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### Deeper Life Ministries began in 1994 with three primary objectives:

1. To disciple Christians who are strug-  
gling 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.



# the Anchor

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## Relating to the Handicapped

Are you a handicapped person? I believe that we are all handicapped to some degree – socially, mentally, emotionally, physically, and spiritually. Only in Heaven will we experience perfect wholeness. However, some persons have a significantly greater degree of disability than the general populace. Consider the following Scriptural principles as foundational for relating to the handicapped.

1. **Follow Jesus' example.** He met persons with a variety of disabilities. To the man blind from his birth, He anointed his eyes and caused him to see. To the paralyzed man who had been carried by four friends, He said, "Take up thy bed and walk." For the deaf man who had a speech impediment, He "took him aside from the multi-  
tude, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spit, and touched his tongue" (Mark 7:33), then opened his ears and caused him to speak plainly. He gave to the man with a withered hand the ability to move it normally. In brief, Jesus paid attention to, loved, and helped the handicapped. 1 Peter 2:21 points out that Christ left "us an example, that ye should follow His steps."
2. **Follow the Golden Rule.** "And as ye would that men should do to you, do ye also to them likewise" (Luke 6:31). Place yourself in the handicapped person's moccasins, or wheelchair, or world of emotional insecurities.
3. **Support the weak.** Paul taught it (1 Thes-  
salonians 5:14), and exemplified it (Acts 20:35). He testified, "I have showed you all things, how that so labouring ye ought to support the weak, and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'" Hitler and his philosophical relatives have disposed and do dispose of the weak, but followers of Christ have defended and do defend them.
4. **Recognize all are necessary.** "Much more those members of the body, which seem to be more feeble, are necessary (1 Corinthians 12:22). For example, some persons with disabilities teach patience by their contented, persevering attitude; others teach patience by presenting the need for it to be demonstrated toward them.
5. **Remember all are one in Christ.** We could paraphrase Galatians 3:28 to read, "There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female, there is neither those with disabilities nor those with usual abilities: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus."
6. **Be patient toward all men.** "All" includes the hard of hearing, the stutterers, the lame. A sign in a Texas country store read, "Be patient. None of us am perfect."
7. **View all of equal worth.** We may well include the mentally handicapped with "the little ones." Matthew 18:10 teaches us to respect such. "Take heed that ye despise not one of these little ones; for I say unto you, That in heaven their angels do always behold the face of my Father which is in heaven."
8. **Remember Jesus' attitude toward the innocent and weak.** "Suffer the little children to come unto me" (Mark 10:14).
9. **Realize most learning takes place slowly and gradually.** "For precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, and there a little" (Isaiah 28:10). Recognize and praise even small achievements and increments of learning. Especially for the handicapped, progress is made in steps, not leaps.
10. **Love.** Love generously. Love sincerely. Love continually. Apply 1 Corinthians 13 to your relationship with those who have disabilities. True love is the desire to be helpful to others without the thought of recompense. Augustine said, "What does love look like? It has the hands to help others. It has the feet to hasten to the poor and needy. It has the eyes to see misery and want. It has the ears to hear the sighs and sorrows of men. That is what love looks like."  
– Howard Bean

## Upcoming Seminars for 2015

### Single Ladies Seminar

Theme: Pierce My Ear: Servant of the Living God

#### Friday Evening, August 7, 2015

7:30-8:15	Opening/Worship Time
8:15-9:00	<i>Choose Your Master</i> – Joanne Yoder, Aroda, VA
9:00	Refreshments

#### Saturday, August 8, 2015

8:15-8:45	Cafeteria-style breakfast
9:00-9:30	Opening/Worship Time
9:30-10:20	<i>Servant Life</i> – Anita Yoder, Waterford, Ireland
10:20-10:50	Break
10:50-11:45	<i>Managing the Master's Finances</i> – Erma Beachy, Plain City, OH
12:00	Lunch
1:30-1:50	Worship Time
1:50-2:30	<i>Relating to Fellow Servants</i> – Brenda Hershberger, Harrisonburg, VA
2:30-5:30	Free Time
5:30	Supper
7:00-7:15	Opening/Worship Time
7:15-8:00	<i>The Servant and Purity</i> – Estalee Martin, Plain City, OH
8:00-8:45	Small Group Sharing

#### Sunday, August 9, 2015

8:15-8:45	Cafeteria-style breakfast
9:00-9:30	Opening/Worship Time
9:30-10:20	<i>Testimony of a Servant</i> – Anne Schwartz, Gladys, VA
10:20-10:50	Break/Offering
10:50-11:45	<i>Abundant Life in the Master</i> – Ruby Miller, Dundee, OH
12:00	Lunch



## Administrator's Report

From the Desk of Dave Snyder



One look at the buds on my peach trees confirmed what my friend had discovered with his trees; the flower buds were frozen out. Several weeks later a close inspection of my blackberries raised the possibility that they too might not bear any fruit. These minor setbacks along with the challenges we as a ministry have faced the past several months turned my thoughts to the faith-inspiring words spoken by the prophet Habakkuk.

As Habakkuk considered the mind-numbing destruction his people were going to experience at the hands of the Babylonians, he said this: "Though the fig tree does not bud and there are no grapes on the vines, though the olive crop fails and the fields produce no food, though there are no sheep in the pen and no cattle in the stalls, yet I will rejoice in the Lord, I will be joyful in God my Savior" (Hab. 3:17-18 NIV).

How do I respond when plans don't materialize, staff positions remain unfilled, schedules are full and overflowing, and the needs are great? The problems we face are minor compared to Habakkuk's, yet the God we serve is the same. Circumstances do not change Him, so I can always rejoice in the God of my salvation.

## Financial Report

Jan – March 2015

**Beginning Balance .. \$ 23,760.02**

### INCOME

Bookstore .....	\$ 9,398.85
Endowment Fund.....	\$ 1,870.66
Donations .....	\$ 28,341.27
Offerings.....	\$ 12,905.25
Seminars .....	\$ 1,247.30
Rent.....	\$ 3,650.00

**TOTAL INCOME ..... \$ 57,413.33**

### EXPENSE

Bookstore .....	\$ 5,284.36
Food .....	\$ 785.15
Insurance .....	\$ 1,264.00
Maintenance.....	\$ 8,098.89
Payroll .....	\$ 20,700.18
Printing & Mailing.....	\$ 3,033.36
Real Estate Tax.....	\$ 5,238.76
Seminar .....	\$ 37.90
Supplies.....	\$ 806.13
Travel.....	\$ 1,967.36
Utilities .....	\$ 13,539.99

**TOTAL EXPENSE ..... \$ 60,756.08**

Endowment Fund.....	\$ 3,370.66
LIABILITIES .....	\$ 4,677.60

**Ending Balance ..... \$ 12,369.01**

## Counselor's Report

From the Desk of Ben Waldner



I was looking forward to spring with great anticipation because the fruit trees in the backyard would soon bloom. I checked the buds almost daily to estimate the potential harvest. It looked promising.

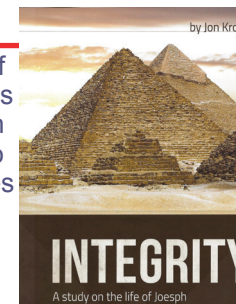
My favorite fruit to observe as it develops and grows is the peach. The buds from where the blossoms would emerge were plump and abundant this season. But alas, there will be no fresh, luscious, aromatic, juicy peaches on these trees this year. The record cold of -20 degrees during late winter was the demise of the peach crop. The same backyard produces plums, apples, pears, sweet and sour cherries, grapes, but for the 2nd consecutive year there will be no peaches. The peach trees I've pruned, sprayed, fertilized, mulched, and watered are fruitless. Why will I care for a fruitless tree for another year? It looks promising for next year.

Too often, as a fruit tree (no pun intended) in God's orchard, I am fruitless. I've been tended by the Master orchardist under whose care I lack nothing. Nevertheless, all too often, fruit is lacking. In spite of my fruitlessness, he does not give up on me. He waters, fertilizes, prunes, and mulches and patiently waits for this tree to be more fruitful.

## True Life Books that will Inspire You!

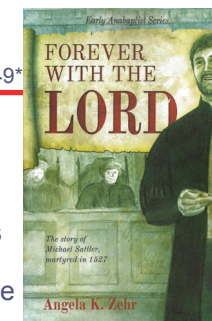
**Integrity** Jon Kropf \$8.99\*

A study on the life of Joseph. The story of Joseph is one of the most amazing stories in the Bible, standing as a favorite of both children and adults. Joseph's response to both adverse and favorable circumstances still speaks to us today, his irreproachable character serving as a role model for people of all ages. Written for youth and adults, this study of Joseph's life addresses pertinent topics such as personal integrity, respect for authority, moral purity, forgiveness, repentance, and salvation. Utilizing discussion questions and learning activities, the ten lessons become alive and applicable in everyday situations. Extra background material as well as suggestions for extra-curricular reading round out the lessons. The study was first taught as a Vacation Bible School course. However, it has been designed for multiple settings, including high schools, home schools, and missions. It can also be used for personal or small-group Bible study, one-on-one discipleship, and evangelism. Be strengthened and encouraged as you study about a man of true integrity, and may you resolve to imitate his character.



**Forever With The Lord** Angel K Zehr \$8.49\*

The Story of Michael Sattler. What would it be like to be an Anabaptist? Ursula knows the Anabaptists are hunted, captured, and sometimes killed. Yet her sister Margaretha and her husband Michael Sattler find joy as they join the Anabaptists in their search for truth. Their joy remains even when they face persecution. One of Ursula's brother starts sneaking away at night and begins behaving mysteriously. Is he attending the Anabaptist's meetings too? Ursula is full of questions. How will these changes affect her family and their traditions? How can she know whether the Anabaptists are living the way the Bible teaches? Join Ursula, a young girl in sixteenth-century Switzerland, as she faces these questions.



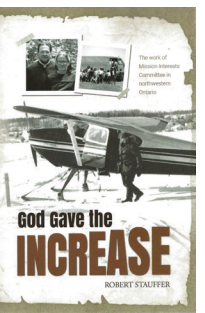
*\*Plus Shipping. Please add \$3.25 for the first item, then \$.75 for each additional item. Ohio Residents Add Sales Tax.*

Available from our bookstore now! Order at [www.dlmohio.org](http://www.dlmohio.org), or call the Deeper Life Bookstore between 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM, Monday-Friday at 614-873-1199.

**God Gave the Increase**

Robert Stauffer \$10.99\*

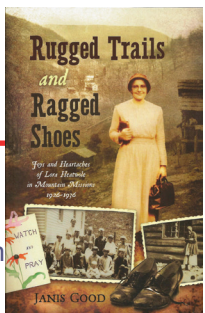
Beneath the pristine waters and picturesque landscapes in northwestern Ontario lay millions of ounces of gold. The Red Lake District in the middle of the 1900s was first and foremost about that precious metal. Thousands of indigenous people and other adventurers traveled to this remote area to work in the gold mines and supporting industries. Something in Red Lake of infinitely more value than gold attracted the attention of the Mission Interests Committee. *God Gave The Increase* is the story of the early years of that work. Read the inspiring accounts of how God instilled a burden for souls upon the workers He called to serve there. Taste the joys and sorrows of the missionaries in Red Lake and beyond. Rejoice in the faithfulness of God as He gave the increase.



**Rugged Trails & Ragged Shoes**

Janis Good \$11.59\*

The lone Model T bumped over potholes, rounded hairpin bends, and sputtered up steep roads, only a speck in the vast sprawl of West Virginia mountains. Lora Heatwole peeked from the windows, taking in the scenic valley views, the homes clinging to the hillsides, and the men and women hard at work. A trip into these mountains was not the most pleasant journey, but a difficult trip didn't stop Lora. Arriving at the mission, Lora got to work with a song on her lips. She helped in the mission pastor's home, taught Sunday school classes, and climbed steep trails to visit mountain homes. That summer of 1926 became the first of 10 summers that Lora spent in West Virginia. A pioneer in children's Bible school ministry, she spent hours preparing lessons and drawing pictures to teach Bible truths. She ministered to women and children in the community in many different ways. Lora didn't shy away from hard work and sacrifice. "You don't lose by sacrifice," she said years later. "I would do it over! It was a highlight of my life!" Lora's life of service for the kingdom was an inspiration to many who knew her. With this book, you can enjoy her story as well.



## Maintenance Projects Updates & Requests

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.

### 1. Flooring Project – \$7,500

-Carpet & linoleum replacement for bookstore, client rooms, and miscellaneous staff houses.

### 2. Concrete Replacement –

**\$15,500** - Sidewalks, garage & barn pads.

### 3. Cargo Trailer - Deeper Life

Ministries is in need of a 6' x 8' enclosed cargo trailer to transport books to and from seminars.

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

## PR Opportunities/Trips

DLM offers PR presentations about the work at Deeper Life Ministries. For more information or to schedule a presentation, contact Dave Snyder at 614-873-1199 or by email at [dave@dlmohio.org](mailto:dave@dlmohio.org).

### PR Presentations

Friday, 9/11/15  
Hillside Mennonite Church; Shoals, IN  
Sunday, 9/13/15 (AM)  
Hebron Christian Fellowship; Lagrange, IN  
Sunday, 9/13/15 (PM)  
Salem Mennonite Church; New Paris, IN

## Staff Opportunities

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