

# SHORline

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## On a Personal Note...

Dear friends,

We are now well into the second half of 2011. The Lord has been SO good, and we are grateful.

We were blessed to spend a week with all of our children and grandchildren over the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. Sweet friends from Alabama allowed us to use their condo on the beach. We returned home to help couples concerning these needs: termination, moral issues, legal trouble, health problems, ministry and family conflict, marriage, and finances. While we were away with our family, the couples scheduled for the July 14 – 18 retreat faced some critical issues: serious surgery for a father (AR), possible termination (AL), and marriage problems (AL). Each of these couples needs our prayers during these days. In mid-July, we ministered to a local couple waiting on the Lord for a place in ministry, an IMB couple working to be re-instated, a wife grieving the loss of her husband, and an IMB missionary suffering from post-traumatic stress syndrome. We hosted 3 couples in our home July 21 – 24: a bi-vocational Arkansas pastor and wife needing time away from the demands of ministry & jobs; a bi-vocational Hispanic pastor and wife from Illinois (her father just passed away in Venezuela); and an Arkansas pastor and wife needing time away together. The fellowship with these couples was wonderful! Angie and her children came in to visit with us and Mimi and Papa (Suzanne's parents) the last week of July. Everyone was home except for Chad and Jessica (she went to Ohio to visit her folks, and Chad was in Uganda on a mission trip). We are still in contact with the AR pastor and wife (he served jail time last fall) and the MS couple (dealing with a moral failure). We are happy to report the Arkansas couple is doing well although they do have their ups and downs. The MS couple was not accepted into the City of Refuge, but we have been able to locate a counselor for them. Please pray as they work through this difficult time.

We traveled to Branson on August 8<sup>th</sup>. Charlie and Dr. Gray celebrated John Calcote's birthday, the owner of the gorgeous home we use in Hollister MO for the retreats, the week before we left. John and Linda have been wonderful friends to SHOR over the years. We hold 4 retreats a year in their beautiful home that overlooks Tablerock Lake (2 in April and 2 in August). We hosted 4 couples the first week August 9 – 12: a TN Dir. of Missions living away from his association because he and his wife care for elderly parents; a KY pastor and wife serving in the inner city (their church has a day care that presents numerous issues); a KY pastor and wife needing time away together; and a KY pastor and wife who have a learning disabled adult son. We had a sweet week together! We hosted these the second week August 15 – 19: an OK pastor and wife who have served faithfully for 30 years in their

church (he has some health concerns and she cares for her elderly mom); a MO pastor and wife dealing with physical problems; an IL pastor and wife wounded and needing encouragement; and an AR pastor who is seeking the Lord's direction. It was a great week, and we are praising the Lord!

We attended the wedding of Lindsey Lawrence, a precious young woman who was at Peterson Lake Baptist Church where Charlie was interim Pastor in 2004 – 2005. We were honored to pray a blessing on her marriage during the ceremony Aug. 20<sup>th</sup>. Charlie preached at Riverview Baptist Church in Savannah TN on the 21<sup>st</sup>. Pastor Mark LaRue and the Riverview folks have been a tremendous encouragement to us! We held the 3<sup>rd</sup> board meeting of the year on Monday, August 29<sup>th</sup>. We continually thank the Lord for the men who serve with us in SHOR: Dr. Gray Allison (Chairman of the board), Jack O'Kelley, John Hyneman, John Calcote, and Jimmie Williams. We have just received the external audits for 2009-2010 and are thanking the Lord for His provision through you for SHOR ministries.

We held a retreat in our home over Memorial Day weekend September 2 – 5. We hosted 3 couples (a LA pastor and wife had to cancel on the 2<sup>nd</sup> because of tropical storm Lee); a TN seminary student and wife seeking the Lord's will and direction for their ministry; an AR pastor and wife serving faithfully but needing a break; and a TN pastor and wife involved in an exciting new church plant.

After almost 10 years of service through SHOR, it has become more difficult for Suzanne to handle the grocery shopping and cooking for the retreats along with the travel and Biblical guidance demands. We are happy to tell you that Judy Snider is helping Suzanne on a part-time basis. We pray that this will free up Suzie to be available to invest more time focusing on the needs of ministry couples. Judy has been helping us since mid-June and has already served in July and September in our home as well as traveling to Branson with us to serve in the first retreat there. She will also go to Wyoming in September. Please pray for her as she works alongside us. What a tremendous answer to prayer!

Fall is the heaviest schedule for retreats so we covet your prayers. We read today in I Thessalonians 5:11: "Therefore encourage one another and build up one another, just as you also are doing." Thank you for encouraging us and helping us build up God's men and their wives!

In His service,

*Suzanne and Charlie*



## Retreat Testimonies

My wife and I live very busy lives. A day off is never really a day off. The rest at the SHOR retreat with no expectations and no scheduled activities met our needs at the deepest level. The fellowship at meals was precious. This retreat allowed us to exhale! The site was outstanding, the time refreshing, and the fellowship energizing. My wife and I are very grateful to those who served us and those who give to provide such a great place with wonderful meals.

Sharing with other pastors and wives was great! Being a "pastor's wife" is new territory for me. It feels good to know that others have actually been where I am and are able to give me words of encouragement. It was so nice to have a break from everything. Some do not realize (me included until now) how much a pastor actually does. It is not just a 9-5 job or just a Sunday (1 day a week) job. It is actually a life job! Thank you for allowing us this time to relax and enjoy being with each other without interruptions – phones, kids, drop-in visitors. Charlie and Suzanne opened their hearts to us, and we are eternally grateful.

I was becoming very overwhelmed by the daily responsibilities of the Pastorate. I am sure that it was only a matter of time that my effectiveness as a pastor would have been compromised by my need for rest. I am also pretty sure that my marriage would have felt the stress that comes from being spread too thin. Thanks to the kindness & generosity of everyone that made the SHOR retreat possible, I feel revived. My wife and I had 4 days of uninterrupted conversation and have been so blessed by the new friendships we have made that will last a lifetime. I can't wait to get back home, refreshed, so that I can share the love of Jesus with my church family; the same love that was shown to me and my wife this week. God bless you all!

It was great to enjoy some time alone with God and be away from the business of being a bi-vocational pastor. My wife and I both came back refreshed and ready to bless and help God's people grow in their relationship with their Savior. My wife had the opportunity to journal about her father who went home with the Lord about 3 weeks ago. This was a huge blessing to her. Bro. Charlie, you bless my life and you really are a really nice and special man of God. Thanks again for blessing our lives!

The hectic schedule of our lives has taken precedence in our life lately. That has caused us to overlook one another as we tend to the flock that God has so graciously given to us. The SHOR retreat has given us a chance to re-connect on a level that has been overlooked for much too long. So with a deep heartfelt "thank you" to Suzanne and Charlie as well as to all the wonderful Saints who not only give of their resources but also of their homes, we pray that our Lord & Savior will continue to richly bless you. We are refreshed and recharged!

Our church has been in turmoil for the last 2 ½ years. It was so good to get away for a while and set aside the headaches and heartaches and be able to meet people who have gone through or are going through the same kinds of trials. We appreciated so much the prayer time with Suzanne & Charlie. Their sincere concern encouraged us. SHOR Ministries means **so much** to us. It is our prayer that every pastor or staff person that is struggling with their ministry would have the opportunity to come to a retreat.

The SHOR retreat provided an opportunity to just relax, meet with God, and spend uninterrupted time with my wife. The format helped me see the need to help couples get away and meet with God and fellowship with others. The conversation at meals and freedom to rest meant so much to us.

We needed this retreat to enjoy a get-away to rest and relax as a couple. We could not afford such a time away if not for SHOR. We found friendship, love, acceptance, and new prayer partners at this retreat. The setting was beautiful and comfortable. We were encouraged and blessed.

This retreat came at a time in our life when we were very much in need of a respite. A combination of stressors were beginning to place my continuation in ministry in doubt. I had 2 minor surgeries in a month's time. The recovery was complicated and more difficult than expected, and the outcome of one surgery was not as good as I had hoped for. Caring for an aging mother placed additional stress on my wife, and we simply needed the opportunity to be free from all the demands of ministry and family for a while. The time of being ministered to by Suzanne, Charlie, and Wayne has been a rich blessing from the Lord. The fellowship was rich with laughter and compassionate love. This time has given us fresh spirits!

## Blessings!

Special thanks to Linda and John Calcote for sharing your beautiful home in Hollister for the two Branson retreats. We love you!

Many thanks to Wayne Kocourek for helping us cook and serve at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Branson retreat. You're the man!

Our warmest appreciation to Pastor Mark LaRue and the folks at Riverview Baptist Church. You encourage our hearts!

Our sincere gratitude to Judy Snider for helping with all the "whatevers" of our lives. Your help at home and on the road in Branson is greatly appreciated. What a difference two more hands and a serving heart make!!

**A BIG THANKS TO EACH OF YOU WHO SACRIFICIALLY GIVE  
AND CONTINUALLY PRAY FOR SHOR AND FOR US.**

**WE THANK THE LORD FOR YOU EACH AND EVERY DAY!**

## Prayer Needs

- ◆ *For our upcoming retreats in Centennial, Wyoming (Sept. 19 – 23), Challis, Idaho (Oct. 4 – 8), Townsend, Tennessee (Oct. 17 – 21), and Warrensburg, New York (Nov. 3 – 7 and Nov. 10 – 13).*
- ◆ *For couples who are booked to come to the retreats (7 in WY; 6 in ID; 5 in TN; 8 in NY). It is very difficult to leave church and family even though they desperately need time to be renewed, refreshed, and restored.*
- ◆ *For the folks we are ministering to (outside of retreats) who are experiencing conflict, terminations, family problems, health issues, financial hardships, and discouragement. The needs are many!*
- ◆ *For the people, places, and provision for SHOR retreats for 2012 – we are working hard on our calendar*
- ◆ *For our physical and spiritual stamina -- This is the most demanding time of the year.*

## Schedule

Date	Event	Location
September 19 – 23	SHOR retreat	Centennial WY
October 4 – 8	SHOR retreat	Challis ID
October 17 – 21	SHOR retreat	Townsend TN
November 3 – 7	SHOR retreat	Warrensburg NY
November 10 – 13	SHOR retreat	Warrensburg NY
	<b>NEW FOR 2012</b>	
January 18 – 22	SHOR retreat	Yorktown TX
February 2 – 5	SHOR retreat	Arlington TN
February 15 – 18	SHOR retreat	TBA
March 2 – 5	SHOR retreat	Arlington TN
March 15 – 18	SHOR retreat	CrossHeirs Retreat Center, Sherwood, AR
April 10 – 13	SHOR retreat	Branson MO
April 16 – 19	SHOR retreat	Branson MO

## To Think About...

The following are excerpts from retreat applications of folks scheduled for upcoming retreats: (Please pray for them as they prepare to attend a retreat. These are their actual words.)

What do you believe to be the greatest problem you face in your ministry?

- ✦ To be loved and set back on track. I need to feel God near. I have been dry for so long, it is almost like I am thirsting to death to feel the Lord near.
- ✦ Time to try to truly relax where I don't have to be on call 24/7
- ✦ Stress and burn out – we minister in a small community and a small church with little committed help
- ✦ We live at the gates of Hell, in Utah. Satan is strong here. The economy is making it tough for all the congregants and us
- ✦ To be renewed in my ministry and personal life; healing from the pain of rejection

What are your wife's greatest needs?

- ♥ My wife's parents have been very ill for several months, and I believe that she needs a break from the rigors of taking care of them while trying to support our ministry
- ♥ New personal vision as children grow and move away from home
- ♥ Quality Christian friends
- ♥ To remain a tender-hearted servant who chooses to walk in forgiveness and grace
- ♥ Spiritual connection with me

**What makes SHOR different?** Ministry couples attend SHOR retreats at no charge  
Charlie & Suzanne are available to talk with and to pray with each couple  
Ministry couples are served and allowed to rest with no agenda



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## Did You Know...

From *WHAT PASTORS WISH CHURCH MEMBERS KNEW* by Denise George

"Pastor "Randall" works 40 hours a week as a lab technician at the local hospital. He also pastors a small church in his community. Pastor Randall, like Jesus (the carpenter) and the apostle Paul (the tentmaker), combines secular work with ecclesiastical work. We refer to ministers like Pastor Randall as bi-vocational pastors (sometimes called "bi-vos"). The designation of bi-vocational, part-time, and volunteer refer to what the church pays a pastor, not to the tremendous ministry responsibilities they assume in the local church. In fact, a better distinction between the full-time pastor and the bi-vocational pastor is this: Both men are full-time pastors, however one pastor is fully funded for his full-time work while the other (the bi-vo pastor) is only partially funded for his full-time work. (I have yet to meet a church pastor who is truly *part-time!*) Bi-vocational pastors have the same concerns as fully funded church pastors. But, due to their additional job outside the church, they experience different types of problems.

"From the hundreds of pastors who responded to my survey, I was surprised that so many worked as bi-vos . . . With their congregations shrinking, especially in rural areas, these churches can no longer fully fund their pastors. . . Start-up churches in urban areas have also accounted for growth of bi-vos in recent years . . . Economics play a large part in the recent resurgence of bi-vocational pastors. According to the *Orlando Sentinel*, a 2006 study by the So. Baptist Convention discovered the annual cost of supporting a bi-vocational pastor was \$17,385, compared with almost \$60,000 in pay and benefits for a full-time minister. Some small churches simply can't afford to fully fund a pastor's salary and benefits."

Advantage of being bi-vocational: In their secular job, they have occasions to minister to scores of people outside the walls of the church. They worry less about finances.

Disadvantage of being bi-vocational: Some consider the bi-vo position to be inferior in some way. In the So. Baptist Convention, most are small churches. *Only 1% of SBC churches average more than one thousand in Sunday School and 75% average less than 100 members.*

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