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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 objectives continue to be our goals.

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Staff Opportunities

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

Current Needs

1. Electrical Upgrade - This project is now fully funded! We are planning to upgrade our electrical service the week of April 3, 2017. We will need the following volunteers to help with the project:

- 4 – Experienced electricians
- 4 – Willing workers
- 1 – Mini hoe operator

See Page 2 for more

What is Our Vision?

What comes to mind when you hear the word “vision”? What is your personal vision for your life, your family, your church, or your community?

Are we as Anabaptist people losing our vision as the years go by? We could ask ourselves, “Why are we losing the vision for separation, non-conformity, and non-resistance? What causes us to become sidetracked? Is it the world and its system that we’ve let creep in to our mind-set? Have things become less shocking or harmful than they were years ago?”

It’s disappointing to see many churches shift away from Biblical principles and toward the ways of the world. When this happens, what do we have to offer the world? The world is searching for something different than what it currently has. We as God’s people should be able to lead others to the Way, the Truth, and the Life.

Maybe our vision has become blurred. When we see others lay aside important principles or hear them explaining them for another time and place, we may begin to doubt the relevance and importance of those principles. We might even be accused of living under the law. If that is the case, we need correction and God’s help to not ruin a good testimony.

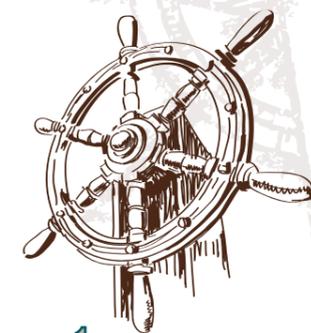
Maybe our vision has been affected by a display of immaturity or wrong attitudes by God’s people. While such can affect one’s vision, these should not be used as an excuse or a justification in forsaking Biblical truths.

We need a clear vision. Focusing on Christ and His teachings shapes and clarifies that message. It helps our children and those around us understand why we do what we do.

We also need to speak and live the

same thing. Inconsistencies among professing Christians often are stumbling blocks that hinder unbelievers in coming to Christ. Consistency, on the other hand, leaves the path to the Savior clear of obstructions. The world is watching and probably taking note more than we realize. Can they tell by watching us what our vision is? I trust they can and that the way we live will point them to Christ and His Word. “If our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost,” the Apostle Paul wrote to the church at Corinth. This verse has application for this discussion. Since the lost person is not reading the Scriptures, how will they come to the truth? Someone has said, “You might be the

only Bible some people read.” Another comment from a recent Sunday school discussion has relevance to this discussion. “Your walk is so loud I can’t hear what you’re trying to say!” Again, consistency is so important in our world today! Let us, therefore, consistently follow the Word of God by the power of the Holy Spirit because it is not about me or you, but about the living Christ in us.



Upcoming 2017 Seminars

Enriching Your Marriage Seminar

Topics: Marriage God’s Way / Appreciating Our Differences
The Understanding Husband / The Supportive Wife
Cultivating Purity / Effective Communication

March 24-26 Plain City, OH / April 7-8, Dickson, TN

Single Ladies Seminar

August 4-6

Faithful Women Seminar

October 7

Faithful Men Seminar

November 11

2017 Helping People In Need Seminar CDs | Various Speakers

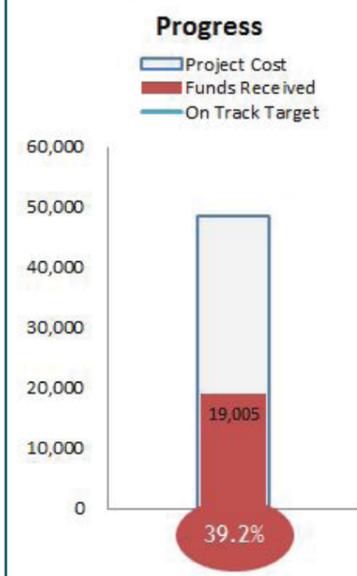
CD Set: \$49.99*, Individual CD: \$4.95*

- The Effects of a Christian Worldview in the Home – Virlin Yoder
- Cultivating Interpersonal Relationships in the Home – Bryan Fleagle
- Workshop: Never Stop Parenting – Dave Snyder
- Godly Values in Faithful Parenting – Ben Waldner
- The Moral Crisis in Our Midst – Tim Weaver
- The Heart of Moral Sin – Phil Helmuth
- For Men: Common Moral Perversions – Ben Waldner
- For Women: Common Moral Perversions – Naomi Bechtel
- Biblical Solutions for Moral Issues – Virlin Yoder
- Seven Points for Child Training – Dave Snyder
- The Biblical Worldview of the Counselor – Tim Weaver
- The Role & Responsibility of the Counselee – Bryan Fleagle
- Reaching the Heart in Counseling – Ben Waldner
- Encouraging the Heart of the Counselor – Dave Snyder



Attending? Please register. We serve meals, 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.

2018 Heating Upgrade Fund



Financial Report

October – December 2016

Beginning Balance – 10/1/16

Operating Fund.....	\$ - 6,583.54
Fire Alarm Fund.....	\$ - 5,615.00
Project Fund.....	\$ 32,208.35
Balance Total.....	\$ 20,009.81

INCOME

Bookstore.....	\$ 12,386.21
Donations.....	\$ 34,241.66
Gifts; Project Funds.....	\$ 22,040.48
Offerings.....	\$ 18,660.93
Seminars.....	\$ 7,715.09
Other Income.....	\$ 160.00
Rent.....	\$ 2,059.29

TOTAL INCOME.....\$ 97,263.66

OPERATING INCOME.....\$ 97,263.66

EXPENSE

Bookstore.....	\$ 7,580.34
Food.....	\$ 1,323.20
Insurance.....	\$ 1,031.00
Maintenance.....	\$ 12,101.38
Maintenance; Projects.....	\$ 7,592.38
Payroll.....	\$ 25,201.74
Printing & Mailing.....	\$ 7,746.12
Seminar.....	\$ 5,675.16
Staff Training.....	\$ 592.50
Supplies.....	\$ 1,252.39
Travel.....	\$ 1,351.00
Utilities.....	\$ 6,794.05
Vehicle.....	\$ 1,740.15

TOTAL EXPENSE.....\$ 79,981.41

MISC. LIABILITIES.....\$ 3,994.77

Ending Balance – 12/31/16

Operating Fund.....	\$ - 4,005.63
Fire Alarm Fund.....	\$ - 4,115.00
Project Fund.....	\$ 49,407.46
Balance Total.....	\$ 41,286.83

Counselor's Thoughts

From the Desk of Ben Waldner



Something was very wrong. For several weeks we had noticed changes in his behavior. He didn't welcome us

home like he used to; he quit eating; he would tire quickly and was only a skeleton of what he had been. Then I discovered an ominous growth on his rib cage. We worried, fretted, and shed tears as a family. A mere 6 weeks earlier we dug a shallow grave among the pines and tearfully laid his mate to rest. The dread of using the shovel again was unwelcome. But that's precisely what we did 2 weeks later. Isn't it a common experience to observe changes in behavior (of pets and people) and conclude that something is not right? Isn't it all too familiar to simply treat symptoms of a disease and never address the real culprit of sickness? Jesus highlights the spiritual danger of cleaning only the outside of the cup and leaving the inside untouched (Matt. 23:26). As a ministry, we endeavor to not merely clean the outside of the cup, but neither do we assume that cleaning the inside automatically translates into wise and godly living. Our goal is to present the Gospel of Jesus Christ to every person we interact with and help them understand its relevance to every area of life.

What is Our Vision? Continued True Life Books that will Inspire You!

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

All around us the truth is being watered down, explained away, ignored or disobeyed. As true followers of Christ, let us consistently keep our vision from being clouded or distorted. When accusations are hurled at the Christian, it's easy to give up in despair. But we need to remain faithful; the battle is worth it. By God's grace we can make it to the finish line. Let's join together and encourage one another to match our walk with our talk.

Hebrews 10:19-25 encourages us to remain faithful until the end. Verse 23 says, "Hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering." Let's keep our vision focused on Christ and the future! Heaven will be worth it all!

I serve on the Deeper Life Ministries' board and appreciate the work that they are doing. I encourage each of you to become more familiar with their ministry and vision. They are just one example of a ministry with a vision to clearly and consistently present the Gospel to those in need.

--Fred Byler

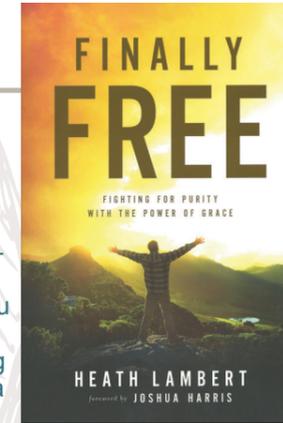
FINALLY FREE | Fighting for purity with the power of grace

Heath Lambert

Softcover, 176 pages, \$13.49
Zondervan Publishing House

If you have struggled personally against the powerful draw of pornography, or if you have ever tried to help someone fighting this battle, you know how hard it is to break free. But real freedom isn't found by trying harder to change. Nor is it found in a particular method or program. Only Jesus Christ has the power to free people from the enslaving power of pornography.

In *Finally Free*, Dr. Heath Lambert, a leader in the biblical counseling movement, lays out eight gospel-centered strategies for overcoming the deceitful lure of pornography. Each chapter clearly demonstrates how the gospel applies to this particular battle and how Jesus can move readers from a life of struggle to a life of purity.

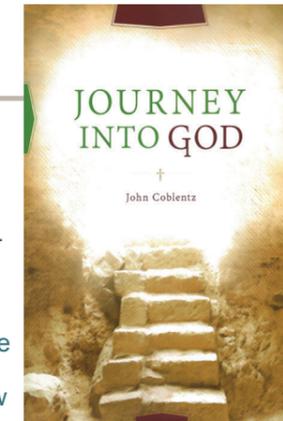


JOURNEY INTO GOD

John Coblenz

Softcover, 212 pages. \$9.99

This is about passion that yearns, eyes that long for, hearts that pound. *Journey into God* is a field guide, helping us to understand what we are seeing and experiencing as we walk through life. John doesn't ignore the questions, the difficulties, or the confusing aspects of coming to know God; he helps us to see them as opportunities to go deeper and further. *Journey into God* is an invitation to put energy and intention into responding to God's heart for relationship. It is an invitation to enter into the mystery that is God. - Steven Brubaker

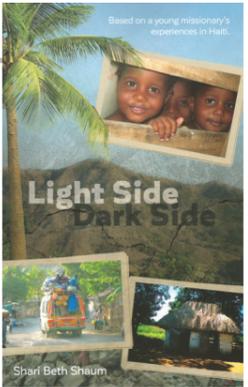


LIGHT SIDE, DARK SIDE

Shari Beth Shaum

Softcover, 269 pages, \$8.99
Christian Light Publications.

During a childhood visit to Haiti, a deep longing was planted in the author's heart to sometime return and serve there. And she did! As a missionary year later, Shari Beth encountered much darkness. But there were also pockets of light: people aglow with the joy of the Lord. *Light Side, Dark Side* opens a window into Haitian culture and shows the contrast between God's power and Satan's bondage. Whether it was bandaging wounds in the clinic, bargaining at the market, or worshiping in the church, the author cared for everyone she met. Her burden was that they all would be brought from darkness into light. That burden will touch your heart as well.



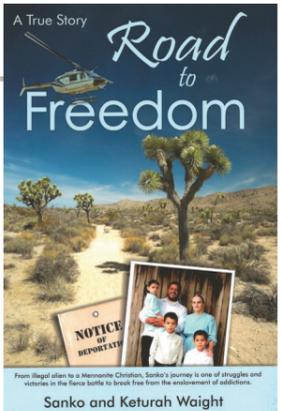
ROAD TO FREEDOM A true story.

Sanko and Keturah Waight

Softcover, 340 pages \$11.99

Pain shot through Sanko's bare feet as he vaulted over low-lying cacti and dodged sharp rocks, kicking scorching sand behind him as he ran. He glanced over his shoulder and called, "Ruben! Ruben! Where are you?"

Sanko's life was a journey of rebellion, pain, sin, and running from God. Would God's love reach him in time? Would there be enough grace to deliver him? Can the alcohol and drug addictions be overcome? Is the love of a woman enough?



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

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 Prayer Requests

2. 3 Bedroom Sets
- for staff dorms

3. 2018 Heating Upgrade Fund -
Please see graphic on page 4 for progress.

1. Domestic/Housemom Needed

2. Debbie Schrock
(DLM Secretary)- will serving as
Dean of Women at Maranatha Bible
School 3rd term.

3. Provision for Operating Fund at
Deeper Life.

"I've thoroughly enjoyed my time as secretary at Deeper Life! Observing God's redeeming power at work in the lives of the clients has been faith-strengthening. I've also grown in my love for God's Word as I've seen how His promises apply to difficult situations. I'm thankful God led me to serve at DLM!" – Rhoda Martin, VA

Deeper Life Makes a Difference

The Anchor is a quarterly newsletter sent free of charge to interested persons or congregations. To receive it, contact Deeper Life Ministries.

– Editor, Ben Waldner

DLM is an active arm of Midwest Mennonite Fellowship, with Board representation from Mid-Atlantic Mennonite Fellowship and Southeastern Mennonite Conference. Contributions are tax-deductible.