

January 1 – March 31, 2020

1/1/20 Beginning Balance\$159,452.45

3/31/20 Ending Balance.....\$194,768.34

Beginning Balance Project Fund.....\$180,861.75

OTHER INCOME

Gifts; Project Fund.....\$7,000.00

OTHER EXPENSE

Maintenance; Projects.....\$2,955.98

NET OTHER INCOME.....\$4,044.02

Ending Balance Project Fund.....\$184,905.77

Beginning Balance Operating Fund **-\$21,409.30**

INCOME

Bookstore.....\$10,343.76

Donations.....\$30,339.34

Offerings.....\$57,133.30

Seminars.....\$1,075.00

Other Income.....\$932.77

OPERATING INCOME.....\$99,824.17

EXPENSE

Bookstore.....\$7,402.03

Food.....\$175.00

Insurance.....\$1,093.00

Maintenance.....\$1,613.79

Payroll.....\$33,457.76

Printing & Mailing.....\$4,260.56

Real Estate Tax.....\$5,863.25

Seminar.....\$1,023.04

Supplies.....\$1,631.62

Utilities.....\$9,561.11

Vehicle.....\$1,705.60

OPERATING EXPENSE.....\$67,786.76

NET OPERATING INCOME.....\$32,037.41

Ending Balance Operating Fund.....\$10,628.11

MISC.....\$765.54

Note – The Operating Fund is borrowing from the Project Fund for operating expenses. Money borrowed from the Project Fund will be repaid as soon as possible.

From the Desk of Ben Waldner



After David and his 600 men were disinvited from joining the Philistines in an attack on their fellow-Israelites, they returned to their town to find their families captured and their homes destroyed (1 Sam. 30). In deep anguish, these men wept themselves to exhaustion. Their wives and children were gone, and they didn't know when or if they would see them again. All their possessions were taken as well. The place they called home was burned with fire. This was a bitter experience. Adding distress to injury, David's men talked of stoning him. Having his personal distress to contend with, and being overwhelmingly outnumbered, the Bible records the following words: "But David encouraged himself in the Lord his God."

Whenever I read this account, I am instructed by David's example. He was a man that was deeply affected by tragedy. David likely wept alongside his companions, for this was a grave sorrow. However, one quality that distinguished him from his men was that he found strength in the LORD. In contrast to his followers who looked for someone to harm, David turned to God for help. Instead of arguing with his men how unreasonable and unfair they were, David sought direction from his God. "God is a very present help in trouble" (Ps. 46:1).

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stresses from his wife, but having not received it, may seek it from a coworker. As a helper, it is important that you not get lost in the details of their situation, and fail to address the heart of the matter. This hinders you from really understanding them.

As a person that wants to help mend broken relationships, consider these two helps to apply to that process.

Practice intentionally listening. Take the time to listen to the person, allowing the person to communicate their thoughts, feelings, and perspective. This can be an effective way of demonstrating compassion, understanding, and concern. Listening is vital for understanding the particulars of a person's circumstances and for speaking intelligently into his or her life.

Encourage personal responsibility. This is especially relevant for those who tend to shirk or procrastinate in their responsibilities. Encourage them to practice self-evaluation, remove the log out of their own eye, confess their sins, seek forgiveness, and pray for their strained relationship. Encouraging your friend to focus on his relationship with God first can embolden, comfort, and give fresh hope to him in restoring peace.

--Denver Yoder

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**

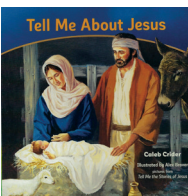
*Plus Shipping. Please add \$3.75 for the first item, then \$.75 for each additional item. Ohio Residents Add Sales Tax. Shipping to Canada as quoted.

TELL ME ABOUT JESUS

Caleb Crider \$6.49

Who is Jesus? He is God's Son. He makes sick people better. He keeps us safe. He is our Friend. Jesus loves us!

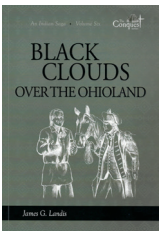
These paintings are taken from the Bible storybook TELL ME THE STORIES OF JESUS, which includes seventy stories about Jesus written especially for young children. Board book, 16 pages



BLACK CLOUDS OVER THE OHIOLAND

James G. Landis \$11.99

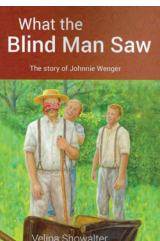
Black Clouds over the Ohioland tells of real events forced upon the Moravian Indian missions in the Muskingum Valley during three years of the Revolutionary War. This book lets you listen in as Isaac Glikkikan and John Heckewelder spar over how to respond to live bullets, scalping knives, and lying generals. Volume six of the Conquest Series. Paperback, 250 pages



WHAT THE BLIND MAN SAW

Velina Showalter \$8.49

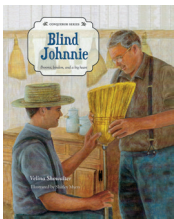
Born blind in one eye, Johnnie Wenger completely lost his sight in 1865 at age twenty-two. It was a hard blow, but he was not one to give up. Determined, cheerful, and content with God's plan, Blind Johnnie helped others by making brooms, operating a neighborhood store, and assembling farm equipment in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. Paperback, 128 pages



BLIND JOHNNIE

Velina Showalter \$6.99

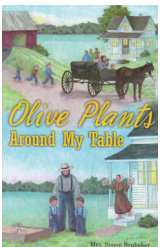
Johnnie Wenger learns to live without sight as he finds his way around the farm and community. He overcomes many obstacles while making brooms, assembling farm equipment, and running a store. Fully illustrated in color, this book is inspirational for both children and adults. Paperback, 43 pages



OLIVE PLANTS AROUND MY TABLE

Mrs. Simon Brubaker \$9.99

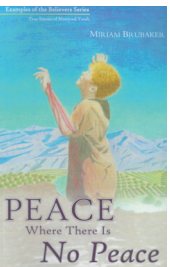
Go with the Dan Troyer family as they experience God's timely provisions and protecting hand time and again. Many moves and a large, active family make for a very interesting read. Paperback, 187 pages



PEACE WHERE THERE IS NO PEACE

Miriam Brubaker \$8.99

Be strengthened and encouraged by three different stories of youth that remained faithful to their Savior and Lord, Jesus Christ, even unto death. Based off accounts from the *Martyr's Mirror*, you will be blessed by their testimony. The first book in the *Examples of Believers Series*, both youth and adults will be reminded in this dark world of the One who gives "peace, where there is no peace." Paperback, 169 pages



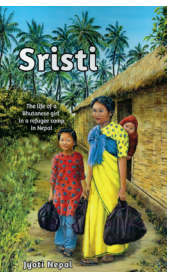
SRISTI

Jyoti Nepal \$8.49

Ruth pulled Srستي aside and handed her something wrapped in plastic. "Srستي, I will probably never meet you again. But I want to give you a gift. Even if you don't read it now, keep it with you. Later when you grow up, you can read it."

Srستي's home was a bamboo hut in a refugee camp in Nepal. She went to school in the camp, played games with her friends, and traipsed around after her lively little brother. Every morning Srستي's mother offered incense to a Hindu goddess and rang a special worship bell.

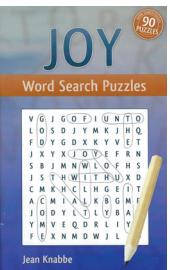
One day Srستي opened the Bible Ruth had given her. There, in the very first sentence, she found a special surprise. Srستي and her mother began learning about God and the Bible. Was this God truly better than their Hindu gods and goddesses? Softcover, 157 pages



JOY WORD SEARCH PUZZLES

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2020 MENNONITE CHURCH DIRECTORY

Christian Light \$10.99

The Mennonite Church Directory lists Mennonite churches that teach and practice the doctrines of the Scriptures as historically held by the Mennonite Church. Spiral Bound Softcover, 279 pages

Update on House 6015 Project

The renovation project on House 6015 is approximately half completed.

The other half is projected to be completed by the end of May. We are grateful for your prayers, encouragement, and financial support for the work of DLM.

Renovation of Main Building

Tentative plans for renovating the main building will begin in the near future.

DLM Staff Needs Secretary—Begin ASAP

PR Trip DLM is planning a PR trip October 7-11, 2020 to MO and KY.