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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.



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Satisfied?

While working outside one day this summer, I became very thirsty. The day was warm and humid, and it didn't take long to work up a sweat. I quickly devoured a glass of cold water, and for a few moments my thirst was satisfied. It wasn't long, however, until it seemed like I had never taken a drink. The satisfaction I received was only temporary.

The soul of man cries out for satisfaction. God made us that way so we would seek after Him. Satan sought satisfaction by trying to elevate himself to an equal status with God. We know what happened. Now he is busy deceiving others by crafting alternatives that temporarily satisfy the flesh, while creating an even deeper spiritual void. Some think they can find satisfaction by pursuing wealth. "If I win the lottery I'll have it made." For others, their goal is to be famous, or to have a house by the beach. Still others, the pursuit is centered around the vehicles they drive. Many in our day are obsessed with sports. "If only... then I will be satisfied." But somehow, when the plateau they thought would bring satisfaction is reached, they are disappointed. Instead of the satisfying thrill they envisioned, they are left with a desire for more. It is like an addiction where the highs no longer bring the sense of fulfillment they once did, and so an increased dosage is needed to achieve the desired level of satisfaction.

What is it that brings satisfaction? Jesus met a woman at a well in John 4, and requested a drink. The woman was shocked that Jesus, a Jew, would ask for a drink of water from a Samaritan, because the two ethnicities generally avoided each other at all costs. Even Jesus' disciples, upon their return, marveled that He spoke to a Samaritan. Jesus, however, laid aside those cultural differences and saw a soul seeking for satisfaction. He seized the opportunity to inform her that the water she was drawing from the well would provide only temporary relief, but He was the source that could provide permanent satisfaction.

Here was a woman who was seeking satisfaction in life, and by the discourse that is given, it is obvious her attempts were coming up short. Apparently, her numerous husbands were unsuccessful in meeting her expectations and so she parted ways in pursuit of

someone else. As Jesus outlined the plan of salvation, I find it interesting that she left her water pots setting by the well and returned to the city to tell others what she had found. (John 4:29) "Come, ...is not this the Christ?" She had found the living water!

Have you met Jesus at the well? Have you drunk of the water that springs of life eternal? If not, I invite you to come and meet the Master. You too can be satisfied.

John 4:6b -15 Jesus therefore, being wearied with his journey, sat thus on the well: and it was about the sixth hour. (7) There cometh a woman of Samaria to draw water: Jesus saith unto her, Give me to drink. (8) (For his disciples were gone away unto the city to buy meat.) (9) Then saith the woman of Samaria unto him, How is it that thou, being a Jew, ask-est drink of me, which am a woman of Samaria? for the Jews have no dealings with the Samaritans. (10) Jesus answered and said unto her, If thou knewest the gift of God, and who it is that saith to thee, Give me to drink; thou wouldest have asked of him, and he would have given thee living water. (11) The woman saith unto him, Sir, thou hast nothing to draw with, and the well is deep: from whence then hast thou that living water? (12) Art thou greater than our father Jacob, which gave us the well, and drank thereof himself, and his children, and his cattle? (13) Jesus answered and said unto her, Whosoever drinketh of this water shall thirst again: (14) But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life. (15) The woman saith unto him, Sir, give me this water, that I thirst not, neither come hither to draw.

— Merle Gingrich

Upcoming Seminars for 2015

Faithful Women Seminar

Theme: Pierce My Ear—Servant of the Living God

Saturday, October 3, 2015

9:00 – 9:30	Opening / Worship Time
9:30 – 10:20	Choose Your Master – Teresa Brunk, Elida, OH
10:20 – 10:50	Break
10:50 – 11:45	Managing Your Home for the Master – Sylvia Yoder, Mt. Perry, OH
12:00	Lunch
1:30 – 1:50	Worship Time / Offering
1:50 – 2:30	Serving with Joy – Testimonies – Naomi Yoder, Millersburg, OH; Linda Hostetler, Plain City, OH
2:30 – 2:50	Break
2:50 – 3:30	Abundant Life In the Master – Ina Mullet, Sugarcreek, OH

Faithful Men Seminar

Theme: Pierce My Ear—Servant of the Living God

November 14, 2015

9:00 – 9:30	Opening / Worship Time
9:30 – 10:20	Choose Your Master – Enos Stutzman, Plain City, OH
10:20 – 10:50	Break
10:50 – 11:45	Managing for the Master – Dave Snyder, Plain City, OH
12:00	Lunch
1:30 – 1:50	Worship Time / Offering
1:50 – 2:30	The Servant Leader – Ben Waldner
2:30 – 3:00	Small Group Discussion / Prayer
3:00 – 3:20	Break
3:20 – 4:00	Abundant Life in the Master – Aaron Peachey, Lewisburg, PA

Administrator’s Report

From the Desk of Dave Snyder



The morning was cool and crisp; the sky was a clear blue that gradually faded into a dazzling array of color as the sun rose over the lush green mist tinged fields. The beautiful scene was accompanied by a chorus of birds cheerily singing. I think, if I translated their chirps and warbles accurately, they sang the familiar song found in Ps. 113:3, “From the rising of the sun unto the going down of the same the name of the LORD [is] to be praised, praise ye the Lord.” Together we lifted our voices in praise to our Creator. Following are a few of the many blessings we have experienced.

DLM is the grateful owner of a new cargo trailer. We extend a BIG thank you to those who made this possible.

We are excited that Rhoda Martin has committed to serving as a secretary. Pray for her as she makes the transition.

We were privileged to work side by side with an energetic youth group as they completed the various projects we had planned. Thank you for being willing to serve in this way.

We as a ministry are humbled by your continued support and prayers. Let’s join our feathered friends in praising our Creator.

Financial Report

April – June 2015

Beginning Balance ..\$ 12,369.01

INCOME

Bookstore	\$ 2,817.24
Endowment Fund.....	\$ 1,894.27
Other Income	\$ 50.00
Donations	\$ 18,553.51
Offerings.....	\$ 14,859.45
Rent.....	\$ 3,900.00

TOTAL INCOME \$ 42,074.47

EXPENSE

Bookstore	\$ 1,786.67
Food	\$ 656.70
Insurance	\$ 978.00
Maintenance.....	\$ 9,750.19
Payroll	\$ 21,055.35
Printing & Mailing	\$ 1,275.05
Real Estate Tax.....	\$ 5,238.76
Seminar	\$ 679.30
Supplies.....	\$ 1,165.01
Travel.....	\$ 1,224.20
Utilities.....	\$ 7,440.05

TOTAL EXPENSE \$ 51,249.28

MISC. LIABILITIES ...	\$ 908.23
Endowment Fund.....	\$ 2,394.27
Loan	\$ 10,000.00

Ending Balance\$ 11,708.16

Counselor’s Report

From the Desk of Ben Waldner



As a staff at Deeper Life Ministries, we are studying the book of Colossians. A subject we are currently discussing is prayer.

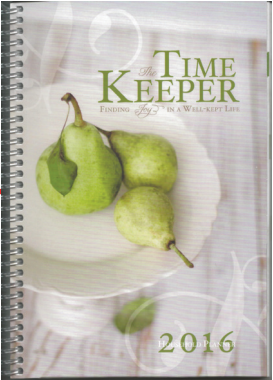
Early on in the book Paul mentions that he and Timothy are “praying always for you” (Col. 1:3). Just a few verses later (v.9) he mentions that they have not ceased praying for them. The fact that he refers to the subject of prayer two times within just a few verses indicates that this was an important practice in the life of Paul and Timothy. Additionally, the fact that these men of God put such an emphasis on praying for the Colossian believers indicates that this was a vital ingredient for effective ministry. In other words, prayer was as essential to these gospel preachers as flour is to a bread maker. These observations encourage me to pray for fellow believers. Since Paul cultivated the practice of prayer, and since he was so effective in sharing the Gospel with unbelievers and faithfully teaching and encouraging the Saints, why should I not follow his example? Paul’s example also encourages me to persevere in prayer. Starting a new project is often exciting for me; but a lack of persevering when it gets difficult has left many projects half-completed. I want to develop spiritual muscles by continuing to pray...even when it gets difficult.

True Life Books that will Inspire You!

The Time Keeper

Starla Kreider Spiral-bound, \$10.99*

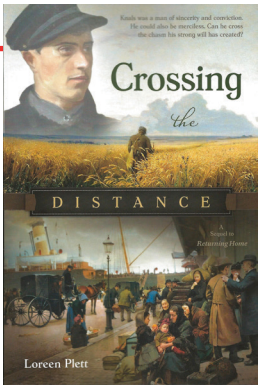
Already in for next year! A daily planner for a household. There are month-at-a-glance pages as well as two pages for each week with room to write down items or activities for each day, the day’s menu, and the week’s to-do list. At the end of the planner are perforated shopping lists, as well as a couple of pages to jot down notes for next year and multiple pages for general notes.



Crossing The Distance

Loreen Plett Paperback, 453 pages, \$11.99*

Growing up in a Mennonite village in Russia, young Knals Plett became a man of sincerity and conviction—and stubbornness. When hidden bitterness drove him to commit a terrible deed, his stubborn will separated him from God, church, and family until he repented... An older and wiser Knals, now a leader in his community, led the way across another distance when the church faced political pressure. Along with many others, Knals’ family made the long journey to Canada in 1875. Settled in Canada, Knals faced the most difficult divide of all. When his son left his father’s church for another group, Knals was merciless. For years, his heart ached and his son suffered, but Knals would not yield. Then one frigid winter morning, an elderly Knals learned his son was stricken with typhoid. Knals was smitten by grief and guilt. Could he cross the chasm he had created? His son was dying on the other side. Based on historical accounts, *Crossing the Distance* is a story of great distances and a man who faced them. It offers hope that, by God’s grace, we also can cross divides in our lives.

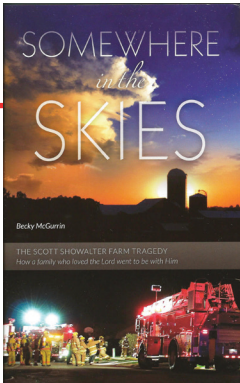


Somewhere in the Skies

Becky McGurkin

Hardcover with jacket, 130 pages, \$10.99*

It was late Monday afternoon on the Showalter farm. Scott and his hired man Amos Stoltzfus were finishing up their farm chores as usual. In the house, Phyllis was working in the kitchen when Amos banged frantically at the door. His mouth was open and his eyes were wide. “Come quick!” he shouted. “Scott’s in trouble.” Phyllis dropped the spoon in the pan and bolted out the door. Her girls followed close behind. *Somewhere in the Skies* is the moving account of a tragic farming accident that shocked the Shenandoah Valley. It is the story of five souls who loved the Lord and went to be with Him, and of God’s provision for the two girls left behind. A soul-stirring story, this book reminds us that though life on earth is fragile, there is a hope beyond for those who are prepared.



The 2015 Single Ladies’ Seminar
CDs are now available!

7 CDs \$28.95*

Theme - Servanthood, including: Relating to Fellow Servants, The Servant and Purity, Managing the Master’s Finances, and other topics relevant to single women.

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

Maintenance Projects Updates & Requests Staff Opportunities

Our buildings are approximately forty years old and in need of some up-grades. 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.

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

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.

Deeper Life Ministries has service opportunities available for 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 Presentations

- Friday, 9/11/15
Hillside Mennonite Church; Shoals, IN
- Saturday, 9/12/15
Rosewood Fellowship; Shipshewana, IN
- Sunday, 9/13/15 (AM)
Hebron Christian Fellowship; Lagrange, IN
- Sunday, 9/13/15 (PM)
Salem Mennonite Church; New Paris, IN

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@dmlmohio.org.

Client Testimony

“We deeply appreciate the Biblical counsel we received this week. It was valuable to be pointed back to God’s Word as the solution to life’s problems.”