

### Amanda Musselman Conqueror Series

Velina Showalter

Full-color. Softcover, 79 pages. \$8.99

An early 1900s missionary moves to Philadelphia to work among the city's poorest. Amanda Musselman and her friend Mary open a Sunday school for children, sing in the hospitals, provide food and blankets for orphans and widows, and never miss a chance to show the love of Jesus.

### Paws on My Porch

Gary Miller

Softcover, 150 pages. \$9.99

This collection of short stories draws life lessons from the antics of Drover the dog, Moses the cat, and other familiar creatures. Some of these meditations were previously printed in the devotional booklet, *Beside the Still Waters*. Biblical truths in the stories are applied in a lively and engaging format that children, young people, and adults will love. Each thoughtful observation about God or human nature is worth pondering all day.

### This Side of the Global Wall

Gary Miller

Softcover, 208 pages. \$8.99

"A few of us have too much. We struggle with obesity, have trouble getting our closet doors shut, and have more Bibles around the house than time to read them. Meanwhile, on the other side of the wall, masses of people lack clothing, nutritious food, and a Christian witness. Some children are told to clean up their plates, while others have never seen a full one. It is a world of astonishing imbalance. America has experienced peace and prosperity for so long that its citizens have come to view affluence as normal, and plenty as a universal right." Interesting graphs, charts, and pictures make this book an easy, enjoyable way to take a look at the imbalance in world economy.

### Words for Women: 112 Devotional Meditations

Wilma Webb

Softcover, 345 pages. \$11.69

Do the pressures of life quench your joy and zap energy from your relationship with Christ? Take time to quiet your heart, listen to God, and be refreshed by these meditations written from the perspective of a wife and mother who strives to experience abundant life.

### Old-Time Bible Stories

Hardcover, 187 pages. \$9.99

Old-style black and white illustrations make this collection of Bible stories come alive in the minds of children and adults. Although they happened thousands of years ago, stories from the Bible never grow old. Originally published in 1908.

### Ricky And The Hammond Cousins - Audio Book

Wanda M. Yoder, Narrated By Fern Ebersole

3 CDs. \$17.29

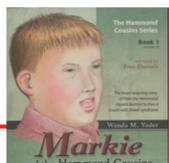
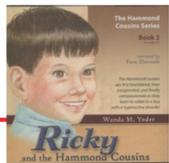
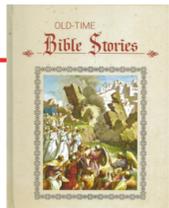
The Hammond cousins love Uncle Jerry, but Ricky is a different story. He is mean. He is loud. He makes trouble at every turn. The Hammond cousins are first bewildered, then exasperated, and finally compassionate as they learn to relate to a boy with a hyper-active disorder, who operates at high energy, nonstop.

### Markie And The Hammond Cousins - Audio Book

Wanda M. Yoder, Narrated By Fern Ebersole

2 CDs. \$12.59

The Hammond cousins always have a great time when they get together at Grandpa Hammond's place, until one day they learn that Markie is going to move into their community. Markie becomes one of them, but he's different. He's mentally handicapped, and the cousins are certain he will be an embarrassing problem. Join this lively circle of cousins as they learn that different is not always bad, that Markie is actually a special gift from God.



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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.



For more information or to register for our seminars, please contact Deeper Life Ministries at 614-873-1199 or info@dmlmohio.org.

## 2016 Helping People in Need Seminar

### Tuesday, January 19: Created in the Image of God

Man: Created Good, But Fallen – Virlin Yoder

Man: Searching ... For What? – Jason Weaver

Workshops:

For Men: Created In The Image of God – Jay Martin

For Ladies: Created In The Image of God – Estalee Martin

Finding Meaning & Purpose – Tim Weaver

Q & A (Panel Discussion)

### Wednesday, January 20: God's Design for Marriage

God's Plan for Marriage – Ben Waldner

Man's Perversion of Marriage – Jay Martin

Workshops:

For Men: Intimacy & Morality In Marriage – Jason Weaver

For Ladies: Intimacy & Morality In Marriage – Elsie Mae Weaver

Till Death Do Us Part – Virlin Yoder

Q & A

Blessings of a Godly Marriage – Ben Waldner

### Thursday, January 21: The Christian & Psychiatric Labels

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

### Friday, March 18, 2016

God's Design for Marriage – Ben Waldner

### Saturday, March 19, 2016

Understanding Roles – Dave Snyder

Differences: Complete or Compete? – Ben Waldner

Life-giving Communication – Dave Snyder

Decision-making as a Couple – Ben Waldner

### Sunday, March 20, 2016

Hindrances to Unity – Dave Snyder

Little Things that Count – Ben Waldner

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## Our Unique Jesus

After Jesus healed the palsied man in Mark 2, the people said, "We never saw it on this fashion!"

This was true, because Jesus was unique. Even His birth was unlike any other. No other human being has been conceived of the Holy Ghost or born of a virgin. No other child has had a star show seekers where He was. But perhaps even more unique about Jesus was that His birth was really not His true beginning!

First, we never saw another person without beginning. "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God" (John 1:1). Jesus is timeless, dateless, everlasting to everlasting. He always was, is, and will be.

On the other hand, we never saw such a beginning person either. "And the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us" (John 1:14a). When the Word was made flesh, this was the new beginning of the one without beginning!

Our celebration of Christmas marks Jesus' birth in the flesh, which allowed Jesus to die in the flesh. He had a unique physical beginning, but as He lived His adult life, the Bible says that He "was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin" (Heb. 4:15). No other human has ever done, or will ever do, that.

Secondly, we never saw such a creating person. "All things were made by Him; and without Him was not anything made that was made" (John 1:3). Jesus was involved in creation. "And God said, 'Let us make man in our image'" (Gen. 1:26a). The triune God created everything out of nothing. Man can only make or invent things out of something.

Thirdly, we never saw such an illuminating person. "That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world" (John 1:9). The light of Jesus exposes sin and shows us the right way to go. He teaches us many things. He is the Light of the entire world!

Fourthly, we never saw such an unjustly rejected person. "He was in the world, and the world was made by Him, and the world knew Him not. He came unto His own, and His own received Him not" (John 1:10, 11). Even as a baby, He was rejected and His death was sought. Later, when He preached in Nazareth they tried to throw Him off a cliff! Even when He did many wonderful miracles, most still rejected Him. At the end of His

life He was rejected and crucified on a cruel cross.

And isn't it the same today? Most still reject Him.

In the fifth place, we never saw such a giving and receiving person. "But as many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His name" (John 1:12). He gave us spiritual power. He gave us Himself. He gave us His love. He gave us all we need!

Then in spite of our weaknesses and frailties He receives us. As we receive Jesus Christ, He receives us. He receives us into His family. We become sons and daughters of God!

Lastly, we never saw such a glorious person. "... and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth" (John 1:14b). He was glorious in His life. No man ever spoke like He did. Things happened at His command. He said, "Peace, be still," and the storm on the Sea of Galilee ceased. He did all kinds of glorious things in His life.

He was also glorious in His death. He had a glorious spirit of non-resistance. The Centurion recognized who Jesus was as Jesus died and said, "Truly this was the Son of God" (Matt. 27:54).

He had a glorious resurrection a few days later as the earth quaked. Then He gloriously ascended back to heaven to be with His heavenly Father where He is presently interceding for us and preparing a glorious place for us.

And now we anticipate His glorious return, when we shall see Him in all His glory! Are we ready to see our unique Jesus?

– Nolan Byler



### Administrator's Report

From the Desk of Dave Snyder



Greetings from Ohio. Fall is here and with it comes Thanksgiving. What is Thanksgiving? For some, it's family getting together with lots of turkey, filling, mashed potatoes with gravy, and pumpkin pies. For others, maybe it's about resting so you can get an early start on Black Friday shopping. Is this all Thanksgiving is? No, there's more. The name implies, and history reveals, that it is a day set aside for giving thanks for the many blessings received during the past year. This theme is found throughout Scripture. Let's take a moment to practice the spirit of Thanksgiving.

We are thankful for...

- The generous support we as a ministry received this year.
- The abundant supply of food set aside for winter.
- The good health we as staff and our families have enjoyed.
- Those who willingly gave their time and helped complete our summer projects.
- Freedom to worship God as we see fit.
- God's faithful leading in filling our vacant secretary position.

More could be said but we need to close. Let's thank God for all we have with all our hearts as long as we live.

### Financial Report

July – September 2015

#### Beginning Balance – 7/1/15

Operating Fund.....	\$ - 5,863.01
Project Fund.....	\$ 18,017.37
<b>Balance Total.....</b>	<b>\$12,154.36</b>
<b>INCOME</b>	
Bookstore.....	\$6,940.32
Endowment Fund.....	\$1,900.39
Donations.....	\$18,663.26
Gifts; Project Funds.....	\$100.00
Offerings.....	\$28,848.70
Seminars.....	\$4,907.00
Other Income.....	\$1,442.24
Rent.....	\$4,525.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME.....</b>	<b>\$67,326.91</b>

#### ENDOWMENT FUND ACTIVITIES

Disbursements from EF.. +	\$2,212.70
Transfers to EF.....	- \$1,900.39
Payments to EF.....	- \$1,500.00

#### OPERATING INCOME.....\$ 66,139.22

#### EXPENSE

Bookstore.....	\$4,360.57
Food.....	\$799.51
Insurance.....	\$978.00
Maintenance.....	\$9,241.37
Maintenance; Projects.....	\$746.00
Payroll.....	\$21,816.55
Printing & Mailing.....	\$7,200.22
Seminar.....	\$3,953.71
Supplies.....	\$1,809.35
Travel.....	\$295.00
Utilities.....	\$7,596.10
Vehicle.....	\$9.50

#### TOTAL EXPENSE.....\$58,805.88

#### MISC. LIABILITIES.....\$1,698.91

#### Loan.....\$10,000.00

#### Ending Balance – 9/30/15

Operating Fund.....	\$417.42
Project Fund.....	\$17,371.37
<b>Balance Total.....</b>	<b>\$17,788.7</b>

### Counselor's Report

From the Desk of Ben Waldner



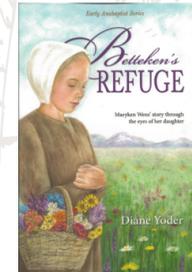
Do you have experiences that point to a spiritual parallel? I had such an occasion recently. My 2 sons and I planned to cut some firewood, load it on a trailer, and haul it home—all in a 2 ½ hour time frame to make it home for brunch. We didn't get far into the project till one of the chainsaws began acting up. It would sputter, cough, wheeze, and then regain full power for a few seconds, but then start the sputter, cough, wheeze cycle all over again. Assuming the cause to be an inexperienced operator, I requested we change saws. It was to no avail; there was something amiss with the saw. Unable to identify the problem in the field, we loaded our trailer and headed home. Troubleshooting the problem at home, I discovered a collapsed fuel line. The collapsed fuel line restricted the fuel flow to the engine, which resulted in sporadic performance. Replacing the fuel line made all the difference in causing that saw to run at optimum capacity. What is a spiritual parallel? In the same way a collapsed fuel line hinders the performance of a chainsaw, so a collapsed relationship with Jesus hinders the vitality and vibrancy of a spiritual walk. If your relationship with Jesus is sporadic (a cough, a wheeze, or follows a similar cycle), check the condition of the supply line.

## True Life Stories and Recordings that will Inspire You!

**DLM operates a bookstore with materials for strengthening faith, for building families, as well as for working with a variety of human problems. Your purchases support the work of DLM. 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.**

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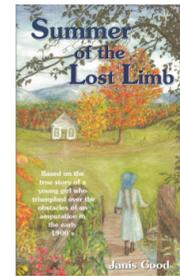
### Children's Books & Audio



#### Betteken's Refuge

Diane Yoder  
Softcover, 144 pages. \$8.99

Persecution has come to the city of Antwerp. It is 1573, and being an Anabaptist is forbidden in the Netherlands. Betteken Wens, daughter of an Anabaptist minister, fears that the local priest will discover her father's secret ministry. When Betteken's mother is captured and imprisoned for her faith, Betteken struggles with fear and uncertainty, but eventually finds refuge and peace in God. Historical fiction.



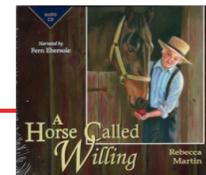
#### Summer of the Lost Limb

Janis Good  
Softcover, 117 pages. \$6.29

Young Mary is determined to walk the half mile to the small community school. For years she has dreamed of crossing the swinging bridge with the children as they walk to the schoolhouse, but a freak accident crushes her dream. Will she ever be able to walk, play, and live like other children? Follow Mary through her ups and downs and surprises! Visitors bring new and unusual things. A trip to the big city brings adventure and the discovery of a new toy, the teddy bear, that would eventually become famous. You will chuckle at Mary's courage and spunk in spite of the odds. Will she achieve her dream of walking to school? Her determination and faith make all the difference!

#### A Horse Called Willing - Audio Book

Rebecca Martin, Narrated By Fern Ebersole  
4 CDs. \$17.99



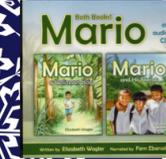
When Lady's carefree gallop across the pasture ended in disaster, the family needed another horse. That's how Willing arrived at their farm. Willing was a model of... stubbornness. Through the adventures, struggles, and surprises that followed, Joel learned about willingness, getting along with others, and, most important of all, that God does all things well.

#### Benjie - Audio Book

Sara J. Yoder, Narrated By Fern Ebersole  
3 CDs. \$26.99



Six-year-old Benjie has many blessings to enjoy, a loving family, cousins to play with, and jobs to do. But along with the blessings come lessons to learn, kindness to Great-aunt Mandy, responsibility in his jobs, and returning good for evil.



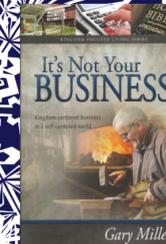
#### Mario - Audio Book

Elizabeth Wagler, Narrated By Fern Ebersole  
Two books on one audio CD! \$7.29

Mario eats tortillas and peccary soup. He bathes in the river where his father catches fish and his mother washes clothes. Mario's parents read the Bible and pray and teach him right and wrong. Mario joins his friends to peddle pig meat, chase armadillos, and learn how to use a machete like a man. Action and excitement - that's what boys like. But can Mario and company learn the virtues of patience, compassion, and kindness?

#### It's Not Your Business

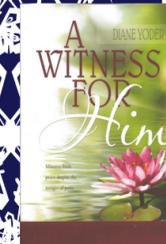
Gary Miller  
Softcover, 250 pages. \$12.99



How can business owners intentionally pursue the kingdom of God while using their resources wisely? Explore the benefits and dangers of owning and operating a business in a materialistic world. Find ways to keep Christ at the center of your business, no matter its size. The fifth and final book in the Kingdom-Focused Living series.

#### A Witness for Him

Diane Yoder  
Softcover, 190 pages. \$10.99



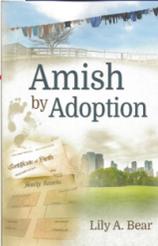
When the polio epidemic swept across the United States in the 1950s, it changed 13-year-old Minerva Gingerich's life forever. Read the inspiring true story of a woman who has lived with severe limitations for more than sixty years and is determined to glorify her Creator through it all.

#### Music CD Healing River

Oasis Chorale  
\$14.99



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| 1. Shout for Joy                          | 10. Whispering Hope                                   |
| 2. Hail, Gladdening Light                 | 11. O Healing River                                   |
| 3. Praise to the Lord, the Almighty       | 12. The Candle of the Lord                            |
| 4. God is so Loving                       | 13. Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah                    |
| 5. Make Me to Know the Measure of My Days | 14. Soon Ah Will Be Done wi' de Troubles of dis Worl' |
| 6. A Mighty Fortress is Our God           | 15. The Road Home                                     |
| 7. I Want Jesus to Walk With Me           | 16. Guide My Feet                                     |
| 8. Where He Leads Me I Will Follow        | 17. God Be With You                                   |
| 9. Hard Times Come Again No More          |   |



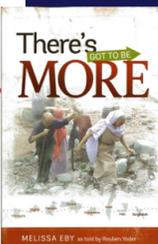
#### Amish by Adoption

Lily A. Bear  
Softcover, 208 pages. \$10.99

How does my mother look? Who is my father? Andy King wrestles with all the normal questions of an adopted child, even as he finds a sense of belonging in his adoptive parents' home and hearts. Eventually his search for his roots leads him to a few biological relatives, but Andy knows that no feelings for his birth family can take precedence over the love and thankfulness he feels for Dad and Mom King. This true story will fascinate not only those who have adopted children or have been adopted, but all readers, as they see God at work and learn how Andy became . . . Amish by adoption.

#### There's Got to Be More

Melissa Eby, As Told By Reuben Yoder  
Softcover, 378 pages. \$12.99



Reuben and Mary Ann enjoy the daily routine on their farm in Minnesota. With hard work, they are sure to become successful, but they ask each other the question, "Is there more to life?" Confident that there's got to be more, they agree to serve at Faith Mission Home in Virginia. A week before they leave, a traumatic accident changes their plans and their lives forever. Through his broken body, Reuben receives a new vision for the world and its handicapped people. This vision takes Reuben and Mary Ann on a lifelong journey to bring help and hope to a needy world.

## Maintenance Projects Updates & Requests

**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.

#### 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. Volunteer(s) to Replace Windows

- DLM is looking for an experienced remodeler(s) to remove and replace 14 windows in the main building. Contact Dave Snyder for more information.

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

## 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 Trips

In the first part of March 2016, Deeper Life Ministries is planning a PR trip to South Carolina and Georgia. If you have questions about the PR trip or would like to host a presentation, please contact DLM.

## Deeper Life Makes a Difference