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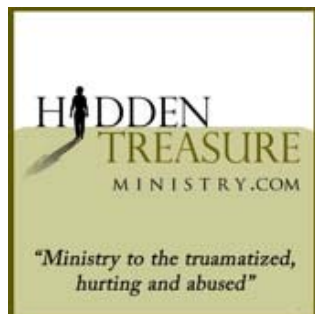
The Calling On Our Hearts

Last Sunday, our pastor asked us to write about our lives in 6 words – no more, no less. I (Eric) pondered this assignment and felt like God gave me the phrase: “Setting captives free, one by one”

This so describes the calling God put on my heart years ago as a teen. Ever since we got into mission work, our desire has been to see the captives set free from the darkness. We've done it through Discipleship training schools in Sweden, outreaches all over the world and now our new mission field: the traumatized and abused. Several years ago the Lord spoke to Lisa that her 'people group' was not geographical, but was the sexually abused. This led her down the tract to be equipped in the Lord's healing power to set them free. Since then, I have felt the convergence of all the years of discipleship training and leadership to bring up to this season.



Five years ago, we started a new ministry called “*Hidden Treasure Ministry*” and its name shows how we see our people group. They are God's hidden treasure, and they have been held captive by what has been done to them by others (abuse/neglect) and then by their own choices (addictions). They need to be set free by the power of God's love. The problem is, there are so many things that have been blocking the love of God, so many things that hinder His love from getting through. Sometimes that takes someone whose eyes have been specially trained to spot problematic areas, and be able to address them, a loving, caring listener who understands, who is safe to confide in and process things with. So much of what we do now is in the 'hidden' because it is about people and their problems, struggles and abuse. Discipleship on this level truly is one by one, and yet the need to train thousands more is staggering. Abuse and addiction is rampant in our society and world-wide, and that is why we are called not just to counsel, but to train and equip others to do the same!



I will be leaving just before Easter to train YWAMers in a Counseling school in Colorado Springs on sexual abuse. It teaches students the basics of counseling from a Christian perspective with lots of emphasis on God's healing work.

Several weeks ago, we had just an opportunity to train others in two seminars that both Lisa and I did with a big conference that was held here in Kansas City called “Men of Valor” and “Women of Virtue”. The theme was living pure in an impure world. Over 1,000 people attended the conferences both in the midst of snowy, slippery cold weather, Catholics and Protestants.

My workshop was on sexual abuse and the shame it produces which can lead to sexual addiction. Lisa’s workshop was on learning healthy family dynamics or “How do we get out of this mess?” We both got a lot of very positive response, people saw themselves in what we were saying and I think it gave hope.



Eric & Lisa, along with several other breakout session speakers are being introduced at the ‘Men of Valor’ / ‘Women of Virtue’ conference

What a joy to see so many Christians uniting to commit to deal with their temptations and struggles together and fight for purity directly addressing the quickly growing problem with pornography, especially in the church. It is incredibly addictive because of how it wires the brain. So many young people are already addicted to it. It is among the top five problems missionaries on the field now face. Pastors are struggling with it at a massive scale, I believe because of the intense loneliness these men of God face.

This addiction feels like a cancer that wants to consume the body of Christ. This is not just in the U.S. We ran into the same problem in India. Wherever there is internet, there is temptation.



This coming April (23&24), we will have our 3rd Hidden Treasure Seminar called “Transformational Healing”. Recently we posted some of the teaching from the last two seminars online at the iTunes store. They are free downloads, and you can also subscribe to more when available. Check out our iTunes podcasts at: <http://itunes.apple.com/podcast/hidden-treasure-ministry/id349702861>



We can only do what we do because of people who pray and give, thanks for being part of our team!

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