



# FREEDOM MINISTRIES

of the Quad Cities

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*"...because the gracious hand of my God was on me..."* Nehemiah 2:8 (NIV)

As Jeanine and I look back over the years we have walked with the Lord and served in this ministry, Nehemiah's pronouncement rings so true in our experience. We can say with him that God's grace has been there for us wherever he has called us. On August 18, Jeanine and I celebrated our 44th wedding anniversary. How amazing to think we are in our mid-60's and the Lord is still showering his grace on us, and if possible, more now than any time in our past. How often do any of us really take the time to reflect on all God has done for us?

God was so gracious to reach down into our sinful lives and rescue us, Like Titus 3:5 says, "not on the basis of deeds we have done in righteousness, but according to his mercy..."

His gracious hand was certainly upon me when He brought my precious wife into my life, my faithful companion, lover and help-mate. Her Godly character and giftedness has so helped me to be organized and on tract. She is on my team, my cheerleader and true friend.

Our God of grace led me to Moody Bible Institute in 1974 with little confidence in my learning abilities, but helped me graduate with a growing faith in God that He would enable me to accomplish more than I could think or imagine.

While a student at Moody, our first daughter, Hannah, was born two months early at 4 pounds. After a month stay in the special care nursery, no insurance, the \$10,000 bill was totally covered! The gracious hand of our God was upon us!

After graduation, we wanted to move back to our hometown in Moline. Rental housing was almost non-existent at that time. On a cold winters day, we, along with 200 other potential renters looked at a little house for rent in Molette and had only a few hour window by the owner to fill out an application. We went back to Chicago discouraged without hope of a place to live. Soon we received a letter from the owners that they wanted "us" to live there because of our Christian background and Moody! The gracious hand of our God was upon us!



God provided jobs with old friends, preserved my daughter's life from a motorcycle accident, gave us a significant church planting ministry in the Philippines and protected us from monsoons, earthquakes, coup attempts and volcanic eruptions. God showered his grace by providing caring, understanding, praying friends when our daughters were wayward, and He provided the prayer and financial support as Freedom Ministries began in 1995.

After several years as the traveling counselors, carrying all our ministry materials with us to different churches in the Quad Cities, who allowed

### Mission

Freedom Ministries of the Quad Cities exists to help couples and individuals experience freedom in Christ through identifying and resolving spiritual and emotional conflicts thus strengthening, empowering and helping fulfill their relationship with Jesus Christ and others.

Freedom Ministries invites you to:

## "TRIVIA NIGHT"

September 15, 2017, 7:00 PM

Grace Evangelical Free Church 5520 Eastern Ave.  
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us to use their facilities, our gracious God gave us a rent-free doctor's office for 5 years, then New Hope Community Center for 10 and for the last year at Homewood EFC.

The gracious hand of our God has always provided the financial resources we need to live and carry out this ministry. We haven't always had a full paycheck, but the bills have always been paid, thanks to our gracious God. He has done that through faithful prayer and financial supporters like you who have stood shoulder to shoulder with us in the battle.

And here we are in 2017, our gracious God with his hand still upon us as we move into the future. What does the future hold? We do not know, but we know He holds the future! How grateful we are for his gracious hand upon us. *"And my God will supply all your needs according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus."* *Philippians 4:19*

## Memorials

Thanks to all who gave Freedom Ministries memorials in honor of my dad,

### Lyle Beresford

Catherine Clarke, Thomas & Marie Dang, Ron & Gail George, David & Eva Hunt, Dave & Darlene Link, Marilyn Allen, Wayne & Nancy Flenker

## Praise and Prayer

### Praise

- ◆ For the freedom we have to minister to couples and individuals using Christian principles.
- ◆ For strength mentally, spiritually, physically and emotionally to encourage people who come hurting.

### Prayer

- ◆ For couples and individuals who are scheduled to meet with us this fall, that they will find freedom and healing in Christ.
- ◆ For the Annual CFTH Conference in Edmonton, Alberta, that God will reach the hearts of those who attend.

## Birdies for Charity

Thanks to all who sent in pledges for the Birdies campaign. We are so grateful to you for your gifts. 1,918 birdies were scored in this year's tournament!

**Thank you!**



## CFTH Annual Conference

**October 1—5, 2017**

Heartland Alliance Church  
Sherwood Park, Alberta Canada

Evening sessions are free  
And open to the public.  
Afternoon workshops for teaching and training will require registration and fee.

[www.caringfortheheart.com](http://www.caringfortheheart.com)  
Or call 719-572-5550

## United Way

Did you know that you can support Freedom Ministries through your company at work? If you'd like



your charitable donations to go toward Freedom Ministries. Just write Freedom Ministries on the line to show where you wish your donations to go. Our United Way number is #663708. We thank you!

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