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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 and 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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Lemons

Many years ago a person smugly quoted this saying as he gleefully recounted my hard earned money, "When life gives you lemons," he glibly decreed, "make lemonade." I thought, *Is this the best answer you can give when you illegally deny my refund request? Personally, I feel circumstances dictate what you do with lemons and this, in my "humble" opinion, isn't the time to make lemonade.* I encountered three problems as I considered this predicament. First, I don't like lemons. Second, I could think of some far more satisfying ways to use those lemons. Third, the Bible didn't condone any of my ideas on potential uses for the lemons. After a few sips of "lemonade," time in prayer, and repeated repentance, I decided to use this quote as an object lesson to show how God uses life's "lemons" to help His children grow. So, let's make some lemonade.

We'll start with lemons. Just mentioning the fruit may cause your mouth to pucker. Many people (myself included) tend to see lemons as something undesirable and associate them with unpleasant things we experience. Life's "lemons" may include sickness, financial failures, relational breakups, and various setbacks. Do lemons deserve their reputation? Are they as detrimental as we make them to be? Could it be that they are actually beneficial? Let's take a closer look. What makes a lemon sour? The answer: citric acid. Citric acid is found in the cells of all living creatures. Lemons are the top natural source for citric acid. Lemon juice has many uses. It is a natural insect repellent, a household cleaner, an antibacterial gargle, an antioxidant and a pain reliever. Lemons are high in potassium and vitamin C. Could it be that lemons and life's "lemons" are more beneficial than they are detrimental? If so, how can we get past the taste?

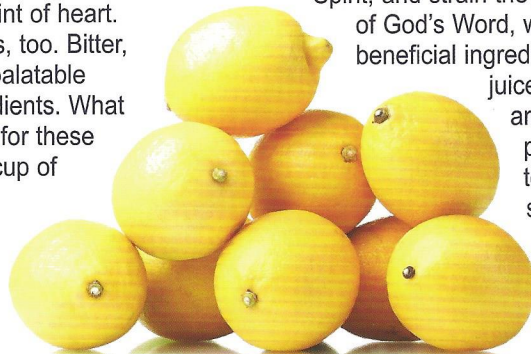
The next ingredient we'll consider is sugar. Why should we add sugar? Well, anyone who drinks pure lemon juice quickly realizes that it's not an endeavor for the faint of heart. Life's "lemons" are like this, too. Bitter, painful trials will become palatable only if we add other ingredients. What "sugar" has God provided for these situations? Let's scoop a cup of sugar from Romans 8:28-29, "And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called

according to His purpose. 29 For those whom He foreknew, He also predestined to become conformed to the image of His Son, so that He would be the firstborn among many brethren" (NLT). The sugar of God's purpose - using life's experiences to make us more like Christ - is an important ingredient in lemonade. Yet sugar does not complete the drink; we still are missing the most important ingredient.

Water is the main ingredient in lemonade. Lemon juice is sour, and sugar is sweet. When you mix 1 cup of juice, 1 cup of sugar, then dilute it with 5 cups of water, you have a refreshing drink. So it is with life. When we add liberal amounts of the "water" of God's promises to life's "lemons" and God's purpose, we have a "drink" that can benefit us spiritually.

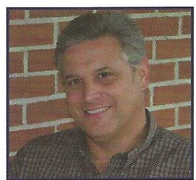
In closing, everyone experiences varying degrees of difficulty. We can't avoid these lemons, but as we bring them to the cutting board of Jesus Christ, cut them with the knife of the Holy Spirit, press them with the press of the Holy Spirit, and strain the juice with the strainer of God's Word, we are left with the most beneficial ingredients. As we dilute the juice with God's promises and add the sugar of God's purpose, He wipes our tears and comforts our sorrows. While we cling to Him, He changes us to become more like Christ.

— Dave Snyder



Administrator's Report

From the Desk of Dave Snyder



For the LORD is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations Ps. 100:5 (NIV).

We are continuing to experience His faithfulness at DLM. The following projects update testifies to this.

2015 Projects

- Our Concrete Project is completed. We extend a big thank you to those who donated their time for this project. Their generosity significantly reduced the final project cost.
\$15,500 Estimate \$10,789.33 Complete
- The Flooring Project is nearing completion. Plans are to complete it by spring 2016. *\$ 7,500 Estimate - Final cost will be close to our initial estimate.*

DLM 7 Year Renovation Plan

Phase 1 – 2016 – \$12,000 Estimate

- Replace Main Building Windows
- Replace Barn & Garage Shingles
- 3 Battery Backup Sump Pumps

Phase 2 – 2017 – \$41,000 Estimate

- Upgrade Main Building Electric & Phone Service
- 5995 Duplex – Replace roof, spouting & cover soffits with vinyl

Funding – as of January 31, 2016

Phase 1 – 2016 – Fully Funded

Phase 2 – 2017

\$19,368 Received \$21,632 Needed

We are deeply indebted to each one of you and thank you for your support. May God richly bless you as you continue serving Him.

Financial Report

October – December 2015

Beginning Balance – 10/1/15

Operating Fund.....	\$ 417.42
Project Fund.....	\$ 17,371.37
Balance Total.....	\$ 17,788.79

INCOME

Bookstore	\$ 10,914.69
Endowment Fund.....	\$ 1,750.00
Donations.....	\$ 34,655.65
Gifts; Project Funds.....	\$ 16,560.00
Offerings.....	\$ 15,919.25
Seminars	\$ 4,748.08
Other Income.....	\$ 51.00
Rent	\$ 4,350.00

TOTAL INCOME.....\$ 88,948.67

Endowment Fund Activities

Transfers to EF.....	\$ - 1,750.00
Payments to EF.....	\$ - 1,500.00

OPERATING INCOME\$ 85,698.67

EXPENSE

Bookstore.....	\$ 7,529.45
Food	\$ 1,139.79
Insurance	\$ 1,013.00
Maintenance.....	\$ 6,252.57
Maintenance; Projects.....	\$ 11,708.93
Payroll.....	\$ 22,421.12
Printing & Mailing	\$ 3,579.68
Seminar	\$ 3,247.00
Supplies.....	\$ 2,009.37
Travel.....	\$ 1,466.00
Utilities	\$ 5,649.30
Vehicle	\$ 858.70

TOTAL EXPENSE.....\$ 66,874.91

MISC. LIABILITIES	\$ 397.41
Loan – Paid off 12/16/15....	\$10,000.00

Ending Balance – 12/31/15

Operating Fund.....	\$ 6,042.70
Project Fund.....	\$ 20,172.44
Balance Total.....	\$ 26,215.14

Counselor's Report

From the Desk of Ben Waldner



With the Helping People In Need (HPIN)

Seminar 2016 in the rearview mirror, I thought a report from it and 3 of our most

recent seminars would be in order. The HPIN Seminar is a 3-day seminar, is jointly planned and presented by staff from Fresh Start Training Center and Deeper Life Ministries (DLM) the 3rd Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday of January. On occasion we have invited a guest speaker to participate in presenting the topics. With DLM the host facility in 2016, we had approximately 100 persons in attendance. The day themes this year on day 1: "Created in the Image of God," day 2: "God's Design for Marriage," and day 3: "The Christian and Psychiatric Labels."

The Faithful Men Seminar was held at DLM on November 14th, 2015. Approximately 80 men participated in this seminar themed, "Pierce My Ear: Servant of the Living God."

The Faithful Women Seminar was also held near Plain City, OH on October 3rd, 2015. Approximately 190 ladies attended the presentations following the same theme as the men.

On August 7-9, 2015, approximately 125 single ladies gathered for the weekend at DLM for the annual Single Ladies Seminar for fellowship and listen to topics based on the same theme as the married men and ladies. We are grateful to all those who participate in the seminars by attendance, prayer, encouragement, and other behind-the-scenes work.

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.

Maintenance Projects

1. Volunteer(s) to Replace Windows - DLM is looking for an experienced remodeler(s) to remove and replace 60 windows in the main building.
2. Remove and replace shingles on garage and one side of barn.
3. Patio Furniture - Picnic table & 4 chairs
4. 3 Bedroom Sets - for staff dorms

Please mark your donation "DLM work project."
Excess funds will be applied to future projects.

True Life Books that will Inspire You!

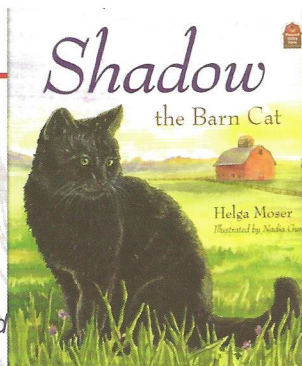
Available from our bookstore now! Order at www.dlmo-hio.org, or call the Deeper Life Bookstore between 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM, Monday-Friday at 614-873-1199.

Shadow, The Barn Cat

Helga Moser, illustrated by Nadia Gura

Hardcover, 44 pages. \$14.49*
Christian Light Publications.

Shadow was a shy cat, but she was also brave and diligent. When Farmer Don ruined her perfect hiding place in a tunnel under the hay, she didn't give up. Shadow searched and searched for a new spot. It had to be just right for keeping her secret safe. The fourth book in the Pleasant Valley Farm series.

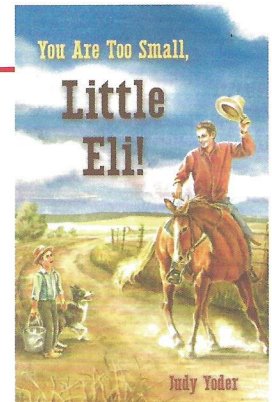


You Are Too Small, Little Eli!

Judy Yoder

Softcover, 168 pages. \$8.29*

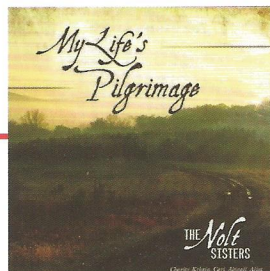
Lots of exciting adventures await a shy little Amish boy on the wide Oklahoma prairies during the dry years of 1939 to 1942 - traveling on a train, entertaining strangers during a blizzard, and watching cowboys near his home. When Grossdaddy dies, leaving the Amish people without a bishop, Eli is surprised by some dreadful news. Is he big enough to face a new challenge?



My Life's Pilgrimage

The Nolt Sisters \$13.69*

- Holy Ghost, Dispel Our Sadness
- When Morning Gilds the Sky
- Alleluia
- Hail the Blest Morn
- Come Down, Lord
- I Sought the Lord
- Gracious Spirit, Dove Divine
- God Be In My Head
- Drop, Drop, Slow Tears
- Not What These Hands Have Done
- The King of Love
- T.R.U.S.T.
- A Thousand Candles
- Abide With Me
- All Praise to Thee, My God
- My Savior First of All
- When For Eternal Worlds We Steer
- My Life's Pilgrimage

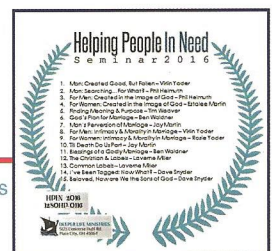


Helping People in Need 2016

by Fresh Start Training Center & Deeper Life Ministries

Complete Set: \$54.95* / Individual CDs: \$4.95*

- Man: Created Good, But Fallen – Virlin Yoder
- Man: Searching...For What? – Phil Helmuth
- For Men: Created in the Image of God – Phil Helmuth
- For Women: Created in the Image of God – Estalee Martin
- Finding Meaning & Purpose – Tim Weaver
- God's Plan for Marriage – Ben Waldner
- Man's Perversion of Marriage – Jay Martin
- For Men: Intimacy & Morality in Marriage – Virlin Yoder
- For Women: Intimacy & Morality in Marriage – Rosie Yoder
- Till Death Do Us Part – Jay Martin
- Blessings of a Godly Marriage – Ben Waldner
- The Christian & Labels – Laverne Miller
- Common Labels – Laverne Miller
- I've Been Tagged: Now What? – Dave Snyder
- Beloved, Now are We the Sons of God – Dave Snyder



*Plus Shipping. Please add \$3.25 for the first item, then \$.75 for each additional item. **Ohio Residents Add Sales Tax.**

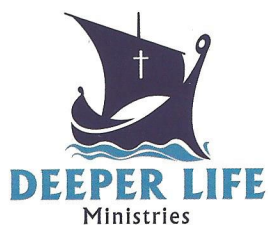
Staff Opportunities

Deeper Life Ministries has service opportunities available for both a marriage counselor and a single ladies counselor. If these service opportunities are of interest to you, give us a call at 614-873-1199.

PR Itinerary

- Friday March 4, 2016, (7:30 PM) Burkeland Mennonite, Waynesboro, GA
- Saturday, March 5, (7 PM) Cross Hill Mennonite, Cross Hill, SC
- Sunday March 6, (9:30 AM) Whispering Pines, Honea Path, SC
- Sunday March 6, (7 PM) Cold Springs, Abbeville, SC

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Upcoming Seminars for 2016

March 18-20 Marriage Seminar

Enriching Your Marriage (Registration is full)

August 5-7 Single Ladies Seminar

Theme: Relating With Honor

October 1 Faithful Women Seminar

Theme: Messes & Mercy: The Titus 2 Woman

November 12 Faithful Men Seminar

Theme: Excelling In Fatherhood

Attending? Please register. We serve lunch, so we need to know how many to prepare for. Please call 614-873-1199 or email info@dlmohio.org by July 22nd to register for the Single Ladies Seminar, by September 23rd for the Faithful Women Seminar, by October 28th for the Faithful Men Seminar.

2017 Project Fund

Project Cost
Funds Received

