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Save the Date

Fifth Annual
Celebrate
Heart To Heart
June 4, 2011

6 " They tell of the power
of your awesome works—
and I will proclaim your
great deeds.
7 They celebrate your
abundant goodness
and joyfully sing of your
righteousness.
8 The LORD is gracious
and compassionate,
slow to anger and
rich in love."

Psalm 145: 6-8 (NIV)

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Larry Brinkman

A Word from the President

from new supporters. These gifts have confirmed to us that God has great plans for this ministry in the days ahead. He is also opening new doors regarding the satellite office in Bloomington/Normal. We hope to be able to see this outreach officially begin in the next few months. We will keep you posted as this develops.

Blessings

God has brought incredible blessings to H2H during December and January. Over \$14,000 was received during the holiday season and the new gifts have continued to bless us in January. Many of the gifts we received were surprise gifts

Counselors & Staff

Our Counselors have had a very busy and productive year in 2010 with 88 new clients and over 900 hours of counseling. Other staff volunteers have helped bringing the total staff volunteer hours to over 3,800.

Giving Thanks

The Staff and Board are so very grateful for all the blessings God has brought to the organization over the past months.

These special gifts make it possible for the ministry to expand and serve more hurting people.

Support

We will also need to support the current staff and any additional staff to sustain this expansion. Your gifts to the individual missionary staff members are greatly appreciated, these are needed to allow each one to continue the ministry God has called them too at

Thoughts from Sandy Egle , founder, executive director and lead counselor

Great and exciting things continue to happen in and through H2H! As Larry Brinkman has shared, God rained down showers of financial blessings, to the tune of over \$14,000, during the Christmas holiday season. With this great blessing, comes great responsibility, and we are working very hard to be good stewards of these gifts God has given to H2H through his faithful people!

We are really excited to have Brent be a part of this year's celebration! He is a very passionate, dynamic speaker who will energize and motivate all of us to be more excited about serving God. Planning is underway and I hope you will all plan to attend!

view Christian Church, Normal, IL. The team is going to Santiago, Dominican Republic, June 28 -July 5, 2011.



We recently received word that Brent Preston, former Fellowship of Evangelical Churches (FEC) Pastor and overseas missionary, now serving with TEAM (The Evangelical Alliance Mission), will be the guest speaker at our 2011 Celebrate H2H event scheduled for June 4, 2011.

We as a staff and Board continue to pray about and are seeing open doors for H2H to open a new, satellite office in the Bloomington/Normal, IL area. Until such time, I continue to meet with H2H clients at Heartland Community Church at 1811 N. Linden St. in Normal, IL. The clients that I meet with at the Normal location are deeply grateful that they have the opportunity to receive services closer to their homes. Again, thank you to Heartland for their wonderful hospitality and kindness in providing office space for us!!

After prayer and discussing this opportunity with our H2H Board of directors, I have felt God inviting me to go and have received the Board's blessings to go as well. This team will consist of a group of mental health professionals and others from the Bloomington/Normal area and will be going to provide mental health service for and training to missionaries with G.O. Ministries, as well as doing some construction projects.

This year's Celebration will include a catered meal and short program. We will not be having an auction, but opportunities will be available to make donations.

On a personal note, I have recently been invited to join a missions team through East-

I continue to be blessed through being a part of the H2H ministry . Thank you to all of our staff, Board of Directors, and supporters for your involvement and partnership in H2H.

**By the Numbers
Year 2010**

88 # New Clients
766 # Counseling Sess.
902.75 # Counseling Hrs
3803.75 # Staff Vol. Hrs



*Serving Central Illinois
through Biblical Counseling*

Board of Directors

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President

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Dedicate ~A~ Day Donations

January 28, 2011
In Honor of Gail Egle for her birthday

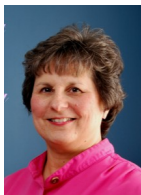
February 1, 2011
In Honor of Doris Burnside for her birthday

*These two beautiful women have blessed our lives and the lives of many and we want to honor them in this special way.
Happy Birthday Moms!*

With much love,
Rob, Sandy, Jacob, Crystal, Jen and Zachery Egle

Dedicate ~A ~Day, was launched in January 2010. It costs approximately \$100 per day to do ministry. If you are looking for a new way to support H2H, please consider dedicating a day to commemorate a special person or significant event in their lives such as anniversaries or birthdays or memorials to loved ones.

To Dedicate A Day, contact Dona @ 815/796-2207
or donah2h@hotmail.com



**Updates from:
Dona Downing,
Asst Director**

Good byes— Paula Upchurch , part-time counselor since 2009, moved to Texas in December 2010. Paula began a new position at a credit union in January. She and her husband, Mark, are now living close to their daughter, son-in-law and 4 grandchildren.

We miss her and wish her well.

Worker Care Ministry

Recently, H2H joined in partnership of encouragement with the Worker Care Ministry of His Harvest Ministries, Normal, IL. The focus of this ministry is to encourage (Christian) workers – both at home and abroad – who have a tie to Central Illinois. Ralph Maurer composes a monthly prayer calendar and newsletter.

His Harvest Ministries, under the leadership of Clay Irmeger, exists to encourage others to be mobilizers and mentors and to help people start prayer teams.

I (Dona) was invited to write an article for this month's His Harvest, Mentoring Matters newsletter. Written from a women's perspective, it is intended to challenge women to be mentors.

**Mentoring Women
Relational**

I have learned that by God's design, women are relational. We thrive on and in friendships with other women, either formally or informally. Both circumstances provide a means for significant life change. Reflecting on my mentoring experiences, thus far, my experiences have been more informal than formal. Below are two examples.

Roxie: A dear mentored relationship took place in my young adult years. Though I was educated to be an elementary education teacher, I was extremely fearful of the responsibility. Ruthanna Rodatz, the founder/administrator of a Christian grade school in northern Illinois, befriended and challenged me to become a kindergarten teacher at the school, which I did for four years. "Roxie", lovingly nicknamed "Sarge", had a firm voice, so she got your attention quickly. Yet she was very loving and committed to serving the Lord. We had many informal talks & meal times together when I observed how to trust God and how to walk in His ways. As Roxie was living Titus 2, her influence helped me to grow in confidence both spiritually and personally.

Katie: As a single woman, I have had the unique opportunity to develop relationships with my nephews & nieces in ways that my married siblings haven't had the circumstances to do. My oldest niece, Katie, asked me to be a bridesmaid in her beautiful Colorado Springs, Co. wedding. At the wedding rehearsal dinner, I was stunned to hear that I was the favorite aunt! She further shared, I was good at getting birthday & Christmas gifts that they liked and that as a young adult I have been an influence in her life. I had no idea that she felt that way, for my motive for involvement with all my nieces (& nephews) has just been to love them. I woke up to the fact that as I loved them, I have the opportunity to influence them.

Concluding thoughts present a challenge to me & to all women that are Christ followers. What have I learned that I can pass on? Am I living the truth that I know? To help me focus, I like to write, in what I call nuggets.

As godly women let us:

Be intentionally ready; to mentor the women the Lord brings into our lives, either formally or informally.

Promote right teaching; study & be ready to share the scriptures (Titus 2)

Pray fervently; it is the Spirit of the Lord, who draws others and equips us.

God is faithful to us let us be faithful to Him.