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Men's Walk # 66 Camp Gilmont, Gilmer September 19-22, 2013 Pat Thompson

Women's Walk # 67 Camp Gilmont, Gilmer October 10-13, 2013 Jana Russell

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DEAR G.R.A.C.E.

A NOTE FROM YOUR COMMUNITY LAY DIRECTOR

I am writing this sitting in a cabin in Ruidoso, NM. The air is cool, the sun is shining and I'm surrounded by mountains and beautiful scenery. As I sit on the deck and drink my coffee, I am reminded of the beauty in God's creation.

In the past week I have traveled in the following states: Texas, Arkansas, Illinois, Indiana, Missouri, Oklahoma and New Mexico. What a vast difference in topography from state to state! I just keep repeating "How Great is Our God!"

It shouldn't take traveling across county for us to realize how great God is. We can see his majesty in our every day life. From the sunrise to the laughter of children; to the flowers and even in the wrinkles on our face as we look in the mirror - God is all around us. He is waiting for us to acknowledge his presence in all we do.

As we prepare for the upcoming Fall Walks, we will be able to see and experience God's greatness in a very personal way. Each Walk the Lay Director might feel as if he or she is working alone. Carefully made plans in team selection, team meetings and number of pilgrims attending may seem to be falling apart. We must all remember that these Walks are God's and not ours. He merely allows us to tag along for the ride as He orchestrates the way in which His plan will come to fruition. It is so easy for us to try and take the lead; however, if we submit entirely to God's will the blessings will overflow.

As of the first of August we have 11 women and 1 man registered for the Walks. Some of you may be experiencing anxiousness about the numbers. We have to remember that God is in complete control of ALL walks and He, and He alone, will provide the Pilgrims. Please be in prayer about who you might sponsor. God will provide the name and the means, both time-wise and financially, for those He wants on these walks.

The favorite saying after a Walk is always, "I don't know how it happened, but this was the 'Best Walk Ever'!" Each walk is the best ever because God is in control of the walk. Remember, God will work through us if we surrender our own will and desires to Him.

Remember, you don't have to be on the team to assist in these walks. There are many things we, as the community, can do for each and every walk. Pray for your Lay Directors, Pat Thompson and Jana Russell; pray for the Pilgrims; pray for those you may need to sponsor; sign up to pray on the Prayer Vigils for both walks; plan to attend Candlelight. Just PRAY, PRAY, PRAY!!

Ask how you can best allow God to reveal His Greatness to you. I promise He won't disappoint. Then you will join me as I sing "How Great is Our God!"

Cindy Hooser Community Lay Director

GATHERING NEWS

August 17, 2013 Pollard UMC Tyler, Texas

5:00 Potluck Dinner 6:00 Praise & Worship **Babysitting Provided**

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But they that wait upon the LORD...



...shall renew their strength

Men's Walk Team Members

Pat Thompson – LD Richard Luna - SD Mike Reed – ASD Jarrett Majors – ASD John Whitehouse – ASD Tommy Burton – ASD Nathan Hodge – ASD Mike Johnston – ALD James Cox – ALD Damon DeRieux – ALD Pat Moser – TL Mark Bewley - TL Jim Buchanan – TL Jay Edwards – TL

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PILGRIMS ARE NEEDED FOR THE UPCOMING WALKS!!! GET THOSE APPLICATIONS IN NOW!!

SPONSORSHIP – REMEMBER THE REQUIREMENTS TO BE A GREAT SPONSOR. It's more

than just getting the pilgrim to the Walk.

Please take time and visit the website and sign the PRAYER VIGIL for the upcoming walks. There are spaces on both the Men's and Women's walks.

This is an easy way to support the walk when you cannot be there in person.

Remember, others prayed for you on your walk.

AGAPE REMINDERS

- ** Put the number of agape items included on the outside of the container.
- ** Bed/Pillow agape is 36
- ** Dining Room agape is 48 (pilgrims only)
- ** Dining Room agape for team and pilgrims is 61
- ** Try to include a scripture or inspirational word with each agape item. Remember these are to tie into the talks given.
- **Placements -Homemade (especially children's are a joy)
 - 48 for pilgrims
 - 61 for team and pilgrims
- ** Bring agape to the walk on THURSDAY night

Remember taking time to make something is memorable but purchased items are fine too. Start getting "crafty" today!

BANQUET SET-UP for WALKS

If you are interested in serving with a group of fellow Emmaus members to set up the banquet room tables, chairs, and decorations for the upcoming walks, please contact KAYLA HAMM.

Escorts are needed for these dinners as well. If you sponsor someone for the walk or your spouse is on the walk, you will not be able to serve as an escort.

Women are needed for the Men's Walk and men are needed for the Women's Walk.

Mark your calendars to assist in Gilmer in the fall of 2013.

The 2014 walks will be held in Athens on these dates:

Men: March 13-16 Tom McDonald

Women: March 20-24 Karol Johnston

Gilmer Walks for 2014 will be held:

Men: October 2-5 James Cox

Women: October 9-12 Lanett Moser

The turnout in Kilgore was great in July. Let's have a full house this month in Tyler. Bring your reunion group members! See you on AUGUST 17th!!

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The G.R.A.C.E. Emmaus Community wishes to continue to spread the life changing experience that an Emmaus weekend can deliver. Won't you help us by donating funds for scholarships for both Pilgrims and team members, or the general fund of our community?

We are asking you to consider donate \$5, \$10, \$25 monthly or whatever amount you would like to set the donation to. This monthly donation will be debited automatically from your bank account on or about the 15th of the month.

Thank you for your continued support of our Emmaus community. **DeColores** PLEASE COMPLETE THE INFORMATION BELOW: Name: Address: City, State, Zip: Email Address: **BANK INFORMATION** I (We) hereby authorize GRACE Emmaus to initiate debit entries to my (our) checking account indicated below. The amount will be charged monthly. This authority is to remain in full force and effect until GRACE Emmaus receives written notification of its termination. Monthly gift amount \$ Date Fill out information below or attach voided check City _____ State ____ Zip ____ Depository Name _____ Account # Transit/ABA #